

What's New with 22q?

Summer 2010

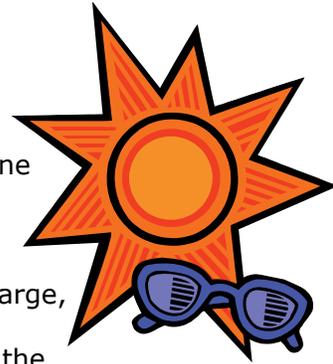


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The 22q11.2 deletion syndrome is caused by a missing piece (deletion) of genetic material on chromosome 22. The condition is associated with a wide range of symptoms that include heart anomalies, immune deficiency, cleft palate, feeding problems, speech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

Fun in the Sun

Thanks to the Foundation's efforts, children and teens with the 22q deletion were offered an exciting opportunity this summer. Dragonfly Forest hosted a one week camp exclusively for kids with the deletion from June 28 - July 2, 2010. Located in southeastern Pennsylvania, the overnight camp attracted children from all over the US. The camp was offered free of charge, thanks to generous donations to Dragonfly Forest, including a significant gift from the Foundation. While the campers were busy having fun, Elwyn Genetics and the Dempster Family Foundation teamed up to offer activities for their parents and siblings. Activities included Sibshops, moms-only and dads-only sessions, and a day trip to Hersheypark, the "sweetest place on earth".



Siblings of campers with the 22q11.2 deletion having fun at a Sibshops session.

It's All About Awareness!

In the US, the Colorado General Assembly recently adopted a joint resolution (10-043) proclaiming the week of August 22-28, 2010 to be "22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome Awareness Week." This is a major achievement for all patients, families, and professionals who have been working tirelessly to bring awareness of this common but frequently unknown diagnosis to the public forefront. The Foundation hopes that Colorado is the first of many forward-thinking states to adopt such a resolution, as we partner to spread the word about this diagnosis throughout the US and beyond.



22q11.2 Happenings!

- **July 21, 2010**
**The Dempster Foundation
Casino Night and Concert**
Chicago, IL
www.dempsterfoundation.org
- **July 29-31, 2010**
**7th Int'l 22q11.2 Deletion
Syndrome Conference**
Coventry, England
(see below)
- **August 22-28, 2010**
**22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome
Awareness Week in Colorado**

7th Int'l 22q Conference, Coventry England

This biannual meeting will be held July on 29-31, 2010 with a theme of "Treatment as we Move into a New Decade". The conference will take place over three days with back-to-back meetings for parents and professionals. A common social function on the second evening will bring all together for a splendid time! Mark your calendars and check out the conference website for details (www.22qdeletion.com)



Cubs' Ryan Dempster Greets 22q Families in Philadelphia

On May 19th, Chicago Cubs pitching ace, Ryan Dempster, signed autographs and gave out t-shirts to fans at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. The baseball pitcher was in Philadelphia with the Cubs who were playing the Phillies that week. Ryan Dempster, along with his wife, Jenny, founded the Dempster Family Foundation after their daughter Riley was born with the 22q11.2 deletion in 2009. For more information, check out their website at www.dempsterfoundation.org



Ryan Dempster with fan, Louis Cavana

Our Mission

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

Won't you help? The Foundation is a non-profit organization founded by interested parents and professionals. Your tax-deductible donation helps us to achieve our goals for families around the world. Donations are greatly appreciated and can be sent to our administrative office in Media, Pennsylvania.



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