



WHAT IS CARE CAMPS?

Care Camps is a non-profit that helps children struggling with cancer and their families to find hope and healing through special oncology camps. Each camp provides the medical care the kids need, but in a summer camp setting, so kids can experience the healing power of nature and friendship. While at camp, kids can finally forget about the chemo, the needles, and all the hard stuff that comes with cancer, and just be a kid again.

While at camp, kids find joy and laughter in typical "summer camp" activities, like hiking, horseback riding, swimming, and singing around a campfire, with "modifications" to meet any special medical care needs or physical limitations. Most importantly, kids will build crucial friendships with others who truly understand what it is like to be going through this battle; it is often these friendships that help kids get through their darkest hours. While hospitals focus on treating the disease, camps focus on healing the emotional scars that are left behind by cancer.

Most camps also offer unique programming for the siblings of kids dealing with cancer, as they often an unintentional casualty of the cancer diagnosis; siblings often feel like they became invisible overnight. At camp, they are "seen" again, and get to connect with other kids who are like them.



It all Started with KOA!

Care Camps was founded by a group of KOA Campground owners who recognized the need for kids with cancer to find healing in the outdoors, surrounded by friends. Each year, hundreds of campgrounds, along with corporate & private donors, do fundraisers to help make sure kids with cancer get the chance to experience hope & healing outside a hospital.

The Need for Care Camps is Growing!

As cancer treatment improves, more kids are surviving cancer every day. (This is AMAZING news!) As the number of survivors grows, so does the need for Care Camps. Last year we supported 135 oncology camps that serve kids across every corner of the US and Canada, and the need for new camps increases each year.

Care Camps Makes Your Donation Count!

Care Camps is one of the most financially-responsible non-profit organizations you can give to, with over 83% of your donation going to making sure kids get to camp! You can see our annual report and financials at:

www.carecamps.org

THERE ARE MANY WAYS YOU CAN HELP! You can select "Care Camps" as your charity of choice on Amazon Smile, do a Facebook fundraiser, volunteer to help out at a camp, or choose to make a donation to help a child with cancer get to camp. You can even put on your own fundraiser in your community or at your workplace. Contact the Care Camps team to receive your own copy of a Fun-Raising toolkit for Care Camps!

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