

Wisconsin Dells/Lake Delton International Student Handbook



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Welcome to the Wisconsin Dells/Lake Delton Area!

On behalf of the residents and businesses of Wisconsin Dells, I wish to welcome you in this cultural exchange opportunity. Many people, including myself, have wonderful memories from working and playing in Wisconsin Dells during our college years. Wisconsin Dells offers one of the safest, relaxing, and welcoming environments in the world, and I am sure you will be making new friends during your stay that will last a lifetime. Our City stands ready to serve you and guide you during your stay. Never hesitate to contact any one of our City personnel to assist you or answer any questions, and feel free to even stop by my office and say hello one day. Enjoy your time in the United States, Wisconsin, and the great City of Wisconsin Dells!

Respectfully,



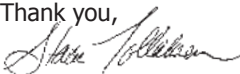
Mayor Brian Landers
City of Wisconsin Dells

On behalf of the Wisconsin Dells/Lake Delton International Student Committee and the municipalities of Wisconsin Dells and Lake Delton, we'd like to welcome you. Thank you for choosing to come to the Wisconsin Dells/Lake Delton area for your J1 experience. We hope you have an enjoyable time, that you make friends, and learn a little more about others and yourself during your time here.

If you have any issues while you are here, please contact your U.S. SPONSOR (their name and number is on your DS 2019 form). You may also contact our committee so that we may follow up with you at: info@dellsj1.com. We have also put together a list of services that you may need during your stay. Please feel free to contact them as needed.

Your safety and well-being are important to us and we want your cultural experience in the Wisconsin Dells/Lake Delton area to exceed your expectations. Please enjoy your time here and while traveling in the United States.

Thank you,



Stacie Tollaksen - Chairperson
Wisconsin Dells/Lake Delton International Student Committee

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WISCONSIN DELLS AREA INFORMATION

Wisconsin Dells/Lake Delton is the “Waterpark Capital of the World!®” It’s known for being a beautiful resort town with waterparks, amusement parks, boat rides, and tons of other attractions. In addition to those just mentioned, Wisconsin Dells/Lake Delton has many other things to do: Movie theater, nightclubs, restaurants, bars, casino, nature trails, and state natural parks.

Wisconsin Dells takes its name from the dells of the Wisconsin River, a scenic, glacially formed gorge that features striking sandstone formations along the banks of the Wisconsin River. Together with the village of nearby Lake Delton, the city forms an area known as “the Dells”, a popular Midwestern tourist destination. The Dells area has an estimated 4+ million annual visitors.

Summers may be hot and humid while winters are cold and often below freezing. The average spring temperature is 45 degrees. In the summer months the temperature can reach into the 90’s or close to the 100’s but averages 75 degrees. During the autumn the temperature is generally close to 50 degrees and during the winter it averages 20 degrees. The annual snowfall is about 30 inches. Wisconsin Dells/Lake Delton is at an altitude of 1,000 feet and is surrounded with gently rolling hills, fields and forests, lakes, and the Wisconsin River and its beautiful sandstone cliffs.

J1 Consortium information: www.facebook.com/DellsJ1s and www.dellsj1s.com

HOUSING

Wisconsin Dells and Lake Delton both inspect seasonal housing and provide landlords with licenses. Be certain that you are renting from a landlord who has been inspected and approved by the city.

The Wisconsin Dells Visitor & Convention Bureau has a list of housing on their website: wisdells.com/housing

This list is provided as a service and is not an endorsement of the properties nor is it a complete list.

Housing Tips:

- Contact your sponsor to see if the housing is secured by them or your employer before you start searching for your own housing.
- Ask to see the place you will be renting before you commit.
- Check for existing damages or problems and make a list of them. Video is great. Be certain to discuss these issues with the landlord before you rent to make sure you are all in agreement about any issues.
- Carefully read and listen to the terms of the housing agreements in writing and verbally. After signing and paying your deposit, you are expected to honor your commitment to the agreement for the full term of the lease.
- Follow all of the housing rules.
- Pay your rent on time and always get a receipt for any money that you pay.
- Do not cause any damage to the apartment, grounds, furnishings, appliances, etc.
- Do not move out without informing your rental manager.

HOUSING (continued)

- Do not overcrowd your living area with extra students. This can usually put all of you in violation of building and fire codes.
- Damaging your housing, overcrowding your housing, not paying rent on time, or not honoring parts of your agreement can result in not getting your deposit back and/or being evicted.
- If you are having an issue with your rental, please try to resolve the issue with your rental manager. If you cannot come to an agreement, contact your sponsor. You may also contact the Wisconsin Dells/Lake Delton International Student Committee and we will help identify the problem and solve the issue by contacting the proper authority.

