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**Aerial Tour**
**Community: Ocoee**
**Autism Gym group has first trip**

The Autism Gym's new group, The Teen/Adult Life Skills Social Group, held its first outing on March 16.

The group is geared toward higher functioning teens and adults with developmental disabilities. Its purpose is to be goal-oriented and provide entertainment while teaching life skills.



*Michael Jones orders food at McDonalds and collects the change during the Teen/Adult Life Skills Social Group's first outing.*

The recent event featured laser tag followed by a walk to the nearby McDonalds for dinner. Participants were provided cash and ordered their own food and handled their own money. Conversation about the afternoon's activities was encouraged.

Due to its goal-oriented nature, the group is limited to individuals who are able to communicate and follow and learn from directions and guidance.

The Autism Gym runs on Tuesday evenings from 6:15-7:15 p.m. at the Jim Beech Recreation Center in Ocoee. For more information on the Teen/Adult Life Skills Social Group, contact Russell and Beth Jones at [rbfjones@aol.com](mailto:rbfjones@aol.com).

For more information about the Autism Gym, contact JoAnne Houwers at [autismgym@aol.com](mailto:autismgym@aol.com).

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