

Summer Camp Options

Milwaukee Center for Independence

It can be difficult for kids with special needs to enjoy the same recreational activities that children without special needs take for granted.

The Milwaukee Center for Independence (MCFI) provides an *Adventures for LIFE* camp for older kids and young adults (ages 12-30) with developmental disabilities.

Day camp activities include swimming, cooking over a fire, archery, kayaking, fishing, a ropes course, and geocaching, all of which are geared toward teaching people with special needs to learn independence in a fun, outdoor environment.

Although most of the week-long sessions have days that last from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., there's a new option this year for an overnight Wednesday through Friday camping experience as well.

There's also a week that's specifically dedicated to young people with autism; the activities will focus on sensory integration and socialization.

<https://www.mcfi.net/day-camp.htm>

Camp To Belong – Wisconsin!

Camp to Belong–Wisconsin, Inc. (CTB-WI) is a member camp under the umbrella of Camp To Belong International. CTB-WI connects and reunites siblings involved with the child welfare system. This includes separated siblings regardless of what their particular living arrangements are (i.e. biological home, kinship providers, foster homes, adoptive homes, living independently). Our mission is for separated siblings to build and maintain connections through a variety of programs. The main program is a summer camp at which children placed in out-of-home care can be with their biological siblings to build shared memories and connections.

Camp To Belong gives each child this gift of experiencing this powerful, magical, undefined something that they can hold so dear . . . WITH THEIR SIBLINGS.”

<http://www.ctb-wi.org/>

Royal Family Kids Camp

Since 1985, RFK has been offering week-long summer camps for children of abuse who have been placed in foster care. For many of these children, a week at summer camp is a first. It is a life-changing experience for them!

In 2008, Royal Family KIDS Mentoring Clubs were started to provide an opportunity for the church to connect with their campers during the school year and continue the hope that was experienced at camp. Camps & mentoring clubs are sponsored by individual, well-established Christian churches of various denominations.

We currently have six camps and three mentoring clubs in Wisconsin serving these children, with wonderful volunteers who have dedicated thousands of hours to reach America’s orphaned and abandoned children.

<https://rfk.org/locations/wisconsin/>

Umoja – A Black Heritage Experience

UMOJA, INC will empower transracial families (primarily families with black children and parents of another culture) to raise children that will:

- Have a positive black identity
- Be able to talk about race in an honest and open way
- Feel comfortable in all different cultures
- Handle basic skin and hair care

We will do that by providing a powerful weekend experience for the entire family, which will include age appropriate breakout sessions and large group cultural celebrations.

<http://www.umojabhe.org/>

YMCA Camp Minikani Adoptive Family Weekend

Get cozy around a campfire and spend some time bonding with other families just like yours! Your family is invited to join both domestic and international adoptive families at YMCA Camp Minikani for an informative, fun-filled weekend! Hear from our guest speakers; participate in our adoption panel and discussion groups. Meanwhile, child attendees participate in fun activities and games with our adult adoptee volunteers and Minikani staff. Other family-oriented activities are also included such as the Family Olympics, archery, boating and high ropes and rock wall courses.

For additional information, please contact Eli Fyksen at efyksen@ymcamke.org or Carmen Knight at adoptivefamilyweekend@gmail.com.

Adoptive family weekend is brought to you by YMCA Camp Minikani in conjunction with Carmen Knight and The Cradle, an adoption agency in Illinois.

<http://www.minikani.org/family-camps/>

EAKC Summer Camp

All Ethiopian, Ethiopian American, and adoptive Ethiopian families are invited to attend. We look forward to a relaxed and fun camp atmosphere where we can build community.

<http://eakc.org/zen/>

Holt International – Adoptee Camp

Overnight Camp

Cost: \$575

Overnight Family Camp

Cost: \$220 for one adult and one child, +\$100 for each additional person

Family Day Camp

Cost: \$100 for one adult and one child, +\$25 for each additional person

<https://www.holtinternational.org/camp/>