



The Hemispherectomy Foundation Brain Matters Newsletter

March 1st 2011

2011 Events Edition Hemi Events Coming Soon!

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Our Mission



To Encourage and Support impacted families by connecting them with other families who have had a hemispherectomy or similar surgery.

To Work together with medical professionals to fund research into the cause of the diseases that lead to intractable epilepsy, hemispherectomy, and the surgery itself.

To Raise Money for camp fees, scholarships for trade schools and higher education as well as provide financial relief for struggling families

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Northern Central Regional Hemispherectomy Foundation Retreat



April 1st & 2nd, 2011

**Hemispherectomy (Northern) Central Regional Gathering
(North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Minnesota,
Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin & Illinois)
Sheraton Hotel, West Des Moines, Iowa
April 1st & 2nd, 2011**

Families in the Midwest will be gathering in West Des Moines, Iowa for an informal gathering to get acquainted with others who have also undergone the hemispherectomy brain surgery. We will start on Friday night, April 1st at 6:30 p.m. with a Social and Snacks and we will gather all day on Saturday, April 2nd with a Kids Camp for the

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kids, while the parents are in session, then go to Incredible Pizza for food, fun and indoor game play. While in session, we will talk about the Hemi Foundation's mission and goals, the upcoming International Hemi Conference in July, fundraising for Central Region and have a show and share session where parents can learn from each other, as well as roundtable discussions on topics of interest. If you are interested in attending and for more information, contact Central Regional Director Roxanne Cogil at: roxanne@hemifoundation.org.

April 1st, 6:30 p.m. to April 2nd evening.

An opportunity to meet other Hemispherectomy Families in the Midwest. Make new friends, see old friends, learn from other adults who have walked in your shoes. The kids will have a GREAT time in Kid's Kamp too.

Registration Fee : \$0.00 (Free)



Hotel : **West Des Moines Sheraton Hotel**
Reservations : 1-888-627-8043 and reference the Hemispherectomy Group rate.

*Each family is responsible for payment for their room(s).

Please fill out the [Registration Sheet](#) and e-mail it to roxanne@hemifoundation.org.

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**Join Us for the
2011 Dreams on Wings 5K
and
2011 Hemi Family BBQ
May 14, 2011
Weatherford, TX**

*Don't Live in Texas?
You CAN still Participate!*

Contact Lisa@HemiFoundation.org
or Roxanne@HemiFoundation.org

to find out how you can participate from Anywhere in the World!



The Hemispherectomy Foundation and Parker County Physical Therapy will host a 5K and 1-mile fun run/walk on **Saturday, May 14**. "Dreams on Wings" will honor Aledo's Jessie Hall, a second grader who underwent radical surgery in which one half of her brain was removed. All proceeds from the event will benefit The Hemispherectomy Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing emotional, financial and educational support for individuals and their families who have undergone or will undergo a hemispherectomy, or similar brain surgery.

The 2010 Dreams on Wings 5K was a great success! The foundation was able to raise just over \$10,000 for the children that we support.

Best of all, 10 families with children that have undergone hemispherectomy surgery attended the race!



The 1-mile fun run will start at 8:00 a.m. followed by the 5K at 8:30 a.m. Both races will start at Parker County Physical Therapy located at 879 E. Eureka in Weatherford, Texas.

Individual awards will be given for overall and masters male and female winners, plus the top three male and female finishers in the following age groups: 5 and under, 6-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64 and 65+.

**Awards Will be Given to the
Largest Family Team!**



[REGISTER NOW!!!](#)

Immediate Hemi Families are free, but count toward a family team.
Hemi Family Registration - Contact Kristi Hall
kristi@hemifoundation.org

**Encourage friends, sisters, cousins, aunts and uncles to register
for you team!
They can [click here](#) to register on-line!**

Participants can register online at www.hemifoundation.org or download registration forms. Early registration ends May 1. The pre-registration cost for adults is \$25 and \$30 on the day of the race. For children under 6-12, the pre-registration cost is \$20 and free for children ages 5 and under. Teams of 3 or more can register for \$20 per individual.

