

A WALK IN THE PARC



Southern Wisconsin Post Adoption Resource Center

Spring 2014

Wisconsin Summer Camps and Youth Programs - Special Needs

ODTC

Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, USA

Provides a comprehensive social skills program and structured activities designed to provide children, teens, and young adults with opportunities to refine their social and behavioral skills.

Camp Firefly

Lake Delton, Wisconsin - (847) 412-4396

Camp Firefly is a week-long overnight camp for children ages 9-13 with social disorders, such as Asperger's, High-Functioning Autism, NVLD, PDD, Social Anxiety, OCD.

Crex Meadows Youth Conservation Camp

Grantsburg, Wisconsin, USA

The Crex Meadows Youth Conservation Camp is a unique mix of work experience (they get paid!) and science/nature education- the camp is located on a wildlife refuge. Recreation Camp.

Authentic Voices of America

Whitewater, WI

Authentic Voices of America, an AAC camp for people with disabilities who have the potential for post-secondary education. Resident Camp.

My Future My Life Transition Camp

Whitewater, WI

An opportunity for high school students with disabilities to call the shots about their future. Resident Camp, Coed

Challenge Camp

Oconomowoc, WI

An exciting opportunity for children ages 9-17 dealing with ADHD, depression, anxiety, or related disorders. Model addresses a variety of behavioral and emotional health needs. Day Camp, Coed.

Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek

Wisconsin Dells, WI

An adventure outdoor program that allows people with physical disabilities to be people first. Resident Camp, Travel/Excursion Camp, Day Camp, Coed.

Easter Seals Respite Camp

Wisconsin Dells, WI

Respite Camp allows individuals to enjoy the out of doors in a supportive one to one ratio while giving the caregivers a needed break. Resident Camp, Respite, Coed.

Easter Seals Wisconsin Aspergers Session

Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

For one week in the summer and two weekends during the school year, Easter Seals WI Respite Camp hosts an Asperger's/ High Functioning Autism Camp.

Wisconsin Badger Camp

Prairie du Chien, WI

Wisconsin Badger Camp serves adults and children with developmental, physical, emotional/behavioral disabilities in a residential summer camp setting. Resident Camp, Travel/Excursion Camp, Respite, Coed.

YMCA Timbertop Camp for Children with Learning Disabilities

Stevens Point Area YMCA

Camp Daniel

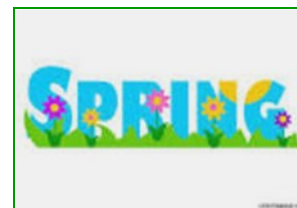
Athelstane, Wisconsin - (715) 757-3880

Co-ed - Overnight Camp. Christian based camp for people with mental and/or physical disabilities.

Camp Matz

Watertown, Wisconsin - (920) 261-3050

Co-ed - Overnight Camp. Christian based camp for people with cognitive and/or physical disabilities.



For more information about these and other Wisconsin camps go to:

- <http://www.varietywi.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/Wisconsin-Camps-for-Kids-with-Special-Needs.pdf>
- <http://www.veryspecialcamps.com/Wisconsin/Special-Needs-Summer-Camps.shtml>
- <http://www.mysummercamps.com/camps/wisconsin-special-needs-camps.html>

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SAVE THE DATE—ADOPTIVE FAMILY PICNIC

While it may not seem like summer is near... It will be here before the next newsletter comes out.

Saturday, June 21st from 11:30am - 1:30pm
Lake Farm Park, Shelter #1
4330 Libby Road in Madison

~FREE~

MUST RSVP—Space is Limited
postadoption@ccmadison.org or call
1-800-236-4673 ext. 21



SAVE THE DATE

Oct 17-19, 2014

Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake, WI

Contact Us

Umoja - A Black Heritage Experience

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Appleton, WI 54913

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ADULT ADOPTEE SUPPORT GROUP

Madison Adult Adoptees

Find them on Facebook at
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/187924478084525/>

Attachment:

