

What's New with 22q?

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The 22q11.2 deletion syndrome is caused by a missing piece (deletion) of genetic material on chromosome 22. The condition is associated with a wide range of symptoms that include heart anomalies, immune deficiency, cleft palate, feeding problems, speech delays, learning disabilities, and social / emotional issues. To learn more, visit our website at www.22q.org.

Save the Date!

Join 22q families everywhere for a fun-filled awareness day taking place simultaneously at zoos all over the world on Sunday, May 22, 2011!

Events are being planned at sites in the US, Canada, Europe, and beyond.

Details will be posted to our website at www.22q.org in March.



Organize Your Own 22q at the Zoo! Event

We encourage local support groups to join us by organizing a 22q at the Zoo event. Organizers should contact their local zoo and make arrangements to purchase discounted group tickets for May 22, 2011. The Foundation will publicize your event on our website. Families purchase tickets from the organizers at a price which includes the cost of a 22q at the Zoo! t-shirt which the Foundation is designing for this special day. The Foundation will also provide you with fact sheets to distribute to all who enter the zoo on May 22nd.

Interested? Contact us at info@22q.org for more information.

22q11.2 Happenings!

- **April 30—May 1, 2011:**
Behavior and Learning in School-aged Children with the 22q11.2 Deletion
Indianapolis, Indiana
www.elwyngenetics.org
- **May 22, 2011**
22q at the Zoo!
Worldwide Awareness Day
Sites throughout the world
www.22q.org
- **June 29—July 4, 2011**
Dragonfly Forest 22q Camp
Westtown, Pennsylvania
www.dragonflyforest.org

Indianapolis Conference to Highlight Learning and Behavior in 22q

The Foundation has awarded a \$1,000 grant to help support a conference on educational and behavioral aspects of the 22q11.2 deletion syndrome. The conference is co-sponsored by Pennsylvania-based Elwyn, Indiana University, and The Dempster Foundation, and will take place in Indianapolis, Indiana on **April 30 - May 1, 2011**. The conference is geared toward families and features expert speakers on a variety of topics. For conference details and registration information, go to www.elwyngenetics.org or contact Brenda Finucane at 610-891-2313.



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Dragonfly Summer Camp 22q Week 2011

The weather outside may be frightful, but it's never too early to start thinking about summer camp. Once again this year, Dragonfly Forest will be offering kids with the 22q11.2 deletion a fabulous week of overnight summer camp, completely free of charge, made possible in part by the generous support of The International 22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome Foundation!



The camp is open to children ages 7 to 14 years from throughout the US; a leadership program is available for those aged 15 to 18. The camp is staffed around the clock by a specialized medical team. Transportation to and from the camp is provided from Philadelphia International Airport. Once again this year, activities are also being planned for parents and siblings who will be staying in the area during the camp week (details coming soon to the Foundation's website). Why not make this an unforgettable vacation for the entire family?

Camp registration is now open at
www.dragonflyforest.org

Your Gift Helps Us Achieve Our Goal of Detection, Care, & Cure!

Won't you help? The Foundation is a non-profit organization founded by interested parents and professionals. Your tax-deductible donation helps us achieve our goals for families around the world. No donation is too small and all are greatly appreciated. Donate online through our secure [weblink](#) or mail your donation to our administrative office in Matawan, New Jersey.

Our Mission

Improving the quality of life for individuals affected by the 22q11.2 deletion syndrome through family and professional partnerships.