Join the Immune Deficiency Foundation for a retreat weekend!

IDF Retreats are for everyone in the primary immunodeficiency community – patients, parents, siblings, children and partners.

Whether you are newly diagnosed or have been living with a primary immunodeficiency disease for years, IDF Retreats offer an opportunity to connect with others to learn more about dealing with your disease. Leading physicians and healthcare professionals will present the latest information about the treatment and management of primary immunodeficiencies. Life management and everyday concerns will be featured in panel discussions led by experts in their fields. The youth and teen programs offer both education and fun, and are designed to help the younger members of our community better manage their diseases.

Perhaps, most importantly, these weekend gatherings offer an atmosphere to build relationships with others who share common experiences, therapies and feelings.

So, come connect with the IDF Community and have some fun while developing better approaches to living with primary immunodeficiency.

For Adults

» Learn more about primary immunodeficiencies, your immune system, and immunological testing.

» Gain knowledge about therapies – immune globulin replacement, antibiotic and antifungal therapies and bone marrow transplantation.

» Find out how to manage living with a chronic illness.

» Discover how to work with your health insurance provider.

» Share coping tips and ideas with your peers.

» Take advantage of the Ask the Expert sessions to get your questions answered.

*Scheduled to present and subject to change.

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For Youth

» Teen Escape (13 - 18 years) This program is designed for teens to promote friendship, build leadership and coping skills and learn about primary immunodeficiency diseases.

» Kids Club (5 - 9 years) and *Tween Scene (10 - 12 years) These groups will enjoy crafts and games as they learn about their immune system and how to take care of themselves.

» Childcare (6 months - 4 years) High-quality services and age appropriate activities for children will be provided.

And much more!

Hyatt Regency Milwaukee

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Speakers*

*And much more!
IDF Retreats
For Persons Living with Primary Immunodeficiency Disease & Their Families

Hyatt Regency Milwaukee
Milwaukee, WI - June 22 - 24, 2012

Hilton Houston NASA Clear Lake
Houston, TX - September 7 - 9, 2012

In medical school, many doctors learn the saying, “when you hear hoof beats, think horses, not zebras” and are taught to focus on the likeliest possibilities when making a diagnosis, not the unusual ones. However, sometimes physicians need to look for a zebra. Primary immunodeficiency patients are the zebras of the medical world. So IDF says THINK ZEBRA!

Registration Information
Patients and Families

» Individual Registration - $115
   (1 person, includes one hotel room)

» Family Registration - $195
   (2-4 persons, includes one hotel room)

» Family Registration - $325
   (5-8 persons, includes two hotel rooms)

Registration is all-inclusive and covers your hotel room for 2 nights, meals (Friday dessert reception, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner, Sunday breakfast) and programming.

For online registration, go to the IDF website, www.primaryimmune.org. For more information, please contact IDF at 800.296.4433 or retreats@primaryimmune.org.

Space is limited and will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis so don’t delay!

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