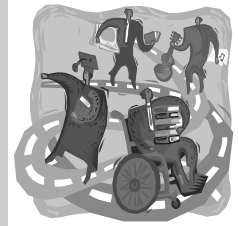


# TeamUp!

with families



Spring, 2008

What's up with Team Up?

262-746-9034

## Team Up! for Fun Day Camp 2008 is almost here! Join us as we travel Around the World in 4 Days!

That is the theme for this year's Team Up for Fun Day Camp. The camp will be July 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> from 9:30 AM till 1:30 PM. There is no camp on Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, but we do have a picnic, with entertainment, from 5 PM-8 PM for the families of our campers and volunteers. Camp is open to any child with a special need age 4-17 and their siblings. The cost for camp is \$50 per child with a \$125 maximum per family. Every child who has a special need will be assigned a full time buddy. Your child will have worlds of fun as they climb the rock wall, go fishing and horseback riding, create crafts from several different countries, watch exciting entertainment, play cooperative games and do much, much more.

In person registration for camp takes place in May on the dates and at the locations listed below. Families who have attended camp in the last year or two should have received a registration packet in the mail. If you have not received a packet and would like one, call Ann Hershberg -Waite at (262) 431-4301 or Sue Rheingans at (262) 593-5616. If you are a new family to camp and would like to receive a packet please call and we will mail you a packet. Packets can also be picked up and filled out at in person registration sessions.



### Registration sessions:

Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:30-12:30 at Bruno Independent Living Aids  
Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30 PM at New Berlin Therapies  
Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 PM at New Berlin Therapies

### □ Directions to New Berlin Therapies

2895 S. Moorland Road is in the New Berlin Industrial Park. I-94 to Moorland Road South Exit. Continue south on Moorland Road past Cleveland Avenue. Turn right onto Ryerson. Take the first right onto James and first right again into the parking lot entrance. NBT is located at the south end of the building.

### □ Directions to Bruno Independent Living Aids Plant #1

1780 Executive Dr. is located in the Oconomowoc Industrial Park. Take I-94 to Hwy 67 North. Left onto Hwy B (Valley Rd). Second left onto Executive Drive. Continue straight ahead to Bruno. Enter Plant One at the main office entrance.

We are still looking for people to help with the activities at camp, as well as miscellaneous paper work. If anyone is interested in helping in any way, please call Sue Rheingans at (262) 593-5616 or Bridget Bruno at (262) 567-7807.

*Children are winners when families Team Up!*

## News From Katy's Kloset

Katy's Kloset has several new (and veteran) volunteers that are ready and willing to help out if you would like to donate, borrow or return equipment. The Katy's Kloset Crew now includes Pat, Julie, Norm, Mary, Denise, Cher, Susan, Maureen, Becky, Jake, Jason and Mia. Thanks to all for giving your time and talent to keep Katy's Kloset running smoothly. New volunteers are always welcome. Our wonderful volunteer Norm and his role at Katy's Kloset will be featured on the Health Corner TV series. This show is on at 8:30 am on Sundays on the Lifetime channel. Norm will appear on May 11 and June 22. If you don't get this channel you can find the film clip on the web page after the airing. The web address is <http://healthcorner.walgreens.com>. Go to the tab on the top for show archives.

Recent donations have included 2 automatic door openers, a wheelchair lift for a vehicle, and a couple of examination tables that would make good changing tables for larger kids. If you can use any of these new items please call or come in to see them. Katy's Kloset is now open *every Saturday* from 11:00 to 1:00, thanks to our additional volunteers. On holiday weekends it would be best to call ahead to make sure we are open.

Now that the weather is finally getting warmer, kids will be getting outside on their bikes. All kids love to ride, and at Katy's Kloset we have 34 individuals waiting on our wish list for a bike. If you have an adapted bike or trike you are not currently using, please consider donating it to be enjoyed by one of our waiting kids.

We have been getting many donations of supplies such as feeding bags, respiratory supplies, gauze, tape, etc. Please call Katy's Kloset if you hear of an overseas mission, free clinic, or any individuals who could use these supplies. Cher has been very busy sorting and organizing supplies. Thanks Cher for all the help with this ongoing project.

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## Team Up! with Families has a New Website

Don't you wish you had easy access to the volunteers who staff Katy's Kloset and the Team Up! Office? What about a quick way to tell family and friends about the memorable Team Up! Camp experiences that your children have had?

Now there is a quick and easy way to do all that and more. Team Up's new website has information about summer camp. There is a calendar of events that lists board meetings, Katy's Kloset hours of operation, and camp dates. Click on the Katy's Kloset link to learn how you can donate or borrow equipment, see photos of equipment, and send an email request to be added to the "wish list" for equipment that is not currently available. Some links on the website are still a work in progress, but visitors are able to access lots of helpful information.

If you haven't visited the new Team Up! Website, you'll want to check it out and stop back regularly. Simply point your browser to [www.teamupwithfamilies.org](http://www.teamupwithfamilies.org) then add it to your favorites!

### Attention Grocery Shoppers:

If you shop at Pick n Save don't forget to add Team Up! with Families to your Advantage Plus Savers Card.

A percentage of your purchases will be donated to Team Up!

Our number is: **830925**. Thank you!

