



# The Hemispherectomy Foundation Brain Matters Newsletter

## Special Edition

### Hemi Family Retreat



**July 8, 2010 -  
July 11, 2010**



### Jameson Camp



**Indianapolis,  
IN**

### The Hemi Foundation Family Retreat - Indianapolis is Almost Here !!

We look forward to welcoming you to the 2010 National Hemispherectomy Foundation Family Retreat at Jameson Camp in Indianapolis, Indiana. We are anxiously anticipating an enjoyable and interactive event to enrich our lives and the lives of our families. This year's retreat promises a relaxing mix of education, support, and interaction between all of our Hemi Families. We are excited to see all of you on July 8th - 11th.

Co-Chair of The Hemispherectomy Foundation's Medical Advisory Board, Aaron A. Cohen-Gadol, M.D., M.Sc., from Methodist Hospital will be presenting at this year's retreat. His presentation will be an event that you don't want to miss. Along with his discussions on Hemispherectomy, and grid placement to avoid missed connections, we may also get an exclusive look into the case of a special child from Bosnia, who underwent hemispherectomy in the United States.

Finally, we're going to have some summer fun as we all do "Summer Camp" together at Jameson Camp. Swimming, Roasting Marshmallows, Playing together, and Sharing our Stories. Rumor has it that we'll be shooting a Professional Video for the Foundation as well. It will be a summer that you won't forget. So, Safe Travels, and we look forward to seeing you all in 2 weeks!

A Special Thanks to Holly Paaue for organizing this year's National Hemi Foundation Family Retreat.

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**SEE YOU  
THERE!**



## On The Agenda

### Confirmed Topics

Vision Issues,  
Neuroplasticity and  
Brain Injury - DeAnn  
Fitzgerald

Special Education Law  
and Advocacy

Recognizing Seizures,  
New Medications, and  
Other Treatment  
Options

**Break out  
sessions by  
diagnosis**

### Activities:

Stories and Smores  
Campfire  
Swimming Time  
Scavenger Hunt  
Including Samuel

National Hemi Foundation Family Retreat.  
Note : If you have not registered, and you would still  
like to come, please contact  
[Holly@HemiFoundation.org](mailto:Holly@HemiFoundation.org) to check for availabilty.



The Reunion will be held Thursday, July 8 - Saturday  
July 10, 2010 at Jameson Camp in Indianapolis, IN

Check-in begins Thursday at 4:00

[CLICK HERE for Jameson Camp Info](#)

## Reunion Agenda



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### Info Table

#### Resources:

Future Planning  
Post-Secondary Edu  
Sibling Support



## The 2010 West Coast Hemi Family Picnic was a Huge Success !!

Lots of families from the 2009 West Coast Hemi Family Picnic were present, and we had a few new people with us this time. A spunky little girl named Sasha who is about to have her hemi at UCLA on Thursday was there with her mom Shanna.

Also, Nora from San Diego who's 19 year old nephew in Egypt needs a hemispherectomy. His aunt was seeking support and answers, which she did receive on Saturday. She also had the opportunity to meet and speak with Dr. Mathern (Co-Chair of The Hemispherectomy Foundation Medical Advisory Board) at the picnic.

Big Thanks go to Rachel Waters for organizing this event for our Hemi Families in the West.

A special thanks to Monika and Brad Jones who generously provided amazing photographs of our picnic through their company Bella Baby Photography.

[Click Here](#) to view a gallery of photos from the picnic.  
<http://www.bellababyphotography.com/login>  
Password: hemipicnic2010

If you want a copy of the pictures please contact  
[Rachel@HemiFoundation.org](mailto:Rachel@HemiFoundation.org) .