TRANSPORTATION

Distance from airports to Wisconsin Dells/Lake Delton:

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| • Chicago O'Hare International Airport in Chicago, IL | 180 miles |
| • Milwaukee Mitchell Airport in Milwaukee, WI | 127 miles |
| • Minneapolis/Saint Paul, MN Airport | 216 miles |
| • Dane County Regional Airport in Madison, WI | 50 miles |

Greyhound Bus Station is located in Wisconsin Dells at the Burger King.

611 Frontage Road
Highway 13 & County Road H
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
(800) 231-2222

Amtrak Train Station is located in downtown Wisconsin Dells. This is an unstaffed station.

La Crosse Street
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
(800) 872-7245

Taxis: The Wisconsin Dells/Lake Delton area does NOT have local public transportation. Check that the taxis are registered with the city and that you understand the rates.

A1 Wisconsin Dells Kangaroo Taxi!	(608) 432-4627
AAA Taxi	(877) 354-6420
Dells Cab Company	(608) 434-3166
Dells City Taxi	(608) 448-1818
Sureway Taxi Services	(608) 253-2129
Wisconsin Dells Taxi	(608) 253-7433 or (608) 415-7433

Tip: Some groups of students choose to arrange a taxi from the airport to the Wisconsin Dells/Lake Delton area. Taxis charge according to group size and distance/miles, so this usually doesn't work well for single travelers.

TRANSPORTATION (continued)

Tip: If you wait to call the taxi after you have arrived in the Wisconsin Dells/Lake Delton area, the phone call will cost 50 cents or more so have some American money with you when you arrive. Sometimes the bus is quite late and the taxi can't wait all that time. Don't panic; just call the taxi number again.

CHECKING IN

Tip: J-1 students are required to check in with your sponsor!

U.S. Immigration Law requires that you check in with your sponsor when you arrive in the United States. Your sponsor will transmit your arrival/check-in data to SEVIS. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the Work Travel program and requiring you to return home.

Your sponsor may contact you throughout your program in order to inquire about your program experience. Please respond promptly to all communication from your sponsor.

SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS

Check with your employer or your job description for detailed instructions on applying for your social security card. Some employers may make arrangements for you, others prefer that you travel to Portage independently which means you will need to arrange transportation with a local taxi company. Some employers will assist you in filling out your application ahead of time.

The nearest Social Security office for Wisconsin Dells/Lake Delton is 20 miles away in Portage:

2875 Village Road, Suite 100
Portage, WI 53901

www.ssa.gov

(888) 875-1681

National Toll-Free: (800) 772-1213

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM, except Federal holidays

Directions: Take Hwy 16 South from Wisconsin Dells or Portage, proceed south on Hwy 51 for approximately 0.25 mile. Turn right on Northridge Road and proceed 1 block to Village Road. Turn left on Village Road, office is on your left.

Tip: Students must wait 10 days after arriving to the U.S. and completing their check-in with their sponsor before applying for their social security number to ensure expedient processing.

When applying for your social security card, you must bring the following items with you (originals, NOT copies):

SOCIAL SECURITY (continued)

- Your passport with J-1 visa.
- I-94 Arrival/Departure Record
- DS-2019, Certificate of Eligibility for Exchange Visitor (J-1) Status.

After applying:

- The Social Security Administration (SSA) office will give you a receipt of application. Give a copy of this letter to your employer.
- Students can begin working for their employer immediately after arriving in the U.S. before they receive the social security number and/or card. The DS-2019 form gives students the authorization to work in the U.S. under the J-1 visa regulations.
- Having a social security number is for employers' tax filings. It is illegal for an employer to withhold your wages because you don't have your social security card yet. You must be paid for the time you work regardless of whether or not you have been assigned a social security number!
- If, for some reason, you receive your number after you are no longer working for your employer, it is important that you provide this number to your former employer.
- Employers may require you to apply or have your card before they start you working; be sure you know what your employer requires.
- Should you have any questions or issues in applying to Social Security please contact your sponsor immediately.

RULES & REGULATIONS FOR WISCONSIN DELLS/LAKE DELTON

Wisconsin Dells/Lake Delton emergency departments consist of the police - who investigate crimes and are responsible for traffic and ordinance enforcement, the fire department, and the emergency medical service (EMS).

As a visitor to the United States you are subject to all local, state and federal laws. Please keep this in mind and make sound decisions throughout your program.

Tip: You CAN trust the police! They are here to help you if you are a victim of a crime, including theft.

