

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.

Belong Wisconsin

Belong Wisconsin's sibling camp is for children between the ages of 8 and 18 years of age who are separated from at least one sibling through foster care, kinship care, or adoption. Belong Wisconsin also provides family connection events, day-long events held throughout the state that help separated families and communities stay connected year-round.

contact@belongwisconsin.org

<https://www.belongwisconsin.org/>

Royal Family Kids Camp

Since 1985, Royal Family Kids (RFK) Camp 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.

There are currently 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/>

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 important and unique issues with 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 ages of 9-17.

Learn more about Holt's overnight camps by contacting Elliot Bliss, Supervisor of Adoptee Programs/Camp Registrar, at elliottb@holtinternational.org with any questions.

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

Silver Birch Ranch-Adoption Family Retreat

The Adoption Family Retreat is a time to encourage and strengthen your family in many ways. Horseback riding, zip line, tubing hill, broomball, cross-country ski trails, and a warm fireplace are a sampling of some of the activities you can enjoy with your family. This weekend is suited for families who have adopted, are in the process of adopting, are investigating adoption, or are involved in the foster care system. Join us as we encourage each other.

<https://www.silverbirchranch.org/campretreat/adoption-family-retreat>

Fostering Success: UW Stout Program

The Fostering Success program at UW Stout provides services specifically designed to aid former foster youth in transitioning to and through college. Students eligible for Fostering Success have experienced one of the following:

- Foster home
- Residential care center
- Group home
- Court-ordered placement with a relative
- Adoption
- Orphan/ward of the court
- Homelessness
- Guardianship
- Other out-of-home care not specified above

Fostering Success offers a summer on-campus experience for high school-age foster youth interested in higher education. Topics explored during this experience include:

- Financing College
- Admission Processes
- Workforce Resources
- Major and Career Exploration

<https://www.uwstout.edu/life-stout/fostering-success>