CELEBRATING

FAMILY AND VOLUNTEER NEWS

CAMP SUNSHINE

Casco, Maine

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WHAT A YEAR!
MICHAEL KATZ - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Celebrate good times.... come on! Please, join me in a look back at some of the amazing achievements and events that took place at Camp Sunshine in 2019. It was a milestone year as families, volunteers, donors and staff gathered together to celebrate Camp Sunshine’s 35th Anniversary. This special event was hosted at Camp Sunshine on June 29, 2019 and was a tribute to Anna and Larry Gould’s long-standing vision.

Coupled with the season-long celebration, we opened our brand new, exquisitely designed Isobel & Bruce Cleland Lakefront Clubhouse, which is a needed space that has been met with rave reviews from our Camp parents. The interior of this warm and inviting building was designed and decorated by volunteer Emily Wisecup, who along with the clubhouse will be featured in an upcoming issue of Maine Home & Design magazine for her outstanding work.

The year saw many other accolades come Camp’s way as well! From an organizational standpoint we once again received accreditation through the American Camp Association (ACA), as well as Gold Ribbon status through the Children’s Oncology Camp Association-International (COCA-I). Camp Sunshine was awarded Charity Navigator’s 4-star rating, showcasing Camp’s overall fiscal responsibility, expediency, and transparency. With your help we also achieved a top-rated ranking with GreatNonprofits (please, keep those reviews coming – you make a difference!). Speaking
about difference makers, some of Camp’s very own received recognition for their unselfish service to Camp Sunshine. Gail Toth was recognized by KOA Care Camps as a Hero of Hope. Longtime volunteer Barry Chisolm was recognized as a 6 Who Care Award winner and Board Member and SEALs for Sunshine founder Michael Wisecup (familiar last name: remember Emily – talented family) was recognized as the Governor’s Volunteer of the Year by the Maine Commission for Community Service, and was also named as a Patriot’s Difference Maker by the New England Patriots Foundation.

It has truly been another monumental year for Camp Sunshine! So many have played a part in making this past year such a special celebration. Thank you to our Camp families, volunteers, donors, staff and Board Members for the past 35 years. We at Camp Sunshine are encouraged by all that took place in 2019 and are inspired as we move forward into 2020.
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2020 POLAR DIPS
FREEDIN’ FOR A REASON!

It’s that time of year once again to see who is “chilling” to go the extra mile for Camp Sunshine! We hope we can count on you to unpack those bathing suits and join us at one (or more) of our scheduled polar dips in 2020. Sign up online at www.freezinforareason.com or send any questions to us by e-mail at events@campsunshine.org.

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STICKER COLORING CONTEST
YOUR DESIGN COULD BE FEATURED IN THE CAMP STORE!

Talk about a sticky situation – our Camp sticker is looking very plain! Help us design a new sticker to be sold in the Camp Store! Contest is open to all Camp Sunshine families and volunteers.

To enter, download the sticker template page at www.campsunshine.org/stickercontest, print out the page, color it in however you like, and return your entry to Camp Sunshine. Entries can also be colored digitally if you would like.

Participants may submit a maximum of 3 designs. Volunteers and campers who are under 18 must have a parent or guardian submit their entry. By submitting an entry, you represent and warrant that you are the creator of the entry and the entry is original. Entries can be scanned and sent to events@campsunshine.org or you can mail your entry to: Sticker Coloring Contest, c/o Camp Sunshine, 35 Acadia Road, Casco, ME 04015.

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One winner will be selected to have their design made into a sticker that will be available in the Camp Store and they will also receive a $100 Camp Store gift certificate! Entries will be judged on artistic expression, creativity, originality, and of course pizzazz. All decisions of the judges are final. Camp Sunshine reserves the right to disqualify entries which do not conform to the stated contest rules and criteria. Winners will be notified by e-mail. Deadline for entries: Monday, February 24, 2020 11:59pm.

START YOUR OWN CELEBRATION
FACEBOOK FUNDRAISERS ARE A GREAT WAY TO HELP CAMP!

This past year nearly 100 Camp Sunshine families, friends, and volunteers celebrated their birthdays, holidays, and achievements by setting up Facebook fundraisers. Whether you’re a regular fan of the social media platform or if you simply use it from time to time, we do have to admit they have made fundraising for your favorite cause very simple.

The best part is, only a few months after the initiative launched, Facebook decided to wave the traditional 5% fee found on most online fundraising or crowdfunding sites. That means 100% of donations made go directly to the charity you select. Please make sure to select “Camp Sunshine at Sebago Lake” when setting up your fundraiser.

Facebook is even kind enough to remind subscribers two weeks prior to their birthday that they can choose to support a charity and share their story. We hope you will consider celebrating with Camp Sunshine in 2020! @campsunshine1984

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2020-2021 CAMP SUNSHINE PROGRAM DATES

February 14 - 18...........................................................Oncology
February 19 - 23...........................................................Oncology
April 21 - 25................................................BCH: Solid Organ Transplant
May 21 - 26...........................................................Bereavement
May 28 - June 2................................................Dyskeratosis Congenita
June 4 - 9............................................................Oncology
June 11 - 16..........................................................Retinoblastoma and Other Eye Cancers
June 18 - 23...........................................................Oncology
June 26 - July 1................................................Fanconi Anemia
July 5 - 10...........................................................Oncology
July 12 - 17................................................Shwachman-Diamond Syndrome
July 19 - 24................................................Brain Tumor: Low-Grade
July 26 - 31...........................................................Lupus
August 2 - 7...........................................................Oncology
August 9 - 14................................................Hematology / Oncology
August 16 - 21................................................Nephrology / Solid Organ Transplant
August 23-27........................................................Oncology: Off-Treatment
August 29 - September 2..............................Mixed Diagnosis*
September 3 - 7................................................Oncology: Spanish-Speaking
September 25 - 28................................................Sickle Cell
October 9 - 13................................................Brain Tumor
October 29 - November 1..........................Mixed Diagnosis*
February 12 - 16, 2021.................................Oncology
February 17 - 21, 2021.................................Oncology

*Families of children with any diagnosis served by Camp Sunshine are encouraged to apply.

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ONLINE!
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