

CAMP Fire
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**Coming Together for
 Family Summer Camp**



The Center for Courageous Kids was back in action this summer with one special twist. Every session was hosted as a family retreat week. Campers and guardians alike were intrigued by this unique, limited time offer. When the opportunity came up to get a glimpse into what a week at summer camp is like by attending with their medically diagnosed child, the response from families was joyfully "Yes, please!"

Families in attendance had the opportunity to experience every possibility our summer season has to offer. A crowd favorite, the Horse Barn was bursting at the seams with new animals to meet; a friendly hedgehog, Quilly, and a newborn goat, Waylon! Both the children and adults jumped at the opportunity to play at Messy Games, sign up for a Stage Night act, and attempt to win as many prize tickets as possible during the Courtyard Carnivals. Even though the summer has come to end, we are looking forward to everything the fall season will bring along.

BECOME A CAMPER

FALL RETREATS

Sept 2-4	Osteogenesis Imperfecta
Sept 9-11	Diabetes
Sept 16-18	Autism
Sept 23-25	Physical Disabilities
Sept 30-Oct 2	Narcolepsy
Oct 7-9	Epilepsy/Seizure Disorders
Oct 14-16	Hearing Loss
Oct 21-23	Cardiac Conditions
Oct 28-30	Apraxia

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M & L Electrical, Inc. staff members attending the event



CCK Camper Ambassador, Jonathan, made a special appearance

Shooting for a Cause Sets a Record

The 3rd Annual Shooting for a Cause clay shoot tournament, presented by M & L Electrical, Inc., was a day of fun and sport as 24 teams signed up to take aim at supporting the medically complex children we serve. This year, we welcomed CCK's Camper Ambassador, Jonathan, who greeted every participant in the club house as they returned for a complimentary lunch and awards ceremony. Thank you to every generous sponsor and donor for always making this such a great event!



Make a Planned Gift: 7 ways to do it!

-  **Estate Gift**
Name The Center for Courageous Kids in your will or trust.
-  **IRA Assets**
Retirement funds can be gifted at death, giving 100% of the funds at no tax cost.
-  **Donor Advised Fund**
Recommend a charitable gift for your fund.
-  **Life Insurance**
Name The Center for Courageous Kids as the beneficiary to receive tax deduction on the cash value.
-  **Real Estate**
Talk to a financial advisor about the many benefits of giving real estate.
-  **Stock**
Appreciated stock and mutual funds can be given as charitable gifts with an added tax advantage.
-  **Gift Annuities & Trusts**
Contact Allysa Gooden, Director of Development for more information.

We would love to have a conversation with you about your lasting impact at CCK! For more information about Gift Planning: Contact Allysa Gooden at 270-618-2900 or agooden@courageouskids.org



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CCK Alumni in Action

"Whoa, this place is huge and beautiful!", were the first words that came to Jenna Yarnell's mind when she drove through the gates as a volunteer in the summer of 2008. Yarnell, who was recently promoted to Manager of the Child Life Department at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis, IN, fell in love with CCK that summer and continued to come back as a summer staff member and volunteer for many more years. She is the first to admit that working as a summer staff member at CCK is the reason she works in her career field today. Yarnell explains, "CCK 100% led me to becoming a Child Life Specialist...without CCK I would not have even know the career existed."



Jenna and her daughter Jorgia at Walt Disney World

As a Certified Child Life Specialist (CCLS), Yarnell's

goal is to help make children's hospital experiences the best they can be by creating coping plans, child and family support during procedures or new diagnoses, and providing opportunities for play during a hospital stay. As the leader of the department, her skilled team serves multiple units at Riley as well as the satellite campus in Carmel, IN and Yarnell uses something that she learned at CCK nearly every day. Yarnell reflects, "Whether it is at work or with my daughter at home...I am forever grateful to have had the opportunity to spend those life-changing summers at CCK. Camp gave me the opportunity to see children with healthcare needs at their best, so now it's my job to help the kids I work with now get back to their best".

"Everything I learned about caring for kids with healthcare needs at CCK has carried over into my everyday work."



Jenna Yarnell, CCLS, Manager, Child Life Department, Riley Hospital for Children



Make Your Impact: Become a Volunteer

The Center for Courageous Kids needs enthusiastic and energetic volunteers all year round! If you are in search of an experience that will build your resume but also build your sense of self, make your impact as a volunteer at CCK. Earn volunteer service hours while making a difference in the lives of our courageous kids. There are several options that fit in everyone's schedule:

- a weekend in the fall or spring
- a week in the summer
- for a couple of hours in our Horse Barn or Dining Hall

For more information: volunteer@courageouskids.org

Ladies Night Out, Little Black