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Bethel Horizons Offers Camp Opportunities For Kids

8-12 year olds and 7th -8th -9th graders welcome, scholarships available

Do your children need a positive experience this summer? Would they like an opportunity to roam on 550 acres of rolling hills near Governor Dodge State Park?

If your child is between the ages of 8 and 12, they could participate in the Camp Bethel Horizons Tepee Program or Leotha Stanley's Rockin' Music Camp.

In the Tepee Program they would live for five days with five or six other campers his/ her own age in a real tepee, learn about living and working together in a community, cook over an open fire, sleep under the stars, create something with the artist, explore the outdoors with the summer naturalist, experiment playing guitar and swim at Governor Dodge State Park.

In Leotha Stanley's Rockin' Music Camp, Leotha will teach

campers about the various styles of African American music including Blues, Jazz, Gospel, Rap and Spirituals, in addition to other activities such as campfires, swimming, hiking, playing games, making art projects and

exploring the Nature Center.

NOTE: To register for this program, children must be interested in singing **4 hours a day**. The week will

end with an 11:00 a.m. performance on Friday.

Campers in 7th or 8th grade can attend the Wilderness camping and River Tripping Program, they will see the beauty of the Kickapoo River, enjoy campfires, swim at Governor

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ACCESS Your Benefits By Computer

If you have access to a computer at home, school or your local library you can access information about health care and nutrition programs such as Medicaid/BadgerCare and Food Stamps. ACCESS is a quick and easy way for people in Wisconsin to get answers to questions about health and nutrition programs.

By going to the website www.access.wisconsin.gov you can check the status of your benefits, determine if you may be eligible for Medical Assistance or Food Share programs. The site is available in both English and Spanish. You can also check the availability of other programs and resources in your area including:

- FoodShare
- Medicaid
- BadgerCare
- SeniorCare and other prescription drug assistance programs

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Join us at Joining Forces for Families

Joining Forces for Families is a voluntary neighborhood based service that works to empower and strengthen families. Joining Forces for Families (JFF) can help with resources like housing assistance, employment, food, bus tickets and clothing.

A Joining Forces for Families social worker is also there if you need someone to talk with and help problem solve. With summer fast approaching, now is a great time to start thinking about fun activities for your children. Joining Forces for Families is an excellent place to get information on educational and recreational summer programs in the community. There are so many activities to choose from – ranging from academic, art, sports and programs for children with special needs. Below are the Area JFF Sites. Check to see which one is closest to your neighborhood and stop by!

Madison Area JFF Sites:

Allied Drive

2349 Allied Drive #123

Rita Adair **273-6342**

Badger / Magnolia

838 West Badger Road #1

Ryan Estrella **261-9764**

Broadway/LakePoint

6418 Bridge Road

Paula Anderson **224-3624**

Darbo/Worthington

3030 Darbo Drive

Fabiola Hamdan **246-2967**

Northside/Truax/Whitehorse

614 Vera Court **241-4849**

7 Straubel Court #502 **240-2045**

Dennis McQuade

Southdale

205 Deer Valley Road #1

Laurie Meulemans **273-6676**

Southwest Resource Center

6401 Hammersley Road

Michael Bruce **273-6622**

Middleton / Cross Plaines / Westside of Madison

6401 Hammersley Road

Steve Barber **273-6623**

Outside of Madison

DeForest

305 E. Holum St.

DeForest, 53523

Bob Blankenhagen **846-9603**

Middleton / Cross Plaines

6401 Hammersley Road

Madison, 53705

Steve Barber **828-9373**

Monona / Cottage Grove

6418 Bridge Road

Madison, 53713

Paula Anderson **224-3624**

Mt. Horeb / Wisconsin Heights

9 Broadhead St. P.O. Box 41

Mazomanie, 53560

Kevin Thornton **795-2103**

Oregon / Belleville / McFarland

200 North Main Street

Oregon, 53575

Joe Sullivan **835-4188**

Stoughton / Cambridge / Deerfield

125 Veterans Road - Stoughton,
53589

Sharon Mason-Boersma **873-2180**

Sun Prairie / Marshall

509 Commercial Avenue

Sun Prairie, 53590

Janelle Vreugdenhil **825-3225**

Verona

427 S. Main Street - Verona, 53593

Tom Duter **848-2108**

Waunakee / Dane

1020 Quinn Drive

Waunakee, 53597

Bob Blankenhagen **849-9093**

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Dodge State Park, create art projects and investigate the natural world around them.

On the Bike/Canoe trips, in addition to the Kickapoo, campers will have time to swim at Governor Dodge State Park, enjoy campfires and experience the Sparta Elroy Bike Trail with its old railroad tunnels that can stretch for 3/4 of a mile. (Indicate on the registration form if the camper has a bike/helmet to bring. If no bike/helmet, please indicate one or both will be needed and Bethel Horizons will provide one.

Another program for 7th-8th and 9th graders, our Watershed Adventure (Previously ATeam Adventure) includes activities such as Team-Building, Caving and High Events - as we hike and explore our relationships with (-in) our local watershed! Swimming, campfires, lots of fun, stargazing, prayer and camping as well!

If you think that your son or daughter would enjoy those experiences, please fill out the application form provided in this newsletter requesting a camp scholarship as soon as possible. **Camp scholarships awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis.** We're sorry, but Bethel Horizons is not equipped to accommodate children with disabilities.

