



## ADOPTION SUMMER CAMP!

Welcome to Adoption Summer Camp, an eight-week camp designed for adopted children, (domestic or international) ages 10 to 13. Adoption Summer Camp provides adopted children with a fun and creative way to spend their summer nights, while meeting other adopted children and discussing adoption related topics.



Adoption Summer Camp takes place on eight consecutive **Tuesday evenings, June 21 to August 9, 2011, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm**, at Sunny Ridge Family Center in Bolingbrook, Illinois. A pre-camp assessment is required for each participant.

Adoption Summer Camp will focus on common adoption issues, such as identity, loss, feelings, adoption stories, and birth parents while providing a safe, confidential, and fun environment for participants. Snacks and beverages will be served at each night of camp.

## SOMETHING FOR PARENTS

Two Parent Workshops will be offered concurrently, on Weeks 4 and 6 (Tuesday, July 12 & 26). Then on the final night of camp (Tuesday, August 9), parents are invited to attend and enjoy camp with their children.

## Adoption Camp Sessions

Eight Tuesday evening sessions:

- Tuesday, June 21** - Child Camp (*mandatory*)
- Tuesday, June 28** - Child Camp
- Tuesday, July 5** - Child Camp
- Tuesday, July 12** - Child Camp & *Parent Workshop*
- Tuesday, July 19** - Child Camp
- Tuesday, July 26** - Child Camp & *Parent Workshop*
- Tuesday, August 2** - Child Camp
- Tuesday, August 9** - Child Camp (*Parents attend*)

NOTE: All camp sessions begin promptly at 6:30pm and conclude at 8:00pm. Please be sure your camp participant arrives on time. Parents should plan to pick up their child *no later than 15 minutes* after the conclusion of each session.

## A TYPICAL EVENING AT CAMP\*

- 6:30PM Welcome & Ice Breakers
- 6:45PM Adoption-related activities
- 7:15PM Adoption-related discussion
- 7:40PM Games
- 7:55PM Wrap Up
- 8:00PM Close

*\*Order of activities subject to change*

## HOW TO GET TO SUNNY RIDGE

Sunny Ridge is located 25 miles southwest of Chicago, in Bolingbrook, Illinois. We are close to the intersection of I-55 and Route 53.

### Sunny Ridge Family Center

270 Remington Boulevard, Suite C  
Bolingbrook, Illinois 60440  
(630) 754-4500

[www.sunnyridge.org](http://www.sunnyridge.org)

## CAMP FEE

Adoption Summer Camp fee is \$350 per child and includes the eight-week camp, and two parent workshop sessions held during weeks 4 & 6.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**Registration begins Friday, April 1, 2011**

*Please register online at*

<http://adoptioncamp.eventbrite.com>

Registration is on a first come, first serve basis and should be completed as soon as possible. Camp size is a minimum of 5 participants, maximum of 15.

You may choose to pay entire camp fee of \$350 when you register or \$175 at registration, with the balance due by June 1, 2011. No child will be admitted to participate without payment of entire camp fee. For more information, please call Pam Shepard, LCSW at (630) 754-4522.

## REFUND POLICY

To receive a full refund, cancellations must be made **by 5:00pm on Tuesday, June 14, 2011**. No refunds will be made for later cancellations. Cancellations may be made in person, by phone, or e-mail.

## SUNNY RIDGE POST ADOPTION SERVICES

The **Post Adoption Services at Sunny Ridge Family Center** provide adopted children and families continued support through parent education workshops and seminars, guided discussion groups for both adoptive parents and adoptees, summer camps and groups for adoptees, and adoption competent individual and family counseling services. Sunny Ridge is an Illinois licensed child welfare agency, license #019976.

## WHAT TO WEAR/WHAT TO BRING

Children attending the Adoption Summer Camp should dress comfortably—shorts, jeans, t-shirts, etc., are all acceptable. Please do not bring any valuable personal items, such as jewelry, iPods, cameras, video game players, etc., as these are not allowed at camp. Please do not bring food or beverages, as refreshments will be provided.

## WHAT IS THE PRE-CAMP ASSESSMENT?

A pre-camp assessment is a scheduled 15-minute meeting with a counselor and at least one parent (preferably both if applicable) and then with the child individually. The pre-camp assessment takes place prior to the camp and helps to assess the child's readiness and willingness to participate in an adoption support group. Pre-camp assessment is required and should be scheduled after registration and *no later than June 1, 2011*. **To schedule your pre-camp assessment**, please contact Pam Shepard, LCSW, at Sunny Ridge Family Center, (630) 754-4522.

## ATTENDANCE

Participants are required to attend **a minimum of six** of the eight sessions. Regular attendance will provide your child with a quality camp experience and group cohesion among the children. The first session on June 21, 2011 **is mandatory**. Parents should plan on attending BOTH parent workshops, which occur during weeks 4 and 6, to better understand the complex issues that their children will discuss these weeks. During the pre-assessment, a camp agenda, including topics and activities, will be discussed.

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