

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2025



A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

At YAAS Club, our mission has always been simple yet powerful: to create spaces where autistic adults (18+) can connect, learn, and thrive. But here's the truth—we cannot do this without you.

Most autistic adults live on tight budgets or depend on limited support plans. That's why YAAS makes it a priority to provide low-cost or even free events. From social activities to skill-building programs, we believe cost should never be a barrier to community and belonging.

But to keep doing this, we rely on community support and funding. Without it, our ability to offer these programs would be at risk. Every donation, sponsorship, and volunteer effort directly sustains YAAS Club's work. When you give, you're not just funding an event—you're investing in friendships, independence, and hope for autistic adults in Southern Oregon.

Thank you for believing in this mission. Together, we can ensure that YAAS Club continues to be a place where every adult feels seen, heard, and valued.



YAAS
DIRECTOR
DARUS JUAREZ

HOT TOPICS:

- Funding is the Key. Every event, activity, and workshop we host is possible because of the generosity of donors and sponsors. Without funding, YAAS cannot continue to offer free or low-cost programs that remove financial barriers for autistic adults.
- Why Your Support Matters. In 2024, YAAS hosted 42 events with 305 attendees and supported 110 active members.
 These numbers represent real lives changed—people finding friendship, independence, and confidence in a safe community. But continued success depends on YOU.
- Our 2025 Goal. We're working to raise \$35,000 to allow us to expand programming into both Jackson and Josephine counties every month. Right now, we alternate between them.
 With your help, every county could have consistent access to YAAS programming.
- Ways You Can Support Become a monthly donor—even \$10/month makes a lasting difference. Partner as a business sponsor—your contribution not only funds programs but also highlights your business as a community leader. Help us spread the word by sharing YAAS Club with friends, family, and coworkers. Volunteer your time and talents to help with events and outreach. The Impact of Your Gift. Every dollar given helps keep YAAS events accessible. Whether it's covering supplies, renting space, or making sure no one is left out due to cost—your support ensures that autistic adults in Southern Oregon always have a place to belong.



BE SEEN. BE HEARD. BELONG.

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ART ALONG THE ROGUE MEET UP

FREE TO JOIN: BRING MONEY FOR FOOD, ART AND VENDORS!

COME ENJOY ONE OF SOUTHERN OREGON'S BIGGEST AND MOST VIBRANT EVENTS — ART ALONG THE ROGUE! DOWNTOWN GRANTS PASS WILL COME ALIVE WITH LIVE MUSIC, STREET PAINTING, FOOD, AND FAMILY FUN ALL WEEKEND LONG.

COST: FREE TO SIGN UP (BRING MONEY FOR FOOD & OTHER VENDORS)

• YAAS REP: CAL

MEET AT FUNDRAISER TABLE IN FRONT OF WOVEN & WYLD

11:00 AM - GRANTS PASS

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ART ALONG ROGUE FUNDRAISER

COME HELP THE YAAS CLUB RAISE FUNDS WHILE HAVING FUN! WHEN MEMBERS DONATE 2 HOURS OF THEIR TIME, THEY'LL RECEIVE A \$20 YAAS CARD.

OUR FUNDRAISERS ARE DESIGNED TO BE MORE PROFITABLE AND FUN WHEN MEMBERS AND COMMUNITY JOIN TOGETHER. AND YES — VOLUNTEERS WILL ALSO ENJOY FREE ICE CREAM FOR PITCHING IN.

117 SW G ST, GRANTS PASS, OR 97526

11:00 AM - ASHLAND

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LITHIA PARK SCAVENGER HUNT & ARTISIAN MEETUP

GRAB YOUR FRIENDS AND JOIN US FOR A SCAVENGER HUNT ADVENTURE THAT'S ALL ABOUT CREATIVITY, TEAMWORK, AND QUICK THINKING!

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TEAMS WILL RACE AGAINST THE CLOCK TO UNCOVER HIDDEN CLUES, COMPLETE QUIRKY CHALLENGES, AND SOLVE PUZZLES SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE AREA. EACH CLUE WILL BRING YOU CLOSER TO VICTORY — AND THE CHANCE TO CLAIM PRIZES AND BRAGGING RIGHTS!

PRIZES FOR THE WINNING TEAM

FASTEST FINISHERS, MOST CREATIVE SOLUTIONS, AND BEST TEAMWORK WILL ALL BE CELEBRATED!

AFTER THE HUNT, DON'T FORGET TO BRING EXTRA CASH TO TOUR AND SHOP AT THE ARTISAN MARKET.

COST: \$10 • SPACE LIMITED TO 20 • YAAS REP: BONNIE

BUTLER BANDSHELL - 150 WINBURN WAY, ASHLAND, OR 97520

SIGN UP AT YAASCLUB.ORG





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5:30PM - TALENT

LEGENDS CIDER & HALLOWEEN MEET UP

30 OCTOBER JOIN US FOR A SPOOK-TACULAR EVENING AT LEGENDS CIDER! COME DRESSED IN YOUR BEST HALLOWEEN COSTUME AND ENJOY A NIGHT OF GOOD FOOD, FUN, AND COMMUNITY. EACH GUEST WILL PURCHASE THEIR OWN MEAL, BUT HERE'S THE TWIST: THE BEST COSTUME OF THE NIGHT WILL WIN THEIR MEAL FOR FREE!

SIGN UP IS FREE. BRING MONEY TO PAY FOR YOUR OWN MEAL!
IT'S THE PERFECT CHANCE TO SHOW OFF YOUR CREATIVITY, CONNECT WITH FRIENDS, AND CELEBRATE THE HALLOWEEN SEASON IN STYLE. SPOTS ARE LIMITED, SO SIGN UP NOW TO SAVE YOUR SEAT!

COST: FREE TO SIGN UP (BRING MONEY FOR FOOD) • YAAS REP: SERENA

245 W VALLEY VIEW TALENT, OR 97540

3:00 PM - MEDFORD

BOWLING WITH IMPACT

JOIN US EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 3 PM TO 5 PM AT LAVA LANES IN MEDFORD FOR BOWLING WITH FRIENDS! THIS IS A FUN, DROP-IN LEAGUE WHERE YOU CAN BUDDY UP WITH FELLOW BOWLERS AND ENJOY SOME FRIENDLY GAMES TOGETHER.

COST: \$4 PER GAME (INCLUDES SHOES) • NO SIGN-UP NEEDED—JUST SHOW UP AND SAY YOU'RE WITH BOWLING WITH FRIENDS TO GET THE DISCOUNTED RATE.

2980 CRATER LAKE HWY, MEDFORD, OR 97504

4:00 PM - MEDFORD

BOWLING WITH FRIENDS

FIDAYS

JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY FROM 4 PM TO 6 PM AT LAVA LANES IN MEDFORD FOR BOWLING WITH FRIENDS! THIS IS A FUN, DROP-IN LEAGUE WHERE YOU CAN BUDDY UP WITH FELLOW BOWLERS AND ENJOY SOME FRIENDLY GAMES TOGETHER.

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Welcome to Melaleuca

featured sponsor

www.melaleuca.com

We are so grateful to celebrate Melaleuca and Shanna Kelty as one of our incredible community champions!

So far this year, Melaleuca has contributed \$3,558 to YAAS—that's an average of \$444 every month! These ongoing contributions make a huge difference, helping us continue to provide low- or no-cost programs and activities for autistic adults in our community.

Every time someone shops through Shanna's Melaleuca site, a portion of those sales comes right back to YAAS. It's proof that everyday purchases can create extraordinary impact when paired with generous hearts.

Thank you, Shanna, for your dedication and for leading the way as a true community partner!





