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Greetings, Friends of Camps For Kids!

It's April, and our camps are well into their fund-raising between now and July 31. Camps For Kids has pledged to match \$193,500 in funds to our 2013 camps. Some camps receive our matching funds up to 15 to 45% of their summer camp expenses. Please be generous if you can. Do it for the kids!

Thanks to BlueCross BlueShield of Kansas City for printing our 2012 Annual Report. And many thanks to Shook, Hardy & Bacon for once again printing **The Campfire** newsletter.

Coleman, *The Outdoor Company*, has donated camping gear — 100 big & tall sleeping bags! This is the third year that Coleman has joined us as a major CampOut sponsor. Please see the enclosed information on our June 8 CampOut — our Fourth — at the T-Bones. It's **Great Family Time!**

Sincerely,

Executive Director

The Benefits of Camp

Camp is the place where kids make their very best friends. Free from social expectations and pressure at school, camp encourages kids to relax. All the fun at camp draws everyone together— singing, laughing, talking, playing, doing everything together. Camp is great!

Camp is a wonderful antidote for “nature deficit disorder,” — the narrow experience of modern indoor life. Outdoor experience enriches kids’ perceptions of the world and supports healthy child development. Camp gets kids back outside!

Coming to camp means joining a close-knit community where everyone must agree to cooperate and respect each other. Living in a cabin with others, kids share chores, resolve disagreements, and see firsthand the importance of sincere communication. Camp builds teamwork!

Camp gives free time for unstructured play. Free from the overly-structured, overly-scheduled routines of home and school, life at camp gives children much needed free time to just play. Camp is a slice of carefree living where kids can relax, laugh, and be silly all day long. At camp we play!

(RockBrookCamp.Com)

Yes, I wish to help a child discover the wonders of camp!
Enclosed is my gift of: \$ _____ The cost of a camp scholarship ranges from \$350 to \$1,000 depending on medical costs.

Date: _____
Check/Visa/MC/Discover/AmEx _____ Exp.: ____/____
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Signature: _____ Security Code: ____/____

Name: _____ ☐ Please direct my gift to the Camps For Kids Matching Gifts Program.

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ ☐ Please direct my gift to Camp: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____



It's that time again!

Family CampOut

At the T-Bones.

Friday,

July 12, 2013



5 PM - Delicious Barbecue

DJ, Magician, Family Fun

Games and Prizes for the Kids

7 PM - T-Bones / Wichita WingNuts Game

Campout and Movie on the Field

Sunday Morning Breakfast

Camp Breaks by 8 AM

\$35 per person (4 Years and under free!)

www.campsforkids.org/events.html

Call Ray Delia — 816-559-4622 for info.



Camp Photos



Camp Words

"I learned so much from my counselors Mr. Ed and Mr. Red the four years I went. I looked forward to coming every year because I knew it was a place I would be safe from everything that went on at home."

Royal Family Camper

"This summer we developed a Zen Garden for campers who were "aging out." We had a memorial stone to honor counselors and campers who had died in our 16 years of camp... all too young. It is a beautiful place to meditate on the friends we have made."

MO Children's Burn Camp Director

"Camp Encourage is the most fulfilling thing I do. I love it! It makes me so happy to see our kids in such an oasis of peace. It is always a hard transition back to the real world for me."

Camp Encourage Volunteer

"Thank you for helping Wildwood so I could come to camp. I know it is hard to give away money but I learned so much and had so much fun."

Wildwood Camper

"Imagine for a moment what it must feel like to walk into a bubble where you are loved, respected and accepted for a few days out of the year - where you can have all the experiences of most other kids - a place that is truly a safe haven." ***Joshua Camp Director***

"The best part of my job is watching children grow up. I get to see them open up and gain self-confidence. They learn to communicate with others. The friendships and bonds they make last a life time."

Camp Whatsoever Director



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