

Family Learning Retreat C a n c e l l e d

Fun With Tourettes 'Tic'Nic and Optional Overnight Campout

The Tourette Syndrome Association of the Great Plains would like to have it's Second Annual Fun With Tourettes 'Tic'Nic 2009. With an optional campout. It will be located at Arrowhead Park in Neola, Iowa. We will send a mailing with further information. The whole family is welcome.

Last year was loads of fun with pot luck meals, hamburgers, hot dogs and S'Mores. We had activities for the kids While the adults, enjoyed getting to know each other.

We will keep you posted when we have a date. The date is undetermined at this time.



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Story Ideas?
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Tee Off For Tourette 2009

The Tourette Syndrome Association of the Great Plains is having a golf scramble and silent auction at Tregaron Golf Course in Bellevue, Nebraska it is September 19 2009. Shotgun starts at 8:30 A.M. and Lunch is Provided.

Tregaron Golf Course
13909 Glengarry Circle
Bellevue, NE 68123

We are also looking for sponsors for this event. Our Gold Sponsorship Level includes prominent signage is \$3,000. Our Silver Sponsorship Level includes signage is \$1,500. Hole Sponsorship includes signage on one of eighteen holes is \$200. A flag prize is \$50 minimum or an equivalent gift.

For more information or to be a sponsor call Ted Morrissey at 402-614-8880 or 402-681-2329. Or Anna Killpack at 712-485-2016 or 402-689-5913.

If you would like to help with Tee Off For Tourette, we need assistance with registration, prizes, silent auction and other tasks.



Support Group Tuesday

The Tourette Syndrome Association of the Great Plains Support Group meets every second Tuesday of every month at West Hills Church in Omaha, NE.

West Hills Church
3015 South 82 Avenue
Omaha, NE 68124

Our next meeting is July 14 2009. Come meet new friends and families dealing with Tourette Syndrome. We are always welcoming new members.

To get there take Interstate 80 to the 84th Street exit and head North on 84th Street. Turn right on Hascall Street and go a block East. You're there, it is the church with the big triangular windows. Also South of 82nd and West Center Road. Use the west entrance and follow the signs down to the Junior High Room.

For more information go to www.gptourettesupport.org or call our support line at 402-933-6261 or email support@gptourettesupport.org.

There is also childcare available so the adults can discuss various topics. We occasionally have a speaker or video. Please come if you can make it!

Tourette Television Project

I am a producer with Film Garden Entertainment, a reality based TV production company in the Los Angeles area. We are currently working on a TS project with families that have a child (or children) with Tourette Syndrome.

Film Garden has been in the TV production business for over 15 years and has created programming for all major networks and cable outlets. We are looking forward to featuring a family/families in a series that will help bring awareness to TS and break down any stereotypes about the disorder.

You can find out more about Film Garden at: www.filmgarden.tv

Look forward to hearing from you soon!

Thank you,

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Johns Hopkins Institute Tourette Syndrome Study

We are conducting studies of the dopamine receptor and transporter in TS and of the serotonin receptor and transporter in TS.

For each study we seek to recruit adults aged 18 to 70 with and without TS and with and without OCD.

The study of the dopamine system has both two-scan and four scan versions. (1) In order to estimate the concentrations of intrasynaptic dopamine during the basal resting tonic state, people will be given saline before a scan to estimate the density of dopamine receptors in the brain. (2) In order to estimate the concentrations of intrasynaptic dopamine during the excited phasic state, people will be given amphetamine before a scan to estimate the density of dopamine receptors in the brain.

(3) People will be given a different concentration of the radiotracer for dopamine receptors in order to estimate the receptor density (Bmax) of dopamine receptors. (4) People will also be given a radiotracer to estimate the density of the dopamine transporters.

The two scan dopamine study takes 3 to 4 days. The four scan dopamine study takes 5 or so days.

