



..because kids can't fight cancer alone!

Capital Candlelighters™

Madison, Wisconsin

Capital Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Alliance Spring 2004

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*A local chapter of Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation
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Come and play at **VITENSEFEST!**

A benefit for Capital Candlelighters

Saturday, June 5th

Vitense Golfland Beltline at Whitney Way

Family scramble golf tournament at 8AM Free golf instruction

Free private golf lessons with PGA pros

Win great prizes in our raffle and on the mini golf course

Kids can play and win goodies in our Kids' Carnival

Sponsored by Vitense Golfland, WISC-TV3 and UPN-14, Blue Bunny Ice Cream, Alliant Energy, 1st Choice Dental and Subway Restaurants

SEE ARTICLE INSIDE FOR FULL DETAILS!

One Step At A Time Camp Lake Geneva, WI

July 10-24, 2004

For young people with cancer,
ages 7 to 20

If your child is in treatment or has completed treatment for cancer, he or she can attend One Step at a Time Camp. The camp provides a safe environment where kids can have new experiences, take part in a variety of activities and make friends with others who've walked the same path.

There are two one-week sessions for kids, including Standard Camp for ages 7-10 and Stepping Up for ages 10-12. Numerous programs for teens include a general "All Camp Experience" program, a two-week Campcraft program, a two-week Water Sports/Adventure program, a one- or two-week excursion program with trips to sites in Wisconsin and Illinois, and a two-week program for campers ages 17-19 that leads them through challenge, leadership and team building activities.

Tuition for camp includes all activities and meals, and is \$100 for one week or \$200 for two weeks.

The camp has an excellent medical staff of pediatric oncologists and oncology nurses, and can administer medications and check blood counts in their lab. Many of the camp staff and volunteers are childhood cancer survivors or parents of kids who've had cancer.

If you'd like more information, you can make contact through the camp website at <http://www.onestepcamp.org> or call parent

contact Kris at 920-668-8842. The camp wants applications by June 1, but understands that health concerns may make it difficult to plan ahead.

Other camps you may be interested in:

Camp Courage

A week-long camp for children with cancer and their siblings ages 6 to 17. Located in Maple Lake, Minn. (about 55 miles northwest of Minneapolis).

For more information, contact:

Courage Center
3915 Golden Valley Road
Golden Valley, MN 55422
Phone: (763) 520-0504

Camp HOPE

A weekend camp retreat where children and teenagers from throughout the state can gather to work through the grieving process after a loved one dies. It is held at the Wisconsin Lion's Camp in Rosholt (near Stevens Point).

2004 dates:
May 15-16 and September 18-19

Thanks to generous donors, the camp is free of charge. Kids need to register in advance. Get a form by e-mailing Becky: camphope@coredcs.com

See photos and read more at:
<http://www.camphopeforkids.org/>

Adults who are dropping off children may also be able to attend an adults' grief camp at Camp HOPE.

VITENSEFEST 2004!

Saturday, June 5th
Vitense Golfland

Once again, Vitense Golfland and Capital Candlelighters are hosting a day of outdoor fun to support the needs of kids with cancer and their families. Our media sponsor **Blue Bunny** will be there all day serving their delicious ice cream treats FREE to participants and volunteers! All your favorite Vitense Golfland activities including the par 3 course, miniature golf courses, the NEW climbing wall, the driving range, water wars, batting cages and hi-ball will be open all day, along with the following special events:

8:00 am FAMILY SCRAMBLE PAR 3 CHAMPIONSHIP

Each team of up to four family members will play 9 holes on the par 3 course. For \$45, each four-person team receives a round on the par 3, clubs rental, if necessary, and donuts and beverages after the round. \$15 of each entry fee will be donated to Capital Candlelighters. Only 18 teams may play in the tournament, so please register early by calling Vitense Golfland at 608-271-1411.

10:30 to 11:30 FREE GOLF INSTRUCTION

PGA golf professionals will offer free golf instruction from four different stations allowing golfers of all ages to work on any aspect of their game. This will include full swing video analysis, putting, chipping & pitching and greenside bunker shots.

Noon to 4:00 FREE PRIVATE GOLF LESSONS

Golfers of all ages will receive free 10 minute private lessons from PGA

professionals. This is a great opportunity for any golfer to experience private instruction from PGA golf professionals completely FREE!

10am to 1:00 KIDS' CARNIVAL GAMES

Candlelighters volunteers will be running 25 cent carnival games for kids 13 and under. Game players can win treats and prizes. The proceeds of the ticket sales will benefit kids treated for cancer at the UW Children's Hospital. *Children who have been treated for cancer and their siblings will play all the carnival games for free, as much as they want—just sign in at the ticket table.*

1:00 to 4:00 HOLE-IN-ONE CONTESTS

For \$1, any miniature golfer can attempt a hole-in-one on preselected holes of our miniature golf courses. Fun prizes will be available for those making a hole-in-one.

CANDLELIGHTERS RAFFLE Final drawing at 4:00

We're selling raffle tickets for some great prizes! Winners will be selected and announced during Vitensefest, and we'll ship or arrange delivery for prizes won by anyone not present.

