

BADGER BUZZ



December Updates & Events for UW Parents

It's frosty out there, but in this issue you'll find tips to save on your heating and energy bill, a Wisconsin winter bucket list to stay active, and cozy study spots where students can hunker down before finals.

P.S. Are you graduating this December? Did you receive CCTAP funding? If so, be sure to [send us photos](#) with your family in your graduation robes and claim up to three free tickets to the Madison Children's Museum for you and your family.

That's So Punny!

What do snowmen call their offspring?

Scroll to the end to see answer



Raising Wisconsin's Children Conference

Register now for the University of Wisconsin – Madison Extension's **FREE** online parenting conference!

Attend any of the nine sessions to get practical, positive parenting ideas from experts and explore how to help children grow.

January 23-27, Noon and 7 p.m. CST
Open to Students, Faculty, & Staff

[See Agenda & Register](#)



Applications now open for child care tuition assistance awards

Now accepting spring semester applications for the Child Care Tuition Assistance Program (CCTAP)!

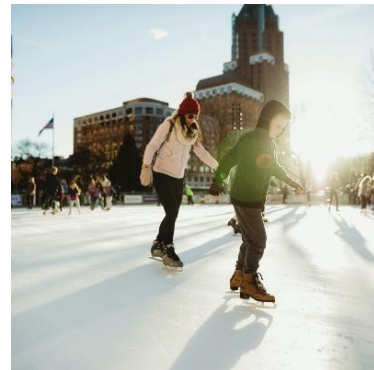
Income-eligible student parents pursuing an undergraduate, graduate, or professional degree can receive funds to **cover 30-50% of their child care expenses**. Open to U.S. citizens, international students, and permanent residents.

[Learn More & Apply](#)

Winter Bucket List for Kids in Wisconsin

Winter is a time for exploration, not hibernation! Check out this list for safe, fun activities and places to explore, including zoos, nature centers, playgrounds, State Parks, ice skating, skiing, tubing, sleigh rides, festivals and more.

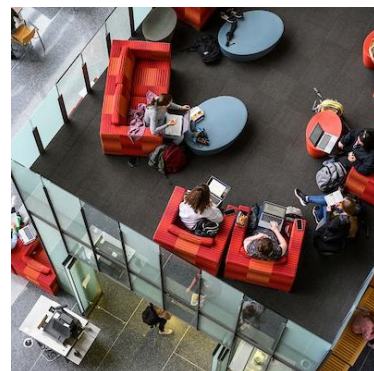
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17 UW-Madison Study Spots to Check Out Besides College Library

With finals approaching here is a list of top study spots on or near campus, from cozy nooks to coffee shops, indoor atriums to hidden gems . . .

[Learn More](#)



Traveling with Children During the Holidays

Are you traveling out of town with your kids during

the holidays this year? Planning, forethought, and excellent list-making are your friends as you prepare for a trip. With these six tips, you can actually enjoy your holiday adventures.

[Learn More](#)



14 Tips for Lowering Your Winter Energy Bill

Heating costs account for almost half of the average home's energy costs. To help keep your winter energy bill in check, consult these top tips for conserving heat and energy this winter.

[Learn More](#)



UPCOMING FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENTS

[Henry Vilas Zoo Lights](#)

Nov 25 – Dec 30 Open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays
Entrance times from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Gates close at 9:00 p.m.
Children three and under FREE. General admission \$10.

[Holiday Fantasy in Lights](#)

Dec 1 – Jan 1 from 4:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
Olin Park

[Little Sprouts S&S: Whistling Trains](#)

Dec 6, 2022 from 10:15 a.m.-11:15 a.m.
Olbrich Gardens | \$9 non-member/\$7 member

[Family Fun Night](#)

Dec 9, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Warner Park Community Center | \$5 per family

[Book Buddies \(Children's Reading Program w/Therapy Dogs\)](#)

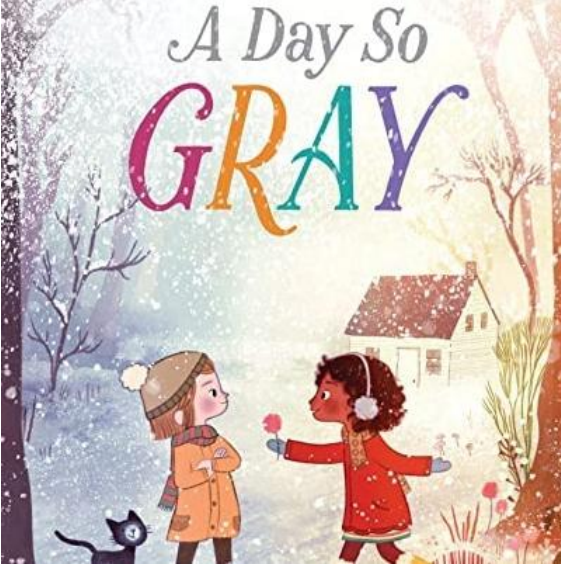
Dec 10: 20-minute sessions from 9:30 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.
City Dog Veterinary Clinic

[S.T.E.A.M. Time](#)

Dec 16 from 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Madison Children's Museum | Free with general admission

[Candlelight Hike](#)

Dec 17, 2022 from 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Devil's Lake State Park



Book of the Month:
A Day So Gray by Marie Lamba

Once you start to notice, colors and reasons for gratitude are everywhere, and that changes everything!

Celebrate the hues and comforts of a cozy winter day as a discontented girl at first notices only dull grays and browns in a snowy landscape but is coaxed by her friend to look more closely.

[Read Aloud Storytime](#)



**Apply for the Wisconsin Shares
Child Care Subsidy Program**

Wisconsin Shares is a financial assistance program for low-income families living in Wisconsin. Children must be U.S. citizens, but parents do not need to be U.S. citizens to be eligible.

Students can combine CCTAP and Wisconsin Shares funds to pay for child care costs.

[Learn More](#) or [Apply Online](#)



Student Food Pantry

The Open Seat is UW-Madison's student food pantry run for students, by students. It supplies any student in need with free boxes of healthy food, personal-care goods, and household products.

Learn more, donate, or request a box today!

[Learn More](#)

Answer

What do snowmen call their offspring?

Their chill-dren!



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