In case of an EMERGENCY:

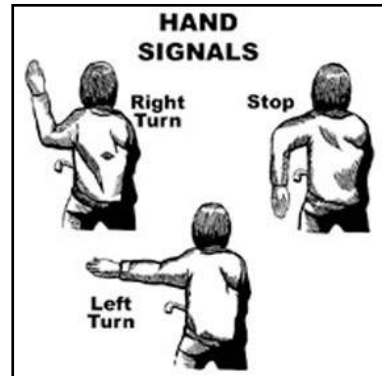
- Dial 911 (from any phone).
- Know where you are and what the problem is.
- Speak clearly (in English).

When contacted by Law Enforcement (Police):

- Have photo identification ready (even if it's from your home country).
- Have current contact info: work, landlord, email, cell phone, sponsor info.
- If you are arrested you are REQUIRED to contact your sponsor.

VEHICLE SAFETY & LAWS

- For information about driving in the United States, visit www.usa.gov and www.dot.wisconsin.gov.
- Seatbelt use is REQUIRED. Make sure ALL occupants are wearing seat belts!
- Vehicle insurance is REQUIRED.
- Drivers are expected to know and obey all Wisconsin Traffic Laws.
- You MUST have legal authority to drive in Wisconsin.
 - License from your country.
 - International Driver's Permit.
- Vehicle MUST be registered with the Wisconsin Department Of Transportation (DOT).
- License plates are issued by the DOT or the Wisconsin Dells Police Dept. Temporary plates must be used until your issued plates arrive.
- Make sure your vehicle is 'road worthy' and meets WI DOT requirements (ex: lights, mirrors, mufflers.)
- Always yield to people in a crosswalk.
- NEVER drive while intoxicated or under the influence of prescription drugs.
- It is suggested that you do not use your cell phone while driving and texting is strictly prohibited.
- Recognize the motorcycle/bicycle hand signals (see diagram above).



PEDESTRIAN SAFETY & LAWS

- Yield to traffic when crossing the road.
- Cross the road only at marked crosswalks. Pedestrians are required to use the sidewalk where it is available, rather than walking in the road.
- If you must walk in the road, walk as far over on the shoulder as possible and walk facing traffic, not with it.
- Pedestrians and bicycles are not allowed on interstate highways.
- No sudden movement into traffic.
- Hitchhiking is prohibited in the U.S. and is very dangerous.
- Wear bright or reflective clothing - especially at night.
- Do not use your cell phone while walking, except to talk.

Tip: Failure to follow these laws can result in fines, so please follow the laws.

BICYCLE SAFETY & LAWS

- Obey traffic laws the same as you would in a car.
- Wear a helmet.
- Wear bright or reflective clothing - especially at night.
- Walk your bike when crossing the road.
- Must use lights (white=front and red reflector=rear) when riding at night.
- Keep bikes locked whenever possible.
- Register your bike with your local police department so it can be returned if stolen (see web sites below).
- Bicycles and skateboards are prohibited on the sidewalks of downtown Wisconsin Dells or where there are bike lanes available. However, riding your bicycle on Hwy 12 when there are not bicycle lanes is prohibited and bikers are required to use the sidewalks.
- Pedestrians and bicycles are not allowed on interstate highways.

Bicycle registration website:

www.wdpc.com

Bicycle safety websites:

www.bicyclesafe.com and www.nhtsa.gov

GENERAL SAFETY TIPS

Keep Valuables Safe

- Secure valuables in a lock box, or safe (passport, \$, and other items).
- Use a bike lock whenever possible.
- Don't leave personal identifying information (passport, etc.) unattended.
- Don't allow other people to cash your checks or use your bank account.
- Write down serial numbers of valuable items. This helps police identify owners, if items are recovered.
- Put personal identifying marks on items.

Ways to Avoid Problems

- Obey Wisconsin's alcohol drinking age of 21. Drinking or purchasing alcohol for anyone under 21 is prohibited. You must be 21 to enter bars, nightclubs or purchase alcohol. Photo ID is required.
- Keep noise and music to a minimum after 9 pm; excessive noise is prohibited.
- Become familiar with the area and street names.
- No open intoxicants in public or in vehicles, even if you are a passenger.
- Carry a photo ID card and make copies of your passport and carry those copies.
- Wisconsin ID card is recommended as your photo ID card so you can keep your passport in a safe place.
- Carry your sponsor card with insurance info at all times.
- Don't walk alone.
- Don't wear dark clothes at night.
- Be aware that harassment and assault laws are very strict in the U.S.
- Nudity in public areas is prohibited.