What Foster & Adoptive Parents Need to Know

Tuesday, April 29th 6:00pm—8:00pm

\$15/participant \$60/agency group

The Coalition for Children, Youth and Families

Or attend via webinar

Register online at www.cyfattachment.eventbrite.com

contact info@coalitionforcyf.org or call 414-475-1246

Coalition for Children, Youth & Families

formerly Adoption Resources of Wisconsin

6682 W. Greenfield Avenue, Ste 310

Milwaukee, WI 53214

ADOPTIVE FAMILY WEEKEND

YMCA Camp Matawa May 24-May 26, 2014

<http://matawa.org/yearround/familycamp>

Your family is invited to join both domestic & international adoptive families at YMCA Camp Matawa in Wisconsin for an informative, fun filled weekend! Hear from our guest speakers; participate in our adoption panel and discussion groups. Your family can also compete in the Family Olympics, try your hand at archery, boating, alpine tower and our climbing wall. Get cozy around a campfire and spend some time bonding with other families just like yours! For more information on the weekend contact us at matawa@ymcamke.org or Carmen Knight at adoptivefamilyweekend@gmail.com

To register please visit: <http://matawa.org/yearround/familycamp> and click on the registration form.

The camp is held at:

YMCA Camp Matawa (an hour north of Milwaukee)

N885 Youth Camp Road

Campbellsport, WI 53010

Cost: Family of Four: \$330

Additional Participant: \$40 dollars per person or \$85 per person (\$5 for children 3 and under)



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Taken From: http://www.nacac.org/taxcredit/taxcredit.html?utm_source=February+18%2C+2014+FCARC+Tax+Info&utm_campaign=Enewsletter&utm_medium=email

Since 2003, families who adopted a child with special needs from foster care could claim a federal adoption tax credit even if they had no adoption expenses. Children who receive adoption assistance/subsidy benefits are considered children with special needs. Other adoptive families are also eligible for the credit, but must have (and be able to document, if requested by the IRS) qualified adoption expenses.

The tax credit was refundable for 2010 and 2011, but is not for 2012 or 2013 or beyond. A refundable tax credit is one you get back regardless of what you owe or paid in taxes for the year. When the credit is not refundable, you receive only what you have in federal income tax liability.

Families who adopted from 2005 to 2009 may be able to benefit from the refundable credit because credits from those years can be carried forward until 2010. (Families who adopted before 2004 will not benefit. Families who adopted in 2004 and who filed for an extension on their 2009 taxes have a slim chance of benefiting. See <http://www.nacac.org/taxcredit/> for more information.

Federal Adoption Tax Credit

The amount of the credit is based on the year the adoption finalized:

2013	\$12,970
2012	\$12,650
2011	\$13,360
2010	\$13,170
2009	\$12,150
2008	\$11,650
2007	\$11,390
2006	\$10,960
2005	\$10,630
2004	\$10,390
2003	\$10,160

The credit is claimed one time for each adopted child with special needs.

To be eligible for the credit, you must:

- Have adopted a child other than a stepchild — Children who receive a monthly adoption subsidy payment have been determined by the state to have special needs, so these children are eligible for the full tax credit without documenting expenses. Families who adopted children without special needs are also eligible, but need to have (and be able to document, if asked) qualified adoption expenses.
- And be within the income limits — How much of the credit you can claim is based on income. For 2013, families with a federal modified adjusted gross income above \$234,580 cannot claim the credit; families with incomes above \$194,580 can claim part credit. Anyone with incomes below the lower amount should be able to claim the full credit. (Adoptions from previous years had different income limits; 2014 income limits are

\$237,880 and \$197,880.)

If You Adopted in 2013 You will claim the credit when you file your 2013 taxes.

If You Adopted in 2012 You will claim the credit when you file your 2012 taxes.

If You Adopted in 2011 You will claim the credit when you file or amend your 2011 taxes.

If You Adopted in 2010 and if you haven't claimed the credit already, you need to file or amend your 2010 taxes.

If you Adopted between 2005 and 2009 and claimed the credit the year you finalized:

If you finalized in 2005 or later, claimed the credit that year, and carried forward the adoption tax credit on each year's returns, just carry forward the remaining amount of the credit from your 2009 return to 2010. You can claim the full amount remaining as a credit on your 2010 return.

If you claimed the credit the year you finalized, but didn't carry it forward to subsequent years' tax forms, you'll need to amend returns for those years.

If You Adopted from 2005 to 2009 and didn't claim the credit:

Adoptions finalized from 2005 to 2009 are more complicated because the IRS allows people to amend returns to claim a credit only for the past three tax years. These are now considered closed tax years. The IRS has written, though, that these older credits can be accessed.

