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## Edaville USA Hosts First Annual Autism Weekend

Partnering with The New England Center for Children, Plymouth County Sheriff Department and other local organizations for Touch-A-Truck event and more

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CARVER, Mass., Sept. 7, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- To highlight Edaville USA's sensory-friendly accommodations and to help educate others about autism, Edaville USA is hosting their [First Annual Autism Weekend](#) Friday, September 16 through Sunday, September 18.

Edaville USA will be turning down the music and quieting the dinosaurs in the park so everyone can enjoy the fun. In addition, they will also be hosting a variety of family activities including their second Touch-A-Truck event with dump trucks, police cars and more for children to take pictures with, explore and touch.

Edaville USA is partnering with Plymouth County Sherriff Department, The New England Center for Children (NECC®), WSBE Rhode Island PBS and other organizations to ensure families will have a fun-filled weekend. Activities will include a K9 Show and fingerprinting with the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department, giveaways from NECC and WBSE Rhode Island PBS, and more. All attendees will experience a quieter, yet fun, engaging visit at Edaville experiencing all of the park's three adventures in one: [Edaville Proper](#), [Thomas Land](#), [Dino Land](#). Families will enjoy rides and attractions in Edaville Proper, Thomas Land, and Dino Land, from Harold's Lift-Off to "Big Eli" the Ferris Wheel to Pet Dinosaur Meet & Greet.

“As a mom of a son with special needs, I know that many families like ours shy away from amusement parks so I'm thrilled we are hosting Edaville USA's First Annual Autism Weekend,” said Cherie Daly, Operations Manager & Special Needs Specialist of Edaville USA. "The special

weekend will be fun for everyone, while showcasing the many unique accommodations for children with disabilities that set Edaville apart from most parks.”



Edaville USA

Edaville USA offers accommodations including a quiet room filled with blocks, books and toys for kids to unwind, safe areas for kids to run around, and a quiet train car on the Thomas the Tank Engine ride.

Visit [www.Edaville.com](http://www.Edaville.com) for a full calendar of upcoming events and to [purchase tickets](#) in advance.

### **About Edaville USA**

Edaville USA is home to three adventures in one park: Edaville Proper, Thomas Land (which opened in 2015), Dino Land(seasonal) and Christmas Festival of Lights (seasonal). The park has more than 90 rides and attractions after recent significant expansions. Edaville USA features a wide range of fun activities including its well-known old-fashioned train rides through scenic New England cranberry bogs, the new high-flying Winston's Skyline Express, 23 life size animatronic dinosaurs and much more. Edaville USA also has accommodations for children with special needs including quiet rooms, safe areas and a quiet car. EdavilleUSA is also offering guests a sneak-preview of the newest expansion, Dickens Village, which is expected to open Winter 2016. For more information and to purchase advance tickets, go to [www.Edaville.com](http://www.Edaville.com).

### **About Rhode Island PBS**

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