Prizes include:

A mountain bike from Budget Bicycle Center of Madison, an overnight stay at the Great Wolf Lodge in the Dells, tickets to Noah's Ark, an overnight stay at the beautiful new Blue Harbor Resort and Conference Center in Sheboygan, gift certificates from wonderful restaurants and stores, a 24-activity pass from Vitense Golfland, an overnight stay at the Kalahari Resort, and more!!

Let's Say Thanks!

Our friends at WISC-TV3 and UPN 14 have done a wonderful job of selling media sponsorships for VITENSEFEST! These sponsorships allow prominent businesses to have their name and logo associated with Capital Candlelighters and VITENSEFEST in television ads and during the day of the event. Capital Candlelighters also gets a substantial cash donation from each sponsor. In addition to raising much needed funds, this event gives us a chance to make people aware of the toll that childhood cancer takes on kids and families.

Please contact one or more of these “good citizen” companies and thank them for their consistent support of kids with cancer in southern Wisconsin. Also, please give them your business whenever you can.

Vitense Golfland 608-271-1411
www.vitense.com

WISC-TV3 608-277-5241
www.channel3000.com

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www.upn14.com

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www.alliantenergy.com

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www.madisonfamilydentist.com

Subway Restaurants - Stop in at any Subway, have lunch and say thanks!



SAVE THE DATE!!

Peds Oncology SUMMER PICNIC—
Sunday, August 8 Noon to 3 pm
NEW Elver Park shelter on Madison's
West Side.
Lunch provided; games and fun for the
whole family.



Make a statement about the need for a
cure! You can purchase
CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS
CAR MAGNETS
at the national Candlelighters web site for
\$5. There are three versions to choose
from at

<http://www.candlelighters.org>



Would you like to help support other families going through the childhood cancer experience? You can become a “Parent to Parent” volunteer. For more information on how to apply, call Candlelighters at 608-334-5437 or email info@capcan.org

A Special Retreat for Families

Hozhoni Weekend

September 10-12, 2004

Hozhoni is a Navajo word meaning **“beautiful and harmonious.”**

Hozhoni Weekend is an annual retreat for kids with cancer and their families from all over Wisconsin. It provides a chance to relax and spend time with other families who have shared a similar experience. You are encouraged to attend if your child is currently in treatment, or has been treated in the last few years.

Hozhoni Weekend is held at the beautiful setting of the Wisconsin Lions' Camp in Rosholt WI, just outside Stevens Point. There's a full schedule of events for the whole family, including separate activities for kids and adults, plus plenty of family funtime. All meals are provided, and are shared in the camp dining hall. Lots of trained, friendly counselors are available to entertain children of any age.

Hozhoni Weekend is sponsored by the American Cancer Society and funded by Friends of Oshkosh Area. Attendance at the camp for a weekend costs just \$25 per family. Be warned, though. Kids and teens LOVE Hozhoni weekend, and after you go once they will beg to go back year after year! The photos and memories you take home will be priceless.

The deadline for signing up for Hozhoni Weekend is July 30, so please send in the attached application form if you think it might be possible for your family to attend. Make the weekend even more fun by encouraging other families you know from the hospital or peds oncology clinic to come along, too.

FREE (OR CHEAP) THINGS TO DO WITH KIDS AND TEENS IN MADISON

Vilas Park Zoo: Free Admission. Open 9:30 to 5:00 everyday. Children's Zoo area open in the summer (immune compromised kids shouldn't feed or touch the animals, though). Zoo is located in a beautiful lakefront county park with playgrounds and a popular beach.

Geology Museum: Free Admission. On campus at 1215 W. Dayton (enter on Charter St.). This is the perfect spot for your rock, gem, fossil and dinosaur lover of any age. See dinosaur eggs & skeletons!

Madison Children's Museum: 25 cents admission per person for families that face serious illness - otherwise it's \$4 a person. Up near the Capitol Square at 100 State St. A great place for kids 10 and under. Lots of places to eat and shop nearby.

WI Veteran's Museum: Free Admission. 30 W. Mifflin, on the Capitol Square. Open Mon-Sat 9 to 4:30 and Sun 12 to 4. Wonderful displays on role of Wisconsin citizens in the military from the Civil War to the present – great for ages 7 and up.

Wisconsin State Capitol: Open Daily. It's an impressive place just to wander around. Take a free tour or just lie on the floor and look at all the paintings in the rotunda!

Olbrich Botanical Gardens: Open Daily. Free Admission to outdoor gardens. 3330 Atwood Ave. 246-4718 for current hours. In good weather, you can spend hours wandering the paths, admiring water features and plants and the beautiful Thai pavilion.

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We could use enthusiastic volunteers for our social events and to help out in the office on weekday mornings. If you are interested in volunteering with Capital Candlelighters or would like more information, please send us an e-mail at info@capcan.org
Or call 608-334-5437

Capital Candlelighters
*is a non-profit organization. We are an
affiliate of Candlelighters Childhood
Cancer Foundation.*

*Our mission is
to educate, support, serve and advocate
for children with cancer, their families,
survivors of childhood cancer and the
professionals who care for them.*

*The money we raise helps the families
of children who are treated for cancer
at the UW Children's Hospital*