GENERAL SAFETY TIPS (continued)

- Disorderly conduct is prohibited. Disorderly conduct is acting in a manner that disturbs the peace of others or refusing to obey the lawful order of a police officer.
- Urinating in public is considered disorderly conduct and is against the law.
- National Crime Prevention Council: www.ncpc.org

SWIMMING SAFETY TIPS

- Do not swim in the Wisconsin River, it has very dangerous undercurrents.
- Swim in designated areas supervised by lifeguards.
- Always swim with a friend or friends; do not allow anyone to swim alone. Even at a public pool or a lifeguarded beach, use the buddy system!
- Enroll in age-appropriate Red Cross water orientation and Learn-to-Swim courses.
- If you go boating, wear a life jacket! Most boating fatalities occur from drowning.
- Avoid alcohol use. Alcohol impairs judgment, balance and coordination; affects swimming and diving skills; and reduces the body's ability to stay warm.

Most of this information is from the American Red Cross web site.

PROTECT YOUR MONEY

Do NOT keep large sums of money on your person or at your housing. If you do not have a company pay card or can keep your money safe, you should open a checking or savings bank account. Search different banks in the area to find one that offers free student accounts and may not need a social security number right away to open it.

List of Banks:

Bank of Mauston
Dells/Delton Branch
402 County Road A
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
(608) 253-7030

Bank of Wisconsin Dells
716 Superior Street
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
(608) 253-1111

BMO Harris Bank
501 Broadway
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
(608) 254-2514

Lake Delton National Bank
Branch of Baraboo National Bank
41 W. Munroe Avenue
Lake Delton, WI 53940
(608) 254-6200

Bank of Wisconsin Dells
Lake Delton Branch
31 S. Judson Street
Lake Delton, WI 53940
(608) 254-8391

Wells Fargo Bank
433 Linn Street Suite C
Baraboo, WI 53913
(608) 356-1220

PROTECT YOUR MONEY (continued)

If you receive a debit card when you open your account, do not share your PIN with anyone and keep your card in a safe place with you at all times.

KEEP DOCUMENTS SAFE

- For identification purposes, carry a Photo ID with you at all times.
- Never give your Passport or documents to anyone (landlord, employer) to keep.
- It is illegal for anyone to take your Passport or documents from you for any reason.
- Make a copy of your Passport and all your documents and keep the copies in a safe place. You should also have a second set at home with someone you trust, such as your parents.

MEDICAL CARE

- Keep proof of your medical insurance with you at all times. All J-1 sponsors provide health insurance to their students and many of the policies can be found online.
- Contact your sponsor before and after you seek medical attention.
- Some insurance plans will not cover the full amount of the doctor visit or emergency room visit; know the terms of your policy and what you are responsible to pay.
- Do not go to the emergency room at St. Clare Hospital in Baraboo, WI for minor illness and injuries (colds, insect bites, etc.), go to Urgent Care instead (see page 18).
- If you have a serious or life threatening injury or illness, you may need emergency care. Call 911 and ask for an ambulance to come and get you. You will be transported to the emergency room at St. Clare Hospital in Baraboo, WI or one of the other hospitals depending on your location. Again, know the terms of your insurance coverage because if you are not admitted to the hospital after receiving emergency care, many of the insurance carriers have a high deductible (\$200+) that you will be responsible for.
- Take your passport and your insurance card/information to the hospital or doctor's office. If you do not know your insurance information, at least provide your sponsors' name.
- If you are injured while on the job, you must report it to your supervisor immediately so they are aware and can document the injury. All employers are required to have Worker's Compensation Insurance Coverage for their employees who are injured on the job and will be responsible for any medical bills for work-related injuries.

WAGES

What is a “Wage?”

A wage is payment or compensation earned by an employee for work performed under an employer’s direction, or with the employer’s knowledge or consent. Generally, wages are paid as currency (U.S. Dollars) representing a length of time worked.

Minimum Wage under Wisconsin Law:

\$7.25 per hour for non-tipped employees.

Frequency of Pay:

Employees in Wisconsin must be paid at least once every two weeks or twice per month.

Wage Payment at Termination: When Final Pay Due

Each employer shall pay an employee, or authorized representative of an employee, all wages due for work that the employee performed before the termination of employment, on or before the day on which the employee would have been paid the wages if the employment had not terminated (the next scheduled payday.)

Wages Paid On Time:

Generally, an employer must set regular paydays, and pay all earned wages of an employee on time regardless of whether the employee has turned in a time sheet or punch card, quit without notice, or provided any other form or document required by the employer.

