



# Out & About

*News and notes for LGBT-parented families*

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## Coming Soon: PFP Family Matters Conference!

Register by Monday, October 14 for [PFP's 4th Annual Family Matters Conference](#) for LGBTQ parents and prospective parents. [Click here to register.](#)

After Monday, the registration for the kids zone will be closed (we pushed the date a little to accommodate more families) and lunch will be ordered, so you'll have to BYO!

As a reminder, the conference will take place on Saturday, October 19, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the [William Way Center](#) located in Center City Philadelphia at 1315 Spruce Street.



Conference attendees can **park all day for \$8** with William Way validation at the LAZ garage on the corner of Juniper and Locust streets (one block away).

William Way is also **very public transit accessible**. Find out the best way to get there from your location with [Google Transit](#).

At the conference, attendees also can buy **raffle tickets** for chances to win a two night stay at any [Kimpton Hotel](#)! Tickets are \$6 for one, \$10 for 2. The drawing will be at the conference. You don't have to be present to win. (If you won't be at the conference, buy one from a board member or at OutFEST.)

So far, the workshop that the **most people have signed up for** is "Mindful, Collaborative Parenting" being run by Dr. Robin Hornstein (pictured) and Randi Platt from [Hornstein, Platt and Associates](#).

Join them to discuss the joys and challenges of parenting together and how planning, communication and deliberate decision making works for the kids and the parents. (To do that, [register!](#))

The other session vying for most popular is "Understanding Marriage in Changing Times" where attorneys Rebecca Levin and David Rosenblum will discuss the **most recent developments in the changing landscape of marriage equality** in PA and NJ and answer your questions.



[Read more about the schedule of the day, workshops and presenter bios.](#)

Many thanks to these sponsors for making our conference possible:

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**If you are planning to attend and haven't registered, please [register now!](#)** Cost is \$25/person for PFP members and \$35/person for non-members and includes breakfast, lunch and child care. Students and kids are free. If the registration fees are a barrier to you attending, please register anyway - [scholarships are available.](#)

*If you have questions, would like to volunteer or sponsor, please e-mail Community Coordinator [Stephanie Haynes](#) or give her a call at 215-888-0722.*



Dr. Alexis Lieberman, of Fairmount Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine, is now accepting new patients from the 19130 zip code.

She is also proud to announce the addition of Dr. Barbara Weiss to the practice.

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**Camping with Pride**

This year's PFP **Camping with Pride** trip took place the weekend of September 20-22, 2013 at nearby [Fort Washington State Park](#) in Montgomery County.

Fort Washington State Park consists of 493 acres in eastern Montgomery County. The park lies between the towns of Fort Washington and Flourtown along the Bethlehem Pike. It is about two miles from PA Turnpike Exit 339.

It rained pretty hard on Saturday night but everyone battened down the hatches with tarps and weathered the night ok.

The potluck was a feast with BBQ chicken, grilled veggies from home gardens, fresh salads, hotdogs, and even pizza. There were lots of kids around the same ages - they got along famously! It was a good balance of people mingling and doing their own thing.

If you have a suggestion for next year's camping trip (location and/or date), please let us know at [camping@phillyfamilypride.org](mailto:camping@phillyfamilypride.org).



## Get More Involved with PFP in 2014

Do you want to help make our great organization even better? We're looking for folks with ideas and enthusiasm to join our friendly, talented board for 2014.

Responsibilities include attending nine board meetings a year, participating in planning discussions, and attending major events. Find out how giving a little bit of time makes a big difference for LGBTQ parents and our kids.

For more information on various board positions, or to submit your name, please contact PFP Board Chair [Marc Berman](#) by December 1.



## Member Milestones

♥ Big thank you to PFP members Isabelle Barker and Cara Palladino who filed the latest marriage equality lawsuit on September 26 in federal court.

Instead of a direct challenge of Pennsylvania's DOMA, which prohibits same-sex marriage, the suit targets the state's position that such marriages performed elsewhere are void here. Isabelle and Cara were married in Massachusetts while living there in 2005.



Also thanks to PFP member and one of the attorneys in this suit Tiffany Palmer. [More on Philly.com](#). (Photo: Michael Bryant, Philly.com staff photographer)

♥ Congratulations to PFP Community Coordinator Stephanie Haynes, her wife Vicky

Kresge and their sons Jove and Griffin for being honored as this year's OutProud Family. They will be presented with the award at Sunday's OutFEST celebration in the Gayborhood. [Read the profile of Stephanie in the most recent PGN.](#)

♥ PFP members Amanda Tinsley and Amy Newsham will celebrate the 1st birthday of daughter Maci (pictured) on October 25th.

From Amanda:

"We are so excited that our little princess is turning 1. Amy and I have waited 9 long years to make Maci possible. Ever since she entered our lives early in the morning on October 25th, we have been filled with love and happiness. She's made our lives that much better and we have loved watching her grow and cannot wait for what the years ahead have for us to enjoy with her! Here's to many many more Happy Birthday's Maci!!!"

*If you have a milestone you'd like included in an upcoming newsletter, please e-mail Stephanie Haynes at [stephanie@phillyfamilypride.org](mailto:stephanie@phillyfamilypride.org).*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturday, October 12:** Join PFP parents for another grown-ups night out dinner at [Rollers in Chestnut Hill](#). This is especially for single parents and prospective parents, but couples are welcome if they bring a single friend! Dinner is \$25/person. RSVP to [info@phillyfamilypride.org](mailto:info@phillyfamilypride.org).



**Sunday, October 13:** PFP will once again be hosting the Family Zone at [OutFEST](#) in the Gayborhood from 12-4pm. Look for us (and the bouncy castle!) at the intersection of Spruce and Camac. This is a free event! If you can volunteer an hour at the PFP table, [e-mail Stephanie](#).

**Saturday, October 19:** Register now for [PFP's 4th Annual Family Matters Conference](#), taking place this year at the William Way Center in Center City Philadelphia.

**Saturday, October 26:** Meet up at the John Heinz National Wildlife Refuge for a [Fall Hike](#) for all ages!



**Saturday, November 2:**  
[Neighborhood potlucks](#) are back!  
Check the web site for the location  
nearest you! Don't see one near  
you? [E-mail Stephanie](#) to volunteer  
to host!



**Sunday, November 3:** Go to the movies with PFP and see the new  
film [Free Birds in 3D](#). Stay tuned for exact time and location as we  
get closer to the date.

Keep an eye on our [Facebook](#) page and [Twitter](#) feed for more upcoming events.



## PFP Summer Vacation Photos



*Thanks to the PFP families who sent in  
their summer vacation photos!*



Suggestions for what else we should include in our newsletter? Want to sponsor our next issue?

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