Not the Running Type?

Sleep in and get the t-shirt!

Virtual Runner \$30.

If you can't make it, we understand. But we have an answer for you. We have a growing number of people that will be running or walking the race at home, and in other states as well. These are our "Virtual Angels" Some people will even be picking their own time to commit to 3.1 miles. So, there are NO excuses not to participate. Register NOW and come to Weatherford on May 14th or be a "Virtual Angel".

The largest Virtual Team will have a 2012 Scholarship named after the team! For More information contact

Lisa@HemiFoundation.org or Roxanne@HemiFoundation.org .

[Registration forms](#) and checks, made out to The Hemispherectomy Angels, Inc., can be mailed to The Hemispherectomy Foundation, P.O. Box 1239, Aledo, TX 76008.

[For More Info, Click Here or Contact :](#)

Kristi Hall

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2011 Hemi Family BBQ

Hemispherectomy (Southern) Central Regional Gathering
(Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas & Louisiana)

Dreams on Wings 5K & Family BBQ, Weatherford, Texas

May 14th, 2011

Following the race, there will be a Hemi Family BBQ at Cris & Kristi Hall's. We had a great time last year, so don't miss out on the opportunity to get together with other families, eat some good food and recover from the race! We are hoping that even more Hemi Families can come join the fun this year! There are even a few hotel rooms available to Hemi Families for free, as well as discounted hotel rates. For Hemi Family Registration for the Dreams on Wings 5K/1 Mile Fun Run and details on the hotel stay, contact Kristi Hall at kristi@hemifoundation.org.

Your Hemispherectomy Foundation Team,
"Hope in One Hemisphere!"



The 2011 International **Hemispherectomy Foundation** **Conference and Family Reunion**

**July 7th, 8th, and 9th, 2011 at Disney's Paradise Pier
Hotel
in Anaheim, California**



[For Information and Registration Packet <Click Here>](#)

Mark your calendars NOW for the **2011 International Hemispherectomy Foundation Conference and Family Reunion**. You don't want to miss this year's conference and family reunion in sunny southern California at the Disneyland Paradise Pier Resort. <http://disneyland.disney.go.com/hotels/paradise-pier-hotel/>



The 2011 Conference promises to be a well-balanced mix of informative speakers, educational topics, and information geared specifically for families who have been impacted by Hemispherectomy Brain Surgery. In a relaxed, family atmosphere, among other families just like yours, you will be able to learn from others who have walked in your shoes. You will hear from doctors, experts, and scientists who are leaders in the fields that impact your child. Most importantly, you will meet new friends and see old friends who will walk the journey with you.



Make this trip part of a family summer vacation, or come exclusively for the event, but don't miss it. This is also a great chance to schedule appointments at nearby hospitals where your child may

have had surgery. Before or after the conference is an ideal time to schedule those yearly follow-up appointments. You may even see your favorite doctor at the conference.

Everyone is invited. It doesn't matter whether you are from the East Coast, West Coast, somewhere in-between, or on the other side of the world, we want you in California in July. The Hemispherectomy Foundation Team is putting together an affordable package so that everyone can make it. And as always, The Hemispherectomy Foundation will be offering some financial aid for those who want to come, but just can't fit it into their budget without a little help.

So Register Now, by printing off [The Registration Form](#), filing it out, and mailing it in. Also, don't forget to make your hotel reservations. They go fast in the Disney Resorts, and The Hemi Foundation Block of Rooms will also fill fast.

You can begin making hotel reservations at the Paradise Pier Hotel now. Please use This Reservations Link and it will take you directly to The Hemi Foundation block of rooms - room rate \$129 per night plus tax. [Hotel Reservations Link](#)

Or call (714)520-5005. Please mention the **Hemi Foundation Group** to get the special rate of \$129 per night plus tax.

More Information Available on :
[The Hemi Foundation Website.](#)

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Contact The Hemispherectomy Foundation

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