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NEWS ADVISORY

Camp Sunshine to Offer Three Winter Oncology Sessions in 2006

Casco, ME, January 2006: While most camps have closed their doors, boarded their windows and lie dormant until spring, Camp Sunshine keeps its doors open year-round for seriously ill children and their families. The Camp, located in Casco, ME, has been expanding its program since it opened a brand new, state-of-the-art facility in 2001, and now offers sessions in the winter, spring, summer and fall.

This year, three winter sessions will be offered for families who have a child with Cancer. Two will be conducted in February: February 17-21 and February 22-26. The third will take place March 3-5, for which families who have a child with Down Syndrome are encouraged to apply.

The children will spend most of their time just being children — sledding, skiing at nearby Shawnee Peak, ice-skating, snow shoeing and meeting new friends, whose lives are also affected by Cancer. There's a wide array of indoor activities offered, too - swimming in the indoor heated pool, participating in unique arts and crafts projects, picking up a game of pool or ping pong in the teen center, toasting marshmallows in the dining room's floor-to-ceiling stone fireplace, and so much more. For all ages (adults included), there are plenty of games, challenges, discussions and fun activities.

Camp Sunshine, in the winter, is a place where families come together to warm their hearts and souls, and renew their spirits. For more information about the winter sessions and/or the entire 2006 program schedule, you can call Camp Sunshine at (207) 655-3800 or visit the Camp's website at www.campsunshine.org.

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Camp Sunshine is a year-round retreat, which provides respite, support, joy and hope to children with life-threatening illnesses and their immediate families through various stages of a child's illness. The program is free of charge to all families, and includes 24-hour onsite medical and psychosocial support. Bereavement groups are also offered for families who have lost a child to an illness.