

NOAH Now!

Welcome to **NOAH Now!**, a new electronic newsletter to help NOAH stay in touch with the albinism community between issues of our quarterly member magazine, *Albinism InSight*. To join NOAH or renew your dues to ensure that you receive *Albinism InSight*, visit: <http://store.albinism.org>.



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NOAH Bowlers Rock!

In addition to providing wonderful opportunities for fellowship amongst the albinism community, volunteers participating in the 2009 bowl-a-thon also raised more than \$60,000 (and counting) for NOAH! Be sure to check the Summer 2009 edition of *Albinism InSight* for a full reporting of the many fabulous events across North America. Thanks to everyone who helps to keep NOAH rolling!



McGowan Leadership Scholarship

Application Deadline Friday May 1st

Applications for NOAH's first ever scholarship, the Michael J. McGowan Leadership Scholarship Award are due by Friday May 1st.



The Michael J. McGowan Leadership Scholarship Award was established in 2008 in an effort on behalf of NOAH to recognize leadership and empower young people with albinism. NOAH will award one \$5,000 scholarship in 2009 to a student with albinism enrolled in an undergraduate program at an institution of higher education. This award will not only aim to enhance educational opportunities for students with albinism but will also celebrate outstanding leadership qualities similar to those exhibited by NOAH's

dedicated current and past leaders. Complete details and application are available at http://albinism.org/publications/2009/pdf/McGowan_Scholarship-2009.pdf. Application requirements include a personal statement, eye report, at least two letters of recommendation, academic transcripts and test scores, and letter of acceptance to or proof of enrollment at an institute of higher learning.

The application deadline for the 2009 McGowan Scholarship is May 1, 2009. Please contact NOAH's Scholarship Committee with any questions at scholarship@albinism.org or 800 473-2310 (US and Canada).

NOAH 2009 ~ On the Road Again!

NOAH continues to bring its special magic to cities and towns across North America in 2009. On the heels of successful mini-conferences in New York in March and West Virginia in April, NOAH is now looking forward to two fantastic events in May, the ever-popular area member dinner with NOAH's Board of Directors in metro DC on Saturday May 2nd, and the Chicago Mini-Conference in Chicago on Saturday May 9th. In July, NOAH's mini-



conference road trip stops in the Dallas Fort Worth area, followed closely by NOAH's third family summer camp in Mount Union, Pennsylvania. Kansas City gets in on the act on Saturday August 8th, and then it's off to sunny Florida for Adult Weekend 2009, September 25th – 27th. A committee is also working on a Los Angeles area mini-conference in hopes of securing a Saturday in October of 2009 to bring the west coast in on the magic!

Something to Talk About in Texas!

International Potluck Theme Gathering Sunday April 19th

The North Texas Chapter of NOAH has been meeting monthly for more than half a year, now, and its next event is an International Potluck theme scheduled for Sunday April 19th. NOAH's newest chapter is clearly dedicated to creating an albinism community in their region, and is hard at work planning a mini-conference for this summer. Check them out on their yahoo group or email **NOAH.NTX@albinism.org** to stay in touch.

International Potluck Day

April 19, 2009 at 3:00 TO 5:00 PM
Handley Meadowbrook Lion's Club
6013 Craig Street
Fort Worth, TX 76112



RSVP: NOAH.NTX@albinism.org or **http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dfwalbinism/**.

Sign up to bring a favorite international dish.



What's on the Agenda?

- * Hear about the NY NOAH and HPS Conference.
- * Sunscreen Scene - Bring your favorite sunscreen to compare and contrast.
- * New spousal discussion group



Save the Date! North Texas Mini-Conference is July 18th!

Dinner with NOAH's Board of Directors

Join NOAH's Board of Directors and area friends of NOAH for this celebratory evening of good food, friends and fun. Learn how you can become involved in the building excitement for NOAH's 2010 National Conference in the DC Area!



NOAH's Board of Directors in 2005~ How Many Are Still on the Board?

When: Saturday May 2, 2009
6pm

Where: King Street Blues-Crystal City
1648 Crystal Square Arcade
Arlington, VA 22202

Cost: Member rates: \$21.50 adults ~ \$7.50 kids 12 and younger
Price includes beverage, tax, and gratuity. Register today!

<http://www.albinism.org/publications/2009/pdf/dcdinner-flyer09.pdf>

Take the Metro!

Crystal City stop,
from the Blue &
Yellow lines, only
steps away from
station.

Awesome Adult Menu: Choose from Margarita Chicken, Ultra Famous BBQ Ribs, Country Fried Chicken, Country Fried Steak, Cats & Dogs ~Southern Fried Catfish Fillets with Hushpuppies, BBQ Pork Chops, or Garden Vegetable Pasta. Entrees served with chef's special selection of accompaniments, and bottomless soda, lemonade, or iced tea.