Eligibility:

Children must currently be in the age or grade listed for each program and receive economic assistance from the Dane County Department of Human Services. Examples of assistance include: Wisconsin Works (W-2), Kinship Care, Food Stamps, child care tuition assistance and Medical Assistance. Children not receiving economic assistance must be referred by their social worker when the need for

recreation is part of the case plan for that child.

Transportation:

Parents are responsible for getting their children to and from the central pick-up point in Madison at Bethel Lutheran Church, 312 Wisconsin Avenue (just two blocks off the Capitol). Bus transportation will then be furnished by Bethel Horizons to and from the camp.

Notice of acceptance:

A volunteer from Bethel Horizons will telephone you in April/May to let you know if your child will receive a scholarship. Those accepted will be sent transportation information and a health form. **NOTE: Mailing in a completed application form does not guarantee a camp scholarship.**

Address/Phone number changes:

It is very important that you notify Bethel Horizons of any change in address or phone number. If you cannot be reached, your child may be unable to attend camp.

Questions:

If you have any questions, you may contact Angie Burnett at 608-257-3577, Fax at 608.257.4044 or email at bhorizons@bethel-madison.org.

Please complete the enclosed application form, choosing from the following camps and dates. **NOTE: Children must have just completed that grade or be the age listed for each program. Camp weeks run Sunday through Friday.**

8-12 year old Teepee Program (Child must be 8 years old by June 1, 2006):

June 11-16 (week 1)
June 18-23 (week 2)
June 25-30 (week 3)
July 9-14 (week 4)
July 16-21 (week 5)
July 23-28 (week 6)
July 30-August 4 (week 7)
August 6-11 (week 8)
August 13-18 (week 9)

Leatha Stanley's Rockin' Music Camp (Child must be 8 years old by June 1, 2006). Note: To register, children must be interested in singing 4 hours a day.

July 16-21 (Week 5)

7th-8th Grade Wilderness Camping and River Tripping (Child must have completed 7th or 8th grade):

June 11-16 (week 1)
June 25-30 (week 3)
July 9-14 (week 4)

7th-8th Grade Bike and Canoe Trip (Child must have completed 7th or 8th grade):

June 18-23 (week 2)
July 23-28 (week 6)
August 13-18 (week 9)

7th-8th-9th Grade Watershed Adventure (Child must have completed 7th, 8th or 9th grade):

June 18-23 (week 2)
July 9-14 (week 4)
August 13-18 (week 9)

For more information visit the Camp Bethel Horizons website (www.bethel-madison.org). (Also contains information on what to pack and a health form).

Camp Bethel Horizons Scholarship Info Inside



**Apply Now
Camps Start
in June**

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- Free/Reduced-Price School Meals
- Summer Food Service Program
- The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

Starting in Summer 2006, you can apply online for FoodShare, BadgerCare and Medicaid for families. Until then, use the "Am I Eligible?" tool to find out how to get help from these and other programs.

If you have questions about setting up or logging in to your ACCESS account, please call the Recipient Services hotline at 1-800-362-3002.

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BETHEL HORIZONS CAMP APPLICATION

Send completed form to:

Angie Burnett, Bethel Horizons, 312 Wisconsin Avenue, Madison WI 53703

Questions? Call Angie @ 608.257.3577. E-mail: bhorizons@bethel-madison.org or Fax: 608.257.4044. Camp scholarships awarded on a first come/first serve basis. NOTE: Mailing in a completed application form does not guarantee a camp scholarship.

PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S NAME: _____
HOME PHONE: _____ WORK PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____
ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

We would like to have a name and number of someone to call while your child/children are at camp in case of an emergency and we are unable to reach you.

EMERGENCY NAME: _____ HOME PHONE: _____
CELL OR WORK PHONE: _____

The next portion of the application must be completed. In the case of a medical emergency, we must have your child's Medical Assistance number.

1st Child's Name _____	MA Number _____
2nd Child's Name _____	MA Number _____
3rd Child's Name _____	MA Number _____
4th Child's Name _____	MA Number _____
5th Child's Name _____	MA Number _____

In addition to Medical Assistance, do you or the child applying receive any other type of aid or social services? Please check those that apply: W-2 Food Stamps Child Care Tuition Assistance

Foster Care Children, Youth & Family Services

Name of your economic support specialist or social worker for your child: _____

Child's First and Last Name	Date of Birth	Male/Female	Camp Program Requested	1st Choice Camp Date	2nd Choice Camp Date

If your child has a friend he/she would like to tent with, list the child's first and last name:

If any of the children need to borrow a sleeping bag from Bethel Horizons please list their names here:

I hereby give permission for DCDHS to release information concerning my eligibility for W-2, MA or other social services to Bethel Horizons. My child has permission to take part in camp activities, including off-site activities under supervision, and I agree that the camp or its personnel will not be held responsible for accidents or personal injury arising therefrom. I am responsible for any medical obligations incurred during the camping period and give the camp staff permission to seek medical treatment for my child in case of injury or illness. I also given my consent to Bethel Horizons to use pictures of my child involved in camp activities in future Horizons brochures or publications.

Signature of Parent or Guardian : _____