

About Camp

Camp WIKIDAS is a camp for kids ages 8-13 with asthma. Children must be on daily asthma medication to attend.

Boys and girls participate in hiking, swimming, canoeing, arts and crafts, a ropes course, a climbing wall and other fun and challenging summer camp activities.

Campers attend instructional sessions on how to manage their asthma in daily life. They also forge relationships with children like themselves, realizing lots of kids struggle with asthma.

The Youth

Camp WIKIDAS kids are children like any other children--they love to laugh, make friends, play hard and live life to the fullest. They differ from other kids, however, in their strength and commitment to managing their asthma. Camp WIKIDAS builds self-confidence, heightens awareness of asthma and helps them cope with their condition--all in the context of a fun and safe summer camp experience.

Location

Camp WIKIDAS takes place at Camp Wawbeek, a 400-acre site one mile northeast of the Wisconsin Dells in Columbia County. It includes two residence halls, a lodge, nurse's station, Olympic-size swimming pool and many other recreational facilities. For directions, visit www.lungwi.org.

Owned and operated by Easter Seals Wisconsin, Camp Wawbeek provides camping experiences for hundreds of children and adults ages seven and older with physical disabilities. Visit the Easter Seals website at www.wi-easterseals.org or call 800.422.2324 for more information.



Camp WIKIDAS - www.lungwi.org Sunday, June 21 - Friday, June 26

The Staff

The warmth, enthusiasm and medical expertise of health care professionals and specially trained counselors make Camp WIKIDAS possible. The Camp WIKIDAS staff provides medical treatment and teaches educational sessions on asthma, but their primary role is to give campers the support and encouragement needed to lead normal, healthy lives.

Camp WIKIDAS medical staff includes at least two or three physician allergists and numerous registered and practical nurses, respiratory therapists and pharmacists. These dedicated health care professionals supervise the daily administration of medications and provide 24-hour medical care for the campers.



Happy Campers!

"There's only one other kid at my school I know that has asthma. Here you learn you're not the only one...I love the feeling of jumping off the platform on the 'travine'... I was so excited about coming here!"

Ian, age 9

First-year camper

"Camp WIKIDAS is the high point of my summer. It's wonderful to have the opportunity to teach these kids to be independent and a little more responsible for taking care of their asthma...Kids come back each year with the quality of their lives really improved--no emergency room visits, fewer missed school days--all because of the instruction they received here...You can really see the difference camp makes."

Bonnie, R.N.

Camp WIKIDAS Medical Volunteer,
23 years

"I am thrilled with this camp. Thank you for making it possible for the kids to have this 'normal' childhood experience they otherwise wouldn't get."

Shelley

Parent of Shannon, age 12

Yes!

Please send me Camp WIKIDAS registration and health forms.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Telephone: () _____

Email: _____

Child's Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Is your child on daily asthma medications?

Yes

No

Please list: _____

Please return or fax to:

Camp WIKIDAS c/o

American Lung Association in Wisconsin
13100 W. Lisbon Road, Suite 700
Brookfield, WI 53005-2508
Fax: 262.781.5180

Contact us

262.703.4835 (direct)

800.586.4872 (toll free)

or visit the Camp WIKIDAS website

www.lungwi.org

All registration and medical forms must be received by Friday, May 29, 2009.
Enrollment is limited to 90 participants.



Camp History

Founded by Camp Medical Director and pediatric allergist, J. Brent Kooistra, M.D., Camp WIKIDAS was organized as a special summer retreat where children with moderate to severe asthma could go to have fun and still receive proper medical care. In 1981, Dr. Kooistra (A.K.A. "Doc Kootie"), with the help and support of his family and friends, made the camp become a reality. They named it Camp WIKIDAS, which stands for WIsconsin KIDs with ASthma.

In 1982, 21 boys and nine girls arrived at Camp WIKIDAS near Wisconsin Dells. Since that time, more than 1,500 children have had the opportunity to attend this unique, fun-filled summer camp. The American Lung Association in Wisconsin has contributed its financial and human resources since 1983, assisting with marketing, staff recruitment and camper registration.

Now in its 28th exciting year, Camp WIKIDAS hosts 90 kids from across the state each summer.



To learn more about asthma and how you can help support Camp WIKIDAS, call the American Lung Association in Wisconsin at 800.586.4872 or email us at amlung@lungwi.org. Together, we are Fighting For Air.



Learn About Asthma

Fun, safe, supervised activities are offered and may include:

- ✓ Daily asthma education sessions including breathing exercises, proper inhaler use and school issues
- ✓ Ropes/adventure course
- ✓ Arts and crafts
- ✓ Canoeing
- ✓ Swimming
- ✓ Nature crafts
- ✓ Sports and games

Enrollment and Fees

Please use the form on this brochure to request registration and health forms, or call the American Lung Association in Wisconsin at 262.703.4835.

The fee for each camper is \$305. A limited number of "camperships," or camper scholarships, are available. Camperships are reserved for those in significant need of financial assistance. Please call 262.703.4835 for a campership application.

A \$150 deposit is required with registration forms to reserve your child's place at camp. The \$155 balance is due upon your child's arrival. This fee includes one t-shirt per camper.

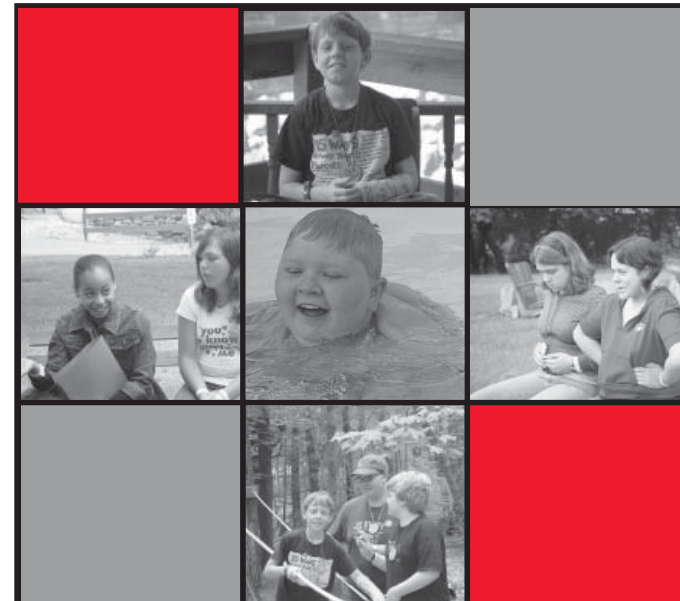
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for **KID**s with **AS**thma

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