



Wisconsin Out of School Time Alliance Advocate

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July Spotlight

Discover the Magic of Camp Whitcomb/Mason: A Haven for Kids

In a world dominated by screens and digital interactions, The Greater Milwaukee Boys and Girls Club at Camp Whitcomb/Mason offers a refreshing retreat where youth from Milwaukee Public Schools, and other communities can reconnect with nature and each other. From stories of newfound friendships to the tireless dedication of former campers turned counselors, our latest blog post delves into the transformative impact this camp has on the mental health and well-being of kids aged 7-14.

[*Click here*](#) to read how *Camp Whitcomb/Mason is fostering a brighter, healthier future for kids!*



The OST Toolbox

- National STEM Teacher Corps funding opportunity: The National Science Foundation is seeking proposals for Regional Alliances that would collaborate to both select STEM teachers to be a part of an inaugural National STEM Teacher Corps and provide professional development and support to STEM educators generally – including OST educators. [Learn more.](#)
- NASA Funding Opportunity: Next Gen STEM (NGS) FY 2024 Teams Engaging Affiliated Museums and Informal Institutions (TEAM II): NASA is seeking proposals for the 2024 NASA TEAM II Community Anchor and STEM Innovator Awards. Eligible proposers include U.S. nonprofit science museums, planetariums, youth-serving organizations, and libraries. [Learn more.](#)
- In partnership with MSCR, Wisconsin Youth Company, Goodman Community Center, and the City of Madison, the Madison Out-of-School Time (MOST) conference is coming back- save the date, August 28th, 2024. You can [REGISTER NOW](#)
- In this exclusive ASCD podcast excerpt, Allison Crean Davis unpacks how innovative summer programs can boost student learning and enrichment opportunities. [Reimagining Summer Learning](#)

Taking Action for Afterschool

- The House LHHS bill was released last month, with the potential for devastating cuts: Making your voice heard is especially important as the bills being discussed now will likely be a foundation for future negotiations later this year. [Friends of afterschool can weigh in with their members of Congress](#) about the importance of funding afterschool and summer learning programs and the potential impact of devastating program freezes, eliminations, and cuts that would be felt in communities nationwide.
- Wisconsin Primaries are set for August 13; primary races are used to determine who will be the candidate for each of the political parties.
- New districts have created some confusion: Find out if you are in a new legislative district with this [interactive tool](#)

- Learn who the candidates are in your [Assembly](#) or [Senate](#) District
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WOSTA Updates

- The OST conference planning committee are [accepting proposals](#) for 60-minute workshops for the 2024 Out of School Time Conference scheduled for November 12-13, 2024, at Chula Vista in Wisconsin Dells and November 15, 2024, virtual.
 - The Benefits of WOSTA Membership: Becoming a member of the Wisconsin Out of School Time Alliance is FREE and comes with some benefits. Members will receive discount codes for reduced registration to the Alternative Pathway courses. [Link to Join](#).
 - The WOSTA course catalog is now available for 24-25 registration: [Click here](#).
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OST Policy and News

Wisconsin News& Legislative Updates:

- [Big changes to Wisconsin Child Care Subsidy Program](#)(Wisconsin Shares): In July 2024, significant changes to the Wisconsin Shares childcare subsidy program were implemented. The initial income eligibility limit was increased to 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), and the copayment calculation for families earning above this threshold was adjusted, adding \$1 for every \$5 increase in income.
- [Milwaukee dad helps make child care more affordable](#)
- [Packer's Murphy sits down with 9 year old Boys & Girls Club Podcaster](#)
- [Wisconsin 4-H Sees Growth, New Programming](#)

National News & Legislative Updates:

- [Project 2025: Impact on K-12 Education](#)
 - [School's Out, and Parents' Financial Stress is In](#)
 - [Key House subcommittee makes deep cuts to education spending in FY 25](#)
 - [What Parents and Child Care Providers Want Their Elected Leaders to Know](#)
 - [Inside a Summer Learning Camp With an Uncertain Future After ESSER](#)
 - [Burst in covid spending helped students recover, researchers find](#)
 - [Three key takeaways from a new brief on 21st Century Community Learning Centers](#)
 - ['Good news' indeed: Judge's ruling grants equal access to Christian after-school club](#)
 - [How are high-poverty school districts' spending their American Rescue Plan funds on afterschool and summer programs?](#)
 - [For child care workers, state aid for their own kids' care is 'life-changing'](#)
 - [In search of funding for child care, 2 Colorado regions pursue special taxing districts](#)
 - [How a Lack of Child Care Affects Small Businesses](#)
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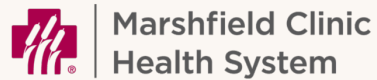


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