



Kalahari Resorts & Conventions and Jefferson Health Open New Calming Room at Pocono Mountains Location

The sensory-friendly space is designed to provide a quiet retreat for guests of all ages

POCONO MANOR, PA (June 25, 2026) — [Kalahari Resorts & Conventions](#) is expanding its commitment to creating welcoming experiences for all families with the opening of a new calming room at its Pocono Mountains resort. Developed in partnership with Jefferson Health, the sensory-friendly space will officially open on June 29, 2026.

Located on the lower level of the first floor inside the Big Game Room near the entrance to the Indoor Waterpark, the calming room is designed to provide guests with a quiet, supportive environment where they can take a break from the excitement and stimulation of the resort.

The room was thoughtfully designed and curated by renown experts from Jefferson Health, spearheaded by Dr. Wendy Ross, Director of the Center for Autism and Neurodiversity at Jefferson Health, to support children and individuals who may benefit from a sensory break during their visit. Features include comfortable seating, sensory water bubble tube lamps, interactive gel floor tiles, toys, dim lighting and soundproofing throughout the space to create a relaxing and restorative atmosphere.

"At Kalahari Resorts, we believe every family deserves to feel welcomed, comfortable and supported during their stay," said Don Pleau, General Manager of Kalahari Resorts in the Pocono Mountains. "This calming room reflects our ongoing commitment to accessibility and inclusion, and we're grateful to partner with Jefferson Health to bring this important resource to our guests."

"Having a calm place to take a break can sometimes make an experience possible for families," said Ross. "At Jefferson Health, we provide more than a respite during challenging times; we create spaces and opportunities to enhance wellness with community partners like Kalahari."

Kalahari Resorts and Jefferson Health will host an official ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of the calming room on Monday, June 29, at 1:30 p.m. Media are welcome to attend and cover the event.

ABOUT KALAHARI RESORTS & CONVENTIONS

Kalahari Resorts & Conventions, founded by Todd and Shari Nelson, is home to America's Largest Indoor Waterparks, and offers an unmatched mix of all-under-one-roof experiences for families, vacationers, and meeting attendees. With locations in Wisconsin Dells, WI; Sandusky, OH; Pocono Mountains, PA; Round Rock, TX; and a new resort opening in 2026 in Spotsylvania, VA, each property draws inspiration from the rich culture and vibrant landscapes of Africa. Recognized by USA TODAY's 10BEST for Best Indoor Water Park and

Best VR Water Slide, Kalahari continues to set the standard for family entertainment and hospitality. Across its growing collection of resorts, guests can expect well-appointed accommodations, signature dining, unique retail, expansive indoor and outdoor waterparks, immersive adventure parks, and state-of-the-art convention centers. In 2026, Kalahari introduced its Treehouse Adventures, luxury treehouses located on the shores of Lake Delton in Wisconsin Dells. Select locations also feature full-service spas and wellness destinations, creating the ultimate all-in-one getaway. For the latest news and media resources, visit kalaharimedia.com.

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