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### Easter Seals Wisconsin Camps Receive Training from Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells



WISCONSIN DELLS, WI---Each year as Easter Seals Wisconsin Camps prepare to welcome hundreds of children and adults with disabilities, the camp staff are busy training and prepping for the camp season. Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells Security Department has again generously donated their time and materials for training counselors from Camp Wawbeek and Wisconsin Elks/Easter Seals Respite Camp.



The day-long training took place Wednesday, June 7 at Camp Wawbeek. Throughout the day instructors demonstrated the proper techniques for CPR on infants, children and adults, taught counselors how to use Automated External Defibrillator (AED) devices, and the correct first aid techniques to use in various situations. Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells Security Department donated CPR masks, student manuals, and course completion cards for camp staff who received training.

“We strive to have the best staff possible,” said Carissa Peterson, Director of Camp and Respite Services. “With the support and generosity of Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells, we are able to have the most talented and best trained staff helping to enhance the overall camp experience for our campers.”

Camp staff members arrive and begin training three weeks before the first camp session takes place, giving them time for training in all areas of camp, as well as working a “practice camp” with campers who attend for one night. Other areas of training include personal care skills, behavior management, pool safety, assisting others on the ropes course and ziplines, and many other ways to keep our campers safe while having fun.

**About Easter Seals Wisconsin:** For more than 90 years, Easter Seals Wisconsin ([www.EasterSealsWisconsin.com](http://www.EasterSealsWisconsin.com)) has provided services that help children and adults with disabilities gain greater independence. Easter Seals’ primary services – vocational rehabilitation, respite services, camping and recreation, information and referral, and public education – benefit close to 10,000 individuals with disabilities and their families each year throughout Wisconsin.

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