Check out the website

[www.mobilitycorner.com](http://www.mobilitycorner.com)

This is a great resource for families or individuals looking for mobility solutions.

Anxious to  
***Lose the training wheels?***

This summer a group of people are coming from St Louis to run a week long camp to teach children how to ride a REGULAR bike. They bring specialized equipment and their program has an 85% success rate. It's all about the balance and the type of wheels. This summer the camp will take place the week of July 14<sup>th</sup> at a school in Wauwatosa. The event is sponsored by Special Therapies, Inc, Down Syndrome Society and Autism Society of SE Wisconsin.

For more information about the program visit the website at

[www.losethetrainingwheels.com](http://www.losethetrainingwheels.com)

If you have any questions or wish to sign up call Special Therapies, Inc at (262)347-2222 and talk with Katie Suminski.

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**Hydrocephalus Walk 2008**

Plans are underway for a "Hydrocephalus Walk" on October 11, 2008 at the Milwaukee County Zoo. If you are interested in joining the walk, or forming a team call Diane Weichert at 414-416-1238.

**Thank You! Thank You!**

Special thank you to Ted, Joan, and Dave of Majdecki's Sentry Grocery Stores in West Allis and Menomonee Falls for honoring Team Up! with an \$8,500.00 donation raised through their golf outing fundraiser. Thank you also to Dick and Wendy Clark for getting Team Up! involved. This event will take place again in the Fall of 2008. Watch for the dates and information if you would be interested in participating.

Last August, the Carpenters Union Local 344 held a Poker Run on behalf of Team Up! with Families. Several Team Up! families went to the Carpenters Union headquarters to see the bikes as they gathered to begin their run. We met a great group of men and women and were in awe of their beautiful bikes! They later presented us with a check for \$2000! Thank you! This year they will again hold a Poker Run to benefit Team Up! Any bikers are welcome to join the fun, and Team Up! families can once again gather to see them off. The date will be Saturday, August 16, 2008. Mark your calendars! For more information call Pat at 262-370-3355.

**New Berlin Therapies, SC ("NBT")** is a certified Rehabilitation Agency. NBT offers state-of-the-art services across the lifespan provided by highly skilled Physical, Occupational, Speech, and Massage Therapists, carefully selected for their individual expertise, compassion, and desire to help patients achieve optimal function.

NBT will be offering **Parenting with Love and Logic®** at our Elkhorn site beginning in fall. This course is about raising responsible children using a win/win philosophy, with techniques you can implement immediately. Class will run September 15 to October 28, 2008 on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30PM.

In addition, NBT will offer our ever-popular **Summer Developmental Preschool** for children ages 3-5 years. This is an activity and language based preschool experience lead by an Early Intervention (808 certified) Teacher and a Teacher's Aide. Small groups of 4-8 children have fun together while developing gross motor, fine motor, and social skills. Meets either two mornings or two afternoons per week.

NBT will also offer **Handwriting Without Tears®** at our New Berlin site as well as two music therapy classes: **Music Makers** (ages 5-12) and **In Harmony** (ages 13-18) at both our New Berlin and Elkhorn sites.

Please contact NBT directly for more information on our therapies as well as our summer class offerings at (262) 782-9015.

## Music Garden

We are excited about the possibilities the music garden can offer our kids at camp. There is still much work to be done, and we would welcome all the help we can get. Just keeping the garden weeded is a very time consuming job. Even if you don't know anything about gardening you can pull weeds, rake the paths, move mulch, and plant. Join us for either or both of the work days, for the whole time or just for an hour. Work days will be Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am till Noon and Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am till Noon. Bring as many people as you can and the work will go quickly. If you would like to help with the music garden but can't make it on either of the scheduled work days, please call Sue Rheingans at (262)593-5616 and set up another time to come. If anyone knows a garden club, boy or girl scout troop or other group that is looking for a service project please call and give Sue the contact information. See you among the flowers!!



### *In Memory*

Team Up with Families has been saddened by the recent deaths of three very special children. Riley Sullivan, Zachary Juhlmann, and Alex Clark have left this world, but they will forever live in our hearts and minds. It is important to honor the lives of these boys, and their brothers, Benjamin Sullivan and Samuel Juhlmann, who have also died, for the gifts they shared with those whose lives they touched. Through perseverance and strength, they taught us that life is precious and fragile. With grace and dignity, they taught us compassion, patience, and unconditional love. With hope, humor, and love, they taught us to live each day completely and to treasure each moment. Our lives are richer for having known them.

The Sullivan, Juhlmann, and Clark Families will be in our thoughts and prayers as they struggle to find peace. May cherished memories of their boys heal their hearts so there will come a day when the smiles outnumber the tears.

When you are sorrowful  
 Look again in your heart,  
 And you will see that in truth  
 You are weeping for that  
 Which has been your delight.

~Kahlil Gibran

*Team Up! with Families is a non-profit group run by volunteers who are either parents of a child with a special need or caring, professional or non-professional, community members. All of our activities and services are organized and run by volunteers. It takes many dedicated people to accomplish all that Team Up! does and we would like to say Thank You to each and every one of you. This newsletter goes out to all of our families and our volunteers so that we can keep everyone informed on upcoming activities. Any questions or concerns about anything in the newsletter please call Team Up! at 262-746-9034.*