The study of the serotonin system has two scans. (1) In order to estimate the density of the serotonin transporter, people will be given a radiotracer for the serotonin transporter. (2) In order to estimate the density of the serotonin receptor, people will be given a radiotracer for the serotonin receptor

The two scan serotonin study takes 3 to 4 days.

For more information

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Volunteer Opportunities Front of the Class on DVD

Board Of Directors and Committee Members

We need motivated individuals to serve on the Board of Directors and/or committees. The Board meets on the third Tuesday of every month in Omaha, Nebraska. Some special skills we are looking for are financial planning, fund raising, public speaking, and education.

Support Group Speakers

We are constantly looking for speakers to help families through our support group. If you have knowledge of Tourette Syndrome, medications, stress relief methods, disability law, special education, other topics, and you would like to present to families.

Golf Tournament Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help with our annual golf tournament to be held on September 19, 2009. Assistance is needed with registration, prizes, silent auction, etc

Please contact Brian Moore at 402-660-7246. or e-mail brian@gptourettesupport.org.

TSA of the Great Plains is a Nebraska Chapter

The Tourette Syndrome Association of the Great Plains is now a chapter incorporated in Nebraska, We are still waiting to hear from Iowa. We still welcome people from Iowa, to our support groups and business meetings.

Our Next Golf Committee Meeting is July 6th 2009
Our next Support Group Meeting is July 14th 2009
Our next Business Meeting is July 21st 2009
Both at 6:30 PM

At:
West Hills Church
3015 South 82nd Avenue
Omaha, NE 68124



BAYSIDE NEW YORK TSA: The national Tourette Syndrome Association, Inc. is very excited to announce the official DVD release of the Hallmark Hall of Fame TV presentation of *Front of the Class*, the true story of a young man's struggles with and triumph over Tourette Syndrome (TS) to become an award winning teacher.

The DVD is available exclusively at Hallmark Gold Crown Stores nationwide. If the store nearest you does not have the DVD in stock, they will be able to order it for you. Unfortunately, the DVD is not available for online purchase or from the TSA online store.

Nearly 12 million people watched the CBS premiere of *Front of the Class* on December 7, 2008, based on Brad Cohen's award winning book, *Front of the Class: How Tourette Syndrome Made Me the Teacher I Never Had*. This poignant film is an accurate and inspiring depiction of this much misunderstood neurological disorder. The adult Brad is played by Jimmy Wolk (*The Spiral Project*) and young Brad is played by Dominic Scott Kay (*Pirates of the Caribbean: At Worlds End*). Patricia Heaton (*Everybody Loves Raymond*) and Treat Williams (*Everwood*) play Brad's parents.

TSA highly encourages all schools across the country to include this film as part of their curriculum to help students learn not only about TS, but also an understanding and acceptance of all those with any disability. To that end, TSA has created an accompanying *Teacher's Guide* for educators to utilize in their classrooms. This valuable *Teacher's Guide* is available from TSA, at no charge, here. <http://www.tsa-usa.org/>

Tune-In on Tuesday, June 30 to “NOVA” on PBS

The national Tourette Syndrome Association, Inc. would like to inform you about an upcoming episode of “NOVA,” entitled “Musical Minds” which will air on Tuesday, June 30 at 8:00 pm EST. Please check your local PBS listings for exact stations and times.

In this program, Dr. Oliver Sacks, world-renowned neurologist and author, explores how the power of music can make the brain come alive, how music affects the brain and how it can impact some neurological disorders.

New York State percussionist Matt Giordano, and his mother, Kathy, appear in the show. Matt, who has Tourette Syndrome, talks about the impact of music on his life. This documentary was filmed in 2008 and originally aired on the BBC in the UK last year.

Dr. Oliver Sacks’ long list of books include Awakenings (the film version starred Robin Williams as Dr. Sacks), The Man Who Mistook his Wife for a Hat, Oaxaca Journal and An Anthropologist on Mars. His most recent is Muisicophilia Tales of Music and the Brain. features Matt Giordano, Tobias Picker and other individuals with Tourette Syndrome.



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