

Summer Camp Options

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If you have information you would like added, updated, or removed, please get in touch with the Wisconsin Family Connections Center staff at info@wifamilyconnectionscenter.org or 800-762-8063.

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/>

Holt International – Adoptee Camp

A week of Holt camp will be one of the best experiences of your life. Along with other adoptees, you'll have the chance to try new things, make new friends and discuss issues that are important and unique to adoptees. No matter which location you attend, you'll fill your days playing group games, developing skits, playing sports, swimming, living in cabins, exploring your identity, eating great food, creating arts and crafts, and hanging out with new and old friends.

Eligible participants: This program is available to all domestic, international, transracial or transcultural adoptees — placed through any agency — who are between the of ages of 9-17.

Learn more about Holt's overnight camps and contact Pame Chow, camp registrar, at [**pamec@holtinternational.org**](mailto:pamec@holtinternational.org) with any questions.

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