Kickin' Kids' Menu: Chicken tenders and fries, 2 mini hamburgers or cheeseburgers and fries, 2 mini pulled chicken or pork BBQ with fries, hot dog with fries, grilled cheese with fries, macaroni and cheese, or spaghetti and meatballs. Served with choice of milk or soda.

Questions? Email info@albinism.org or call 800-473-2310

Live from Chicago!

Chicago Mini-Conference – May 9th, 2009

Chicago Bar Association 321 S. Plymouth Ct. 5th Fl. Chicago, IL 60604



The Chicago mini-conference is the third in a series of regional events across North America in 2009. NOAH is committed to bringing the magical experience of an albinism community gathering to more locations this year, reaching out to those who might not be able to attend a NOAH conference. It's a jam-packed day featuring top experts in the field, meaningful panels and discussion groups, and the opportunity for kids to be kids within the albinism community. Member registration fees are \$25 for attendees ages 5 and up, 4 and under are free. Be a part of the NOAH magic!

- Awesome Adult Program
- Fun for Kids!
- Education
- Fellowship
- NOAH Magic!

Getting There!

- Public Transportation – Easy to get to on the CTA and Metra.
- Parking – Parking Garage Rates will be around \$30; Some metered and non-metered street parking may be available.
- Nearby Garages – 412 S Dearborn St (Open 6:30 AM — 8:00 PM), 318 South Federal (Open 24 hours; Phone 312-986-5813)

Register by Monday, April 27, 2009

<http://www.albinism.org/publications/2009/pdf/chicago-flyer09.pdf>

We're Campin!

Thursday July 23rd thru Monday July 27th

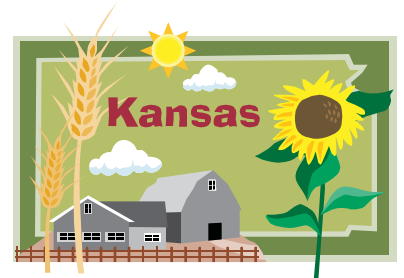


Registration Materials for NOAH's 3rd Family Summer Camp are **now available!** The registration deadline is May 23rd, but don't delay, register today, as SPACE IS LIMITED! With multi-child discounts and installment plans, NOAH is working hard to make camp more affordable than ever. You won't want to miss what has previous campers have called some of the best days of their lives!

Kansas City Joins in the Fun

Saturday August 8th

Plans are underway for a great event in the heartland-Kansas City, KS! Mark the date on your calendars, and additional information will be sent to NOAH members as it becomes available. If you have any questions, please email Mashawna Thompson at mthompson@albinism.org.



Adult Weekend Orlando

Friday, September 25 — Sunday, September 27, 2009

Who says kids have all the fun? Save the date to be a part of this adult-focused weekend in Orlando, FL. Fellowship, presentations, discussion groups, and field trips for adults!



Where: Holiday Inn and Suites
8214 Universal Blvd. Orlando,
FL 32819

Cost: \$82.00/night + tax
(currently 12.5%)

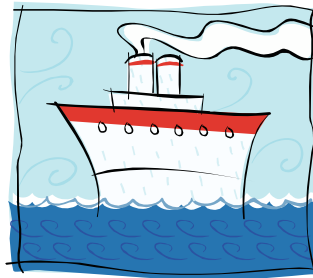
Workin' on the West Coast



A team of dedicated volunteers is working to secure a date for an October mini-conference in Los Angeles, California. If you'd like to get involved with the planning, email LA-conference@albinism.org.

Go Cruisin' with NOAH May 13-20, 2010! Cost Saving Cruise Update

Join NOAH friends aboard the MSC Poesia March 13-20, 2010. Cruises International is offering a fun 7 night island treasures & ancient temples cruise out of Fort Lauderdale, FL. A fun excursion, with kids 17 & under cruising for FREE (only \$66.48 taxes per child), this vacation doubles as a fundraising opportunity for NOAH; NOAH can earn a cool \$2,000



if friends of NOAH book just 10 cabins for this cruise. Cabins begin at just \$419 per person double occupancy (plus port and tax charges), with third and fourth cabin occupants sailing for just \$149 per person (plus port and tax charges). Check out the updated cruise flyer http://www.albinism.org/publications/2009/pdf/cruise_info.pdf.

FREE Albinism VHS Tapes Limited quantity available

Thanks to a generous donation, NOAH is offering a limited quantity of the VHS version of our signature video, Albinism, the People the Challenge for FREE! Quantities are limited, one per household please. Email info@albinism.org if you'd like to reserve a copy.