Compensable Time: For What Time Must an Employee Be Paid?

All of the time an employer requires an employee to be at work is compensable time, whether or not the employee is officially “on the clock.”

Tipped Employees: Payment of Less than Minimum Wage

This amount may be no less than \$2.33 per hour provided that earned tips for the week combined with the \$2.33 per hour are equal at least to the minimum wage \$7.25 for all hours worked. Where an employee’s earnings fall short of the minimum wage due to meager tips, the employer must make up the difference.

WAGES (continued)

Holding Wages: "One Pay in the Hole"

An employer may not keep any part of the wage of an employee, either by withholding an entire paycheck, part of a paycheck, or by way of incremental wage deductions from several paychecks, as security against some future or contingent occurrence. This practice amounts to a confiscation of pay and is a direct violation of the law requiring timely payment of earned wages. (Note: This section concerns the indefinite holding of wages as security, not the short-term delay of pay for payroll processing.)

Bounced Paychecks:

Paying wages with a bad check is the same as failing to pay wages and may subject an employer to civil and criminal penalties.

Overtime:

Overtime is payment to an employee of one and one-half (1.5) times the regular hourly wage for work performed in excess of 40 hours in a 7-day work week. However, under state and federal law, some employers are exempt from the requirement to pay overtime.

Where to Find Help:

The Department of Labor's web site is www.dol.gov
The State of Wisconsin's Dept. of Workforce Development web site is dwd.wisconsin.gov

TAXES

Taxes can change from year to year, so please reference the website: www.irs.gov and/or your sponsor's information on taxes to be sure you have the most current information.

What You Should Know About Taxes

All summer work/travel participants must pay state, federal and local taxes (approximately 10-14%). However, you have the right and opportunity to complete forms obtained from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) so that you can get most of the taxes refunded to you at the end of the tax (calendar) year that you worked.

Taxes J-1 work travel students will not have to pay:

- Social Security
- Medicare
- Federal Unemployment

TAXES (continued)

After receiving your first paycheck, make sure the 3 above taxes have not been taken out of your paycheck. If you see any deductions under words "FICA", "SS" or "Soc Sec", or "Medicare" or "Med", or "FUTA", then the employer has made a mistake. You should speak to the employer about this since the law is different for J-1 students and the employer may be unaware that you are exempt from these three taxes. Go to www.irs.gov for IRS Publication 519 which explains this exemption.

W-4 Form

When you begin your job, the employer will ask you to complete a W-4 Form (Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate) to ensure that you are not overtaxed. If you do not fill out the W-4 properly, you may have to pay more tax in the future. The following instructions on filling out your W-4 Form are from the IRS Publication 515, "Withholding of Tax on Nonresident Aliens and Foreign Corporations."

- Check only "single" marital status on Line 3 (even if you are married or divorced).
- Claim only one withholding allowance on Line 5.
- Write "Nonresident Alien" or "NRA" on the dotted line on Line 6.
- Do not claim "Exempt" withholding status on Line 7.

Tax Refunds

Everyone who earns income in the U.S. is required to file a tax return after the end of the calendar year. Your tax return will reflect your earnings for the previous year, the amount of taxes you paid and the total amount of taxes owed or refunded.

To file your tax return you will need your W-2 Form and Form 1040NR-EZ. At the beginning of the year following your summer work/travel program, your employer will send you a W-2 Form (employers are required by law to mail it to you by February 15).

Make sure you provide your employer with your correct address in your home country before you leave the U.S. so that they can mail the W-2 Form to you.

After you receive your W-2 Form, complete a 1040NR-EZ tax form. You can obtain the 1040NR-EZ form (with instructions) at the U.S. Embassy in your home country or on the Internet at www.irs.gov. **You must file your tax return no later than April 15.** Once you have completed the form, mail it to:

United States Internal Revenue Service Center

Philadelphia, PA 19255 USA

You may telephone or FAX the Philadelphia Service Center office at:

(267) 941-1000 (not toll-free)

Fax: (267) 941-1055

Phone service available from: 6:00 am to 11:00 pm (EST) M-F

HELPFUL INFORMATION ABOUT THE U.S.

Monetary Units:

The U.S. monetary system follows the decimal system. The basic unit is the dollar "\$". The most widely used bills are in denominations of \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$20. Occasionally, a bill of \$2, \$50 or \$100 may be seen. Each dollar is divided into 100 cents. Currency in the form of a coin is: 1 cent (penny), 5 cents (nickel), 10 cents (dime), and 25 cents (quarter).

