CLOSING THE DOOR ON WINTER AND OPENING THE DOOR TO SPRING 2023!

ACCESSABILITY WISCONSIN

AAW Spring 2023 Statistics

- 79 AAW equipment reservations!
- 218 days of Outdoor Adventures planned!
- 34 events with over 3707 attendees!
- We have impacted 30 counties in Wisconsin and 1 in Illinois!
As we gear up for spring 2023, we are excited to share with you what AAW has been up to recently! AAW currently has 26 outdoor wheelchairs (OWC) with enclosed trailers, and we are proud to serve 13 counties in WI, and one county in IL. We are continuing to grow and have new host potentials signing up!

In addition to our recent accomplishments, we have welcomed two new board members, Kaylin Chiolino and Scott Miskowiak, and Kasi Greenwood has joined us as our Events and Volunteer Recruitment Coordinator. We invite you to read more about them in our newsletter.

Help make more smiles! If you are interested in volunteering with us at events throughout the state, please visit our website under "Get Involved", click on "Express an Interest" and fill out the form.

Thank you for your continued support!


Meet Board Member Kaylin Chiolino!

A native of northern Wisconsin, Kaylin is a practicing Physical Therapist & Board-Certified Neurologic Clinical Specialist. She has a love for movement & the outdoors, and has dedicated her life to helping people with mobility challenges get involved in both. In 2023, Kaylin began serving on the AAW board, bringing her expertise and passion to the organization.

Kaylin’s love for the outdoors extends beyond her professional life. In her free time, she can often be found mountain biking, hiking, and skiing with her husband, Paul, and their two dogs. They also love to travel to new places to explore the outdoors with friends and family. “I love being a board member and helping to foster connections between AAW and healthcare organizations,” Kaylin says. “This is a passion project for me because I think it is paramount for individuals experiencing temporary or permanent mobility challenges to have the opportunity to access the outdoors!”

Meet Board Member Scott Miskowiak!

Scott started serving on the AAW board in 2023 although he started volunteering in 2022. Originally from Wausau, WI, his family is full of outdoors enthusiasts from both sides of his parents. His dad’s side tends to go to outdoor sporting events like baseball and motorsports, as well as go on hiking adventures. His mom’s side, uncles, and cousins are avid hunters and fishermen.

Growing up with a disability really limited his adventures. Going hunting or hiking was simply out of the question due to his limited walking distance. So he tended to focus on fishing and became pretty good at reeling in bluegills, crappies, and other panfish.

Currently living in Janesville, WI, he and his wife have a little boy and a little girl who just arrived in early 2023. Since learning about outdoor wheelchairs, they have had a new world opened to them. Instead of staying on the beaten path, they now enjoy going down rough trails and exploring new areas. Scott has been able to start hunting as he can now get out of the park and into the wild.

Scott’s favorite quote, “Face your fears, live your dreams.” He shares, “We are all afraid of something. But it’s whether or not we submit to that fear that determines what adventures we will go on.”
Hey there, I'm Kasi Greenwood, the Events and Volunteer Coordinator for Access Ability Wisconsin (AAW). I stumbled upon AAW while looking for roles that align with my advocacy values, and I was drawn to their mission. During my interview with AAW, I had the opportunity to try the outdoor wheelchair myself, and it was the coolest interview ever! This experience solidified my decision: it's more than the chair. It's about creating opportunities and experiences in Earth's most natural dopamine booster: the outdoors!

Just so you know, I'm pursuing my Bachelor of Social Work (BSW) at Western Kentucky University and graduated from UW-Platteville with a degree in Agriculture Business, Communications, and Marketing Emphasis.

I look forward to hiking this spring with my lab heeler rescue Ainsley. You'll see us on many Wisconsin hiking trails!

Although I don't have a mobility issue, I understand that things can happen. When I tried the outdoor wheelchair, I couldn't stop smiling. The Outdoor Wheelchairs are a literal breath of fresh air, and I want to help AAW create opportunities for Outdoor Access 4 All.

Feel free to reach out to me at Events@AccessAbilityWI.org to learn more about our upcoming events or how to get involved with AAW. Let’s work together to make the outdoors accessible to everyone!

APRIL IS VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH

AAW would like to recognize that April is Volunteer Recognition Month! AAW wouldn’t be the organization it is today, without the countless hours of work being done by our "AAW"esome volunteers. We were fortunate to have a large number of volunteers, and we anticipate welcoming even more volunteers to our 2023 events.

Get Involved!

Support AAW!

Volunteering with AAW is a great way to get involved in our mission to provide outdoor access for all. We are always looking for volunteers to help with wheelchair maintenance, trailer organization, fundraising events, and more. If you are interested in volunteering with us this spring, please visit our website at https://www.accessabilitywi.org/express-an-interest-form.
IN 2023 AAW WAS SEEN AT........

FDCP - "EMILY FORD" @ LUSSIER
MADISON, WI (DANE COUNTY)

RCRPC SHOW
JANESVILLE, WI (ROCK COUNTY)

NATIONAL ARCHERY IN THE SCHOOLS
PROGRAM (NASP) TOURNAMENT
WISCONSIN DELLS, WI
(SAUK CO.)

"CANOE COPIA"
MADISON, WI (DANE COUNTY)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

SUPPORT "OUTDOORS ACCESS 4 ALL"
AS A VOLUNTEER!

UPCOMING AAW EVENTS:
April 22 - Earth Day with Foundation Dane County
Parks (FDCP) (Verona, WI-Dane County)

May 13 - OutWiGo Green Event with WI DNR
(Ottawa, WI-Waukesha County)

May 20 - AAW and our Lincoln Co. Host - Lincoln
County Sports Club is hosting their Open House
(Merrill, WI-Lincoln County)

June 24 - National Trails Day with Dane Co. Parks
(Middleton, WI-Dane County)

September 15 - Nature is for Every Body - with Upham
Woods, Natural Resources Federation (NRF) and AAW
(Verona, WI-Dane County).

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Ed Makowski @EdMakowski · Mar 4
Glad to get outside at @RiverbendNCW with my brother using the @AccessAbilityWI all terrain wheelchair.

I call it the tank cabinet.

Those chairs are free to use for anyone who needs them and placed throughout Wisconsin. @CB508

Details here: accessabilitywi.org

Access Ability Wi (AAW) @AccessAbilityW4 · Mar 20
AAW Host Squeek Co. at the NASP Archery Tourney - AAW Exhibit Booth - " terrain wheelchair. He loved it and came back a few times just to start at it. His dad was there checking it out too." #AAW

4:41 PM · Mar 20, 2023 · 13 Views

Access Ability Wisconsin · March 8 at 12:58 PM · 43
Ski with a young girl skiing in an AAW chair for the very first time and she has even turned around in it yet. To reserve an outdoor wheelchair, click the link in our bio to find the host location nearest to you!

Working together for OutdoorsAccess4All!

Access Ability Wisconsin · March 6 at 1:23 PM · 7
Accessible: accessibilitymatters accessibilityforall of Wisconsin! I'm going to see how far the dog will run before calling it off!

Access Ability Wisconsin · March 3 at 9:32 PM · 3
Access to outdoor recreation is a human right! How far will you go? #OutdoorsAccess4All

Access Ability Wisconsin · March 3 at 5:05 PM · 1
We love to see a "frosted" smile at AAW! #OutdoorsAccess4All

Access Ability Wisconsin · Feb 28 at 10:26 AM · 2
To help their brother, who is viewing life in a new way due to recovering from a SCI, a 1st time Access Ability Wi outdoor wheelchair client found AAW! #OutdoorsAccess4All

Thanks, host, Wehr Nature Center in helping us get him to his next adventure at Hailing Huegel Ski club!