If you adopted in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, or 2009, you need to amend your returns starting the year you finalized. Because

it's longer than three years ago, you cannot be paid a refund for any of the credit that you would have been due in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, or 2009. (If you filed for an extension with your 2009 taxes, 2009 is still an open year and you can get a refund you were due for 2009). You must still complete the closed year returns as if you are getting a refund for the credit used, but any credit that could have been refunded in these years will be lost. Whatever amount remains after you do your 2009 taxes can be carried over and refunded in 2010.

If you didn't claim the credit in a closed year and had sufficient tax liability in the closed years to use up the whole credit, you will not benefit. You need to have some credit carried forward to 2010 to get a payment.

Those who adopted before 2005 cannot benefit since all of the tax years from 2009 and back are closed.

For more information and resources see: <http://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc607.html> and <http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Adoption-Benefits-FAQs>

We recommend consulting with a tax preparer or expert to make sure your family receives your maximum return and benefits.



Catholic Charities
1810 S. Park Street
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Madison, WI 53713
Phone: 608-256-2358
Toll Free: 1-800-236-4673
E-mail: postadoption@ccmadison.org

SAVE A TREE

Get this newsletter via email.

No need to wait on the quarterly newsletter.
Get up to date information about events
and training as it is received.

Put "PARC email database" in the subject line of
an email and send your name, address and phone
number to:

postadoption@ccmadison.org



AROUND THE PARC

Heart to Heart Support Group—
Meeting times vary for this group. They
meet in Janesville. This group concentrates
on doing community family oriented activi-
ties. For more information contact Misty
Thomas at (608) 755-0368.

**FRUA (Families for Russian and
Ukrainian Adoption) - including
neighboring countries** For more info
contact Sharon Katovich at (608) 836-0284.

**The Rainbow Project—Project FACE
Kids Groups and Raising your Grandchil-
dren Group.**[http://therainbowproject.net/
programs/](http://therainbowproject.net/programs/) or call (608) 255-7356 for more
information.

Milagros de Guatemala—A support net-
work for families who have adopted from
Guatemala. For more information contact
Lori DuRussel at (608) 833-4211 or [du-
russ@yahoo.com](mailto:du-russ@yahoo.com)

Canopy Center's—Parent Stressline -
A listening line open to callers 18 hours a
day, from 6:00 am to midnight, 365 days a
year. (608) 241-2221

**Latin American Adoptive Families of
Wisconsin (LAAF-WI)—** Provides sup-
port, guidance and information for families
wishing to adopt from Latin America as well
as after adoption completion. Over 400
members statewide. For more information
contact LAAF's Southern WI regional repre-
sentative, Tami Stubbe, at
SouthwestRegion@laafwi.org

Project FACE-Kids— Quality mental
health group counseling services for children
who are in need of supportive group coun-
seling. Community partner agencies: Catho-
lic Charities (lead agency), Children's Service
Society, Family Service Madison, Agrace
Hospice, Lutheran Social Services, Journey
Mental Health, and Rainbow Project. Con-
tact Jessica Wright at (608)256-2358 or
jwright@ccmadison.org

Families Through Korean Adoption—
Group meets at various locations to provide
support in a social setting to families in the
process of or who have already adopted
children from Korea. For more information
contact Amy Kasper at
akkasper2002@yahoo.com or
FTKAmadison@gmail.com or see
ftkamadison.blogspot.com

RAD Support Group—For parents who
are raising children with Reactive Attach-
ment Disorder. The group meets
the last Sunday of every month at 4 pm at
Lake Redstone Realty in LaValle, WI. For
more information: Tish at (608) 495-0117 or
tish@lakeredstonerealty.com

Wisconsin Family Ties— For parents
who are raising children who have emo-
tional, behavioral, mental and/or substance
more information contact Linda Kustka at
(608) 232-0277 or Linda@wifamilyties.org

**Knit Together Adoption Support
Group—**This group is led by Pastor Jeremy
Straus and his wife Nicole (adoptive/foster
parents). Held every 1st and 3rd Saturday,
6:00-8:00 pm at Grace Evangelical, 4127
County Road AB, Madison, WI. 1st Saturday
of each month = Family, Food, & Fun, 3rd
Saturday of each month = Helpful Hand (free
child care). For information call (608) 222-
1605 or knit-together@hotmail.com

**Madison Families with Children From
China—**For more information contact Joan
Tillett at (608) 831-4889 or
madisonfamilieschinesechildren@gmail.com