Value of a Dollar - Below is a list of average prices:

- Coffee \$2.50
- Espresso based \$3.50
- Hamburger \$7-\$13
- Lunch at a restaurant \$8-\$20
- Movie Theater \$10-\$13
- Domestic Stamp \$.47
- International Stamp starts \$1.15

Sales Tax:

Most states in the U.S. charge a sales tax on tangible personal property and services, such as clothing, restaurant and fast food meals, services, newspapers, books, toiletries, etc. The sales tax varies; in the state of Wisconsin it is 5-6%. Sales taxes are added at the register, so be prepared for your bill to be more than the price tag on an item. In Wisconsin Dells and Lake Delton, an additional 1.25% premier resort tax may be added.

Tipping:

Also known as gratuity, tipping is giving a small amount of money to another person for a service. Tips are expected in many situations in the U.S.

These are the most often tipped services and a percentage guideline for tips:

- Waiter/waitress18% of food bill
- Barbers/hairdressers 18% of bill
- Taxi drivers 10% - 15% of fare
- Food delivery persons No less than \$3

You should **never** tip police officers, physicians, government employees or university employees. It may be interpreted as a bribe, which is illegal. You **do not** tip bus drivers, theater ushers, museum guides, salespeople, employees at fast food restaurants or hotel clerks.

RECREATION

In addition to the attractions, movie theater and waterparks the Wisconsin Dells/Lake Delton area offers, there are also a lot of area parks, adult sports leagues, and state parks.

RECREATION (continued)

State Park Information

Devil's Lake State Park

S5975 Park Road
Baraboo, WI 53913
(608) 356-8301

Devil's Lake State Park in Baraboo, WI is often called the Midwest's "Yellowstone" and it's Wisconsin's most popular state park. It features 500-foot quartzite bluffs overlooking a pristine 360-acre lake and is a popular rock climbing & paddling destination. There are 2 large picnic areas, sandy swimming beaches, 3 large campgrounds & large group camp area. Devil's Lake also encompasses a unique section of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail and offers over 29 miles of hiking, biking and ski trails surrounded by many more miles of secluded Wisconsin back country.

Mirror Lake State Park

E10320 Fern Dell Road
Baraboo, WI 53913
(608) 254-2333

This park is named for its centerpiece, a lake which often is so calm that not a ripple marks its surface. The lake reflects a wooded shoreline with cliffs up to 50 feet high, a swimming beach, and wetlands that are home to a variety of wildlife. Just three miles from Wisconsin Dells, Mirror Lake is also close to Devil's Lake, Rocky Arbor and Buckhorn state parks.

Rocky Arbor State Park

US Hwy. 12 & State Hwy. 16
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
(608) 254-2333

The fragrant pine trees and mysterious sandstone bluffs at this 244-acre park offers a cool summer escape for the picnicker or hiker. There's a one-mile self-guided nature trail for wildlife watchers too.

Area Parks

Bowman Park

Located on the south side of Broadway. Facilities include a band shell stage, playground equipment, two lighted basketball courts, shelter, picnic tables, grills and restrooms. A great shelter to rent for a picnic or birthday party.

Jenkins Lookout Park

Located on the east side of River Road. 1 ½ blocks north of Broadway on the right just as you cross the bridge.

Rotary Park

Located north of Broadway at the intersection of Race Street and Indiana Avenue. Facilities include restrooms, shelter, concession stand, two youth baseball fields and a playground.

Veteran's Park

Located on Veteran's Drive behind the Post Office. Facilities include municipal swimming pool, wading pool, basketball court, playground equipment, fitness course, picnic tables, shelter, restrooms, and grills. This park also has two baseball/softball fields.

Weber Park

Located in the northeast corner of Oaklawn subdivision on Weber Avenue. Facilities include playground equipment and picnic tables.

Public Tennis Courts

Located on Race Street just north of the Wisconsin Dells High School.

Indiana Ave Boat Launch

Located on Indiana Avenue just west of River Road. Daily launch fees and season pass available. Off-street parking is also available.

Deerwood Glen

Located east of Hwy 16 going towards Portage, WI. Facilities include park shelter and green space.

RECREATION (continued)

Captain Bob's Park

Located off Progressive Drive on Miller Drive next to the Poppy Waterman Ice Arena in Lake Delton. This park is equipped with a picnic shelter, eight picnic tables (seating approximately six adults), electricity, three garbage cans and grill. Public restrooms are located at the Poppy Waterman Ice Arena.

Kaminski Park

Located off County A and Dam Road in Lake Delton. The softball fields at this park are reserved only for the Adult Softball League and may not be reserved.

Lake Delton Sk8 Park

Located on 90 Progressive Drive in Lake Delton. This is a free public skate park. Hours of operation will be 8 am to dusk weather permitting. Public restrooms are located at the Poppy Waterman Ice Arena.

Ralph Hines Memorial Park

Located at the intersection of West Delevan and South Birney Street in Lake Delton. This park is equipped with a picnic shelter, eight picnic tables (seating approximately six adults), electricity, three garbage cans and grill. There are public restrooms nearby.

Open Gym Facilities

Just A Game (JAG)

200 La Crosse St, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
(608) 253-6787
Mon- Fri 9am- 6pm, weekends vary call ahead
Daypass: \$5

House of Wellness

S2845 White Eagle Rd
Baraboo, WI
(608) 355-1240
Mon-Fri 5am- 9pm
Daypass: \$10

Lake Delton Public Beach

Located on Park Drive in Lake Delton. Hours 10 am - 7pm. Swim at your own risk, no lifeguard on duty. No glass allowed.

Lake Delton Public Boat Launch

Located at the corner of East Adams Street and Canyon Road in Lake Delton.

Canyon Road Multiuse Path

The 1.36 mile path is for bicyclists, joggers and pedestrians. It runs along Lake Delton on the south side of Canyon Road between East Adams Street and County Road A.

Blass Lake

Located in Lake Delton, public access is carry in only with no boarding dock and the launch surface is unimproved. There is no public parking for vehicles or vehicles with trailers. Speed restrictions on Blass Lake - No person shall operate any boat on Blass Lake at greater than a slow no-wake speed. As Lake Blass is carry in only launch, the only allowed mean of propulsion is paddles or trolling motors. Fishing: Pan Fish.

Lake Delton Poppy Waterman Ice Skating Rink

112 Miller Dr, Baraboo, WI 53913
(608) 253-0400
Winter and spring – open ice skating
Most Wednesdays and Sundays, call ahead
Daypass: \$6

Woodside Sports Complex

1770 Wisconsin 13
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
Open play soccer on Tuesdays
608 316-1556

RECREATION (continued)

Wisconsin Dells Municipal Pool

510 Veterans Dr, Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965

608-254-2238

widellscitypool@gmail.com

The Wisconsin Dells Municipal Pool is located on Veteran's Drive. The pool is ADA accessible and amenities include a heated zero-entry kids wading pool with water toys, water-slide, mushroom water fall, and more! The main pool is an Olympic-size 50-meter pool with a waterslide, basketball hoop, diving board, and swimming lanes.

The pool will open Saturday, June 4 for the season.

Hours: Open Swim: Tuesday-Sunday (12-5 pm and 6-7:30 pm) **Monday (1-5 pm) Adult

Lap Swim Only: Lanes open during normal operating hours.

2016 Pool rates: Open Swim Resident Individual Season Pass \$47

SERVICES & CONTACT INFORMATION

Dialing numbers in the U.S.:

Wisconsin Dells/Lake Delton area code is 608, you do not need to dial the area code from within the same area code. To dial international numbers, follow this format:

011 + (country code) + (city code) + (local phone number)

If you have an EMERGENCY, Dial 911 for police, fire and ambulance.

Wisconsin Dells Police
712 Oak Street
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
(608) 253-1611

Lake Delton Police
50 Wisconsin Dells Pkwy S
Lake Delton, WI 53940
(608) 254-8331

SERVICES & CONTACT INFORMATION (continued)

Wisconsin Dells Visitor
& Convention Bureau
701 Superior Street
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
(608) 254-4636
www.wisdells.com

Kilbourn Public Library
620 Elm Street
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
(608) 254-2146

Post Offices:

Lake Delton
49 E Adams Street
Lake Delton, WI 53940
(608) 253-4793

Wisconsin Dells
310 Minnesota Avenue

Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
(608) 254-6412

Groceries:

Wal-Mart Supercenter
130 Commerce Street
Lake Delton, WI 53940
(608) 253-5662

Zinke's Village Market
216 Washington Avenue
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
(608) 254-8313

Health Care Services

Dean Clinic - Wi Dells
1310 Broadway Road
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
(608) 253-1171

Dean Clinic - Lake Delton
530 Wisconsin Dells Pkwy S
Lake Delton, WI 53940
(608) 254-5959

Dells Dental
245 W Munroe Ave
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
(608) 254-2345

Delton Family Medical Center
28 Commerce Street
Lake Delton, WI 53940
(608) 254-5888

Dean Clinic - Baraboo
1700 Tuttle Street
Baraboo, WI 53913
(608) 355-3800

Long Dental Studio
526 Vine St
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
(608) 678-3010

Midwest Dental
910 Iowa Ave
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
(608) 253-4701

Quick Clinic
1425 Wisconsin Dells Parkway Suite 7
Lake Delton, WI 53965
(800) 246-5743

Sauk County Health Department
(for information and resources)
505 Broadway Suite 372
Baraboo, WI 53913
(608) 355-3290

St. Clare Hospital
707 14th Street
Baraboo, WI 53913
(608) 356-1400

Walmart Vision Center
130 Commerce St
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
(608) 253-4593

Pharmacies:

Broadway Mobil & Travel Mart
802 Broadway
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
(608) 254-7623

Lake Delton Mobil & Travel Mart
Hwy 12 & Meadowview
Lake Delton, WI 53940
(608) 253-2614

Walgreens
300 State Highway 13
Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965
(608) 254-5760

Wal-Mart Supercenter
130 Commerce Street
Lake Delton, WI 53940
(608) 253-3490

Wisconsin Dells Events (local newspaper):
www.wiscnews.com/wisconsinidellsevents

Wisconsin Dells, City of:
www.citywd.org

Lake Delton, Village of:
www.lakedelton.org

Employment (second jobs):
www.wisdells.com/wisconsin-dells-employment.cfm

Wisconsin Dells Online Guides:
www.wisdells.com/wisconsin-dells-family-vacation/search-guides.cfm

SPONSOR CONTACT INFORMATION

To find a list of all Department of State designated sponsors, go to:
<http://j1visa.state.gov/participants/>

The following page contains the contact information for sponsors that have hosted students in the area in the past:

SPONSOR CONTACT INFORMATION (continued)

A Cultural Exchange Service (ACES)

Debra Moody
(866) 401-8910
info@dealwithaces.com
www.dealwithaces.com

Alliance Abroad Group, L.P. (AAG)

Mike Herrera
(512) 904-1179
mherrera@allianceabroad.com
www.allianceabroad.com

American Exchange Organization, Inc. (AmerEx)

(703) 226-2400
www.amerex.org

American Pool Enterprises, Inc. (aka United Work and Travel)

(410) 581-7788
www.americanpool.com

American Work Adventures, Inc. (AWA)

(107) 559-5800
info@workadventures.org
americanworkadventures.org

American Work Experience (AWE)

(203) 661-9352
info@aweusa.com
www.aweusa.com

ASSE International, Inc. (aka Aspire)

(949) 494-4100
needhelpnow@asse.com
asse.com

CCI Greenheart

Haldis Toppen and Adriana Klopfer Kusnirova
(866) 684-9675
htoppen@ccigreenheart.org and aklopfer@ccigreenheart.org
www.hirewithcci.org

CENET Cultural Exchange Network

Caroline Eom
(573) 335-7111
summer@culturalexchangenetwork.org
www.culturalexchangenetwork.org

Center for International Career Development (CICD)

(206) 527-7626
cicd@cicdgo.com

<http://www.cicdgo.com>

Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE)

(888) 268-6245
contact@ciee.org
<http://ciee.org>

CSB International, Inc. (CSB)

Support Team
(877) 669-0717 xtn. 0
support@csb-usa.com
www.csb-usa.com

Cultural Homestay International

(800) 432-4643
chimain@chinet.org
chinet.org

Educational Resource Development Trust (ERDT)

(310) 450-4624
info@erdtsare.org
www.erdtsare.org

GeoVisions

(888) 830-9455
(603) 363-4187
Visions@geovisions.org
GeoVisions.org

InterExchange, Inc.

(800) 621-1202
(212) 924-0446
worktravel@interexchange.org
www.interexchange.org

International Exchange of North America, Inc. (IENA)

Scott Curry
(347) 560-1789
Scott.curry@iena.org
www.iena.org

Intrax Work/Travel

Stacie Tollaksen
(608) 729-5115
stollaksen@intraxinc.com
www.intraxworktravel.com

Janus International Hospitality Student Exchange

(866) 249-3888
www.janus-international.com

SPONSOR CONTACT INFORMATION (continued)

Life Adventures, Inc.

888-896-4953
info@lifeadventures.us
www.lifeadventures.us

Spirit Cultural Exchange

Jessica Hines
(800) 390-0978
jjackson@spiritexchange.com
www.spiritexchange.com

WISE Foundation

Tim Pogue
(770) 579-0567
worktravel@wisefoundation.com
www.wisefoundation.com

United Studies, Inc.

(800) 869-8585
info@unitedstudies.org
www.unitedstudies.org

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