

# UMOJA

**A BLACK HERITAGE EXPERIENCE**

## Camp Information

Dates: October 21-23, 2011

Place: Green Lake Conference Center  
Green Lake, WI

Time: Registration, Oct 21st, 5-7PM. Late arrivals will be accommodated.

Costs: Conference Fee Before August 1st  
\$75 per Adult

\$52 per child ages 3-17

Free for children 2 and younger

Conference Fee after August 1st

\$90 per Adult

\$65 per child ages 3-17

Conference Fee covers program  
ming, meals and a souvenir t-shirt

Hotel costs vary by room type. See  
registration form for details

Umoja registrations opens at 5PM on October 21st. Families can arrive at Green Lake any time that day. Green Lake offers a beautiful setting for hiking and relaxation. On Friday participants can enjoy a meal from 5-6PM in the Kraft Lodge. At 7PM there will be a cultural experience for the entire family. Families arriving later in the evening will be directed to the location we are gathered by signs in the hotel lobby.

The registration form can be downloaded from the web site at [www.umojabhe.com](http://www.umojabhe.com)

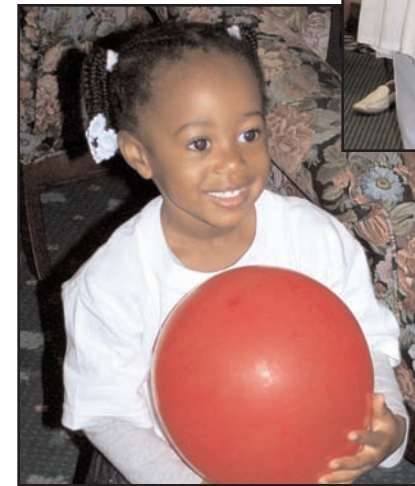
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### Become A Sponsor

Please consider making a donation to help offset programming costs. We use donations to help us keep participation fees low so the weekend will be accessible for all. All contributions are tax-deductible and are managed through African Heritage Inc. Please contact Julie Ryno for more information at 920-373-0192 or [umoja@focol.org](mailto:umoja@focol.org).

Dear Friend,

For many of us, our children are the single most important part of our lives. We want the best for them, and make every effort to provide them with all the tools they need to become happy, healthy adults who feel good about themselves. These are important goals for everyone, but for children living with parents of a different race, this can be especially important. My husband, Bill and I are blessed with two African-American children, Sarah and Caleb, that joined our family through adoption. We feel our multi-racial family is special. We celebrate and learn about our diverse backgrounds, while growing together as a family. Families like ours are becoming more common. That is why in 2007, Dr. Bola Delano and I, with the help of some amazing people, created Umoja.



UMOJA is a Black Heritage Experience created for families raising black and bi-racial children, whether they were born in the US, Africa or one of the diasporas, adopted or birth children. The experience provides an opportunity for children and their families to examine, explore, reflect, understand and celebrate the rich and diverse traditions of black identities and culture in the United States. The program takes a family based approach by providing a fun, nurturing, celebratory, positive and safe environment for all its participants. Umoja is committed to helping children and their families experience a sense of pride about Blackness in American society. Each of the past four years, we have had over 30 families join us for this unique experience. Our evaluations have been overwhelming positive and many of the parents commented on how their children finally made friends with someone with which they could identify. Many of the families have joined us all four years because of the friendships they've made and the lessons they've learned. In my own family, I have seen my children learn to truly love their black heritage. Umoja has been a blessing to us.

Our next experience will be held Oct 21-23, 2011. The families that attend will connect with their children's birth heritage and with each other. I hope you join my family in this unique experience.

Thank you,

Julie Ryno  
Umoja Co-Founder

### Umoja Objectives:

- Support** families raising Black children by helping them understand their needs and their history. Help families **explore** the heritage and culture of Blacks within Africa and the diaspora within the framework of art, history and geography.
- Address challenges** that families face raising children.
- Empower children** to have a positive sense of identity about race and culture
- Engage** children to interact with Black children, while feeling safe and comfortable.

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