



Access Ability Wisconsin  
"Outdoors Access 4 All!"



## **Easter Seals Wisconsin Partners with Access Ability Wisconsin for Veterans Family Camp** Connecting More People to Nature Access, Independence, & Dignity in the Community

**Wisconsin Dells, WI** – Easter Seals Wisconsin, in partnership with Access Ability Wisconsin (AAW), is proud to announce the upcoming Veterans Family Camp, to be held from April 26-28, 2024, at the scenic Easterseals Wisconsin Camp Wawbeek located at 1450 Highway 13. This special weekend retreat is designed exclusively for military veterans and their families, providing a unique opportunity to relax, engage in enjoyable activities, and foster meaningful connections in an accessible, inclusive environment.

The Veterans Family Camp offers a range of activities available for all ages and abilities, including fishing, archery, high-ropes courses, arts and crafts, and local excursions, ensuring there's something for everyone to enjoy. Thanks to the collaboration with AAW, the camp will also feature innovative outdoor wheelchairs, enabling participants with mobility challenges to explore over 400 acres of beautiful woodland independently and safely.

Alex Peters, Director of Camp and Respite Services at Easter Seals Wisconsin, expressed enthusiasm about the collaboration: "We are thrilled to partner with Access Ability Wisconsin to enhance our camp offerings. Their expertise in making outdoor activities accessible complements our mission to provide services that empower individuals and families. This weekend is more than just a retreat; it's an opportunity for veterans and their families to experience the outdoors without limitations."

AAW partners with entities across regional, county, and community levels to integrate its "Outdoors Access 4 All™" (OA4A) programming into diverse outdoors experiences. This strategic collaboration ensures that the beauty and restorative properties of the outdoors are inclusive to every community member, reinforcing the value of outdoors access.

"It is well-known that being immersed in nature reduces feelings of depression and isolation. However, those with mobility issues tend to be left sitting on the sideline. Everyone should have access to the great outdoors!" shares Monica Spaeni, AAW Founder and President. "AAW has a solution that increases independence and spontaneity and positively impacts the lives of individuals, their families, and their community."

Registration for the Veterans Family Camp is free for veterans and their families, covering all lodging, meals, and activities. Those interested in participating are encouraged to register early as spaces are limited. For more information on registration and the activities planned for the weekend, please visit <https://www.eastersealswisconsin.com/programs-services/camps/> and search "Veterans Family Camp" or contact Alex Peters directly. For further information about Access Ability Wisconsin and its transformative programming, please visit <https://www.accessabilitywi.org/programming>

## **About Easter Seals Wisconsin**

For nearly a century, Easter Seals Wisconsin has been providing services to children and adults with disabilities and special needs, and support to their families. By offering a range of programs including respite services, agricultural work resources, and camp activities, Easter Seals Wisconsin continues to help individuals increase their independence and improve their lives. As one of the oldest charitable organizations in the state, Easterseals Wisconsin currently serves close to 10,000 children and adults with disabilities and their families each year throughout Wisconsin.

**About Access Ability Wisconsin (AAW):** "Nature is for everybody & everyBODY!" Access Ability Wisconsin empowers individuals with mobility challenges to explore the outdoors. Through the provision of outdoor wheelchairs and trailers, AAW enhances independence and promotes inclusion. We are committed to broadening public access to nature and fostering environmental stewardship. AAW offers many programs serving veterans and families, older adults, youth, and individuals with temporary or permanent mobility challenges, emphasizing access to the outdoors and inclusivity in community activities.

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