

January 27, 2010

Dear Families,

We are very pleased indeed to send you information regarding CHAMP Camp, an overnight camping experience for children and adolescents with tracheostomies and those requiring ventilator assistance. The mission of CHAMP Camp is to promote the recreational and educational benefits of outdoor living, and to encourage citizenship, spiritual awareness, and fellowship within a camp setting. It is also a time for campers to be independent from families, a valuable and important step in growing up. CHAMP Camp was founded in 1991 and we are excited to continue to offer this incredible experience.

This summer CHAMP Camp will be held from SUNDAY, June 20 UNTIL FRIDAY MORNING, June 25. It is a structured experience for campers who are generally 6-18, although campers may attend through the summer after high school graduation. Please review the CAMPER CRITERIA prior to submitting your application.

COUNSELORS arrive on Saturday, June 19 to get camp organized, and to have time for team building and orientation. It helps the week run more smoothly and efficiently... and of course, to be more fun, when the counselors are well prepared and comfortable in our camp environment!

We have a wonderful program ready for our campers again this summer. We respectfully request that each family pay **\$250** per camper towards the cost of camp. This will help to off-set the actual cost of running camp which is \$1500 per camper for the week. This camper fee is applied to the cost of room and board, program supplies and materials, camping equipment, back-up medical supplies, liability insurance, as well as food and a mattress for each one of the wonderful team of expert professionals who volunteer their time and skill for the week. Please refer to the Camper Fee Worksheet in your packet. Our policy has always been that no camper is turned away because of inability to pay. Please call the CHAMP Camp office with any questions or concerns.

In filling our camper quota, we do give preference to returning campers. Therefore, if you are a **RETURNING CAMPER**, we must have your application returned no later than **April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010**. After that date, openings will be made to new campers. **THE GENERAL MEDICAL INFORMATION FORM AND PHYSICIAN STATEMENT** needs to be completed by the camper's primary physician and returned by **May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010**. A Camper and Family Handbook will be mailed to you about a month before camp with lots of details of what to bring, a map, where to mail a care package, etc.

If you are a veteran camper, we look forward to seeing you again this summer. Dr. Chuck, Tex and the other counselors happily await your pranks! If you are a new, potential camper, we are excited to hear from you and share our world of CHAMP Camp!

If you need further information, please contact us at 317-679-1860 or email us at [jmitchell@champcamp.org](mailto:jmitchell@champcamp.org). Our fax number is 317-245-2291 (ATTN: Jamie Mitchell). The road to CHAMP Camp is paved with hard work, dreams, and a dose of good fortune. See you there!

In the spirit of camp,

Jamie Mitchell, Executive Director  
And the CHAMP Camp Team

Enclosure