

**MAY 2017**



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Omgosh. AdopTween April was crazy amounts of fun. Thank you to everyone that was able to make it in the snow and cook delicious, healthy treats with us. April's Hangout theme was creativity - leaders and their tweens talked about what it means to be creative not only in the arts but also our day to day lives, applying that skill in problem-solving and making something out of nothing.

Along the way, the fantastic chefs from Sticky Fingers taught us how to make an amazing meal: Egyptian Fabulous Falafels with Cucumber Dip and Flat Bread, as well as Old Fashioned Banana Cupcakes with Sour Cream Frosting and Banana Shakes. Mmmmmm tasty.

If you are local in Denver, don't miss out on our next Hangout in June! Check out [www.adopteen.org/AdopTween.aspx](http://www.adopteen.org/AdopTween.aspx) for more info on AdopTween!



## WELCOME

It's so close to summertime, we can feel it. Soooo close.

For those of you still in school, working diligently to study for finals or to put the final touch on those papers, feel all the warmth and good vibes headed your way from your Adopteen crew.

Take a little study break, and see what Adopteen has for you this month!

*This month:*

- *AdopTween Denver*
- *Adopteen Local*
- *2017 Adopteen Scholarship Fund*
- *Adopteen Summer Camp-Conference Registration Still Open!*
- *Adopteen Shop - May the Fourth be with You*

# ADOPTTEEN CAMP-CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

You haven't forgotten about our Camp-Conference Scholarships, have you? We have one full scholarship and two half-scholarships up for grabs to both of our Adoptteen Camp-Conferences this year! Denver submissions are due **NEXT MONDAY, MAY 8TH**, while Wilmington submissions are due **Friday, June 2nd**.

Take a look at a couple of our past winners:

*Natalie Schneider - Vancouver 2016*

**I'm from the deep south of China**

**From the outside of a bustling hospital.**

**I've climbed the Great Wall, and cruised the Yangtze**

**I've stood outside the cracked orphanage,**

**Touched the metal cribs and beds.**

**I've seen the eyes of the children, as happy as they can be.**

**I've stood in my "finding spot" and touched the stone pillar.**

**I'm not one of "the lucky ones",**

**And I wasn't picked like a doll off a shelf.**

**I've grown up saying "yes I'm Chinese" and "yes, that's my real mom".**

**I am my mother's daughter, biological or not**

**My skin may be darker and my eyes smaller but I'm loved no less.**

**I can eat pounds of dumplings with a fork,  
Watch me conquer spaghetti with chopsticks!**

**I can't do Kung Fu and definitely not Tai Chi.**

**Yes, I speak English, but when it comes to math,  
don't look at me!**

**I've seen lion dances and snapped firecrackers,**

**I light candles on Christmas and once believed  
in the Easter Bunny.**

**No, my Chinese name isn't Ching Chang Chong**

**And I don't eat dog!**

**I'm from annual "Gotchya Day" dinners**

**And Hong Bao stuffed with chocolate coins.**

**I'm from satin blue Qi Pao's with chopsticks in  
my hair,**

**From a culture with dragons and royal  
Emperors**

**Sometimes I wonder about the woman who  
birthed me,**

**Other times I just wonder "what color should  
my nails be?"**

**They ask you in school, "how do you like to  
identify yourself?"**

**I just like to say I'm Natalie—because there's a  
lot more than one word to describe me.**

*Cecily Breen - DC 2016*



## ADOPTTEEN LOCAL

Our local Adopteen group got together this month to solve Room 5280 - a Clue Room in Denver. Afterward, they were off for some delicious dining downtown. It was a blast, and more people are coming everytime to these Hangouts. Yay!

For those of you not in Denver, keep your eyes peeled next month, as we hope to have a starter pack for you to make your own Adopteen local club!



## MAY THE FOURTH BE WITH YOU

We're big Star Wars fans over here at Adopteen. That's why this week, Star Wars Day only, we are digging deep into our pockets and offering big discounts on all sorts of merch.

Head over to the Adopteen Shop on **May 4th** to see what's on sale!



## ADOPTTEEN SUMMER CAMP-CONFERENCES

There are only *three* weeks left to register for Adopteen Denver! Registration for Denver will close on **Friday, May 19th**.

Both Adopteen Denver and Adopteen Wilmington have plenty of spaces left, so register **today** at [www.adopteen.org/AdopteenReg.aspx](http://www.adopteen.org/AdopteenReg.aspx).

**Adopteen Denver**  
June 21-25, 2017  
University of Denver  
\$580/Camper  
Adoptees 13+

**Adopteen Wilmington**  
July 17-21, 2017  
UNC - Wilmington  
\$580/Camper  
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## THAT'S ALL, FOLKS!

Adopteen is doing some exciting stuff in 2017, people. We hope that you enjoy our updates - contact us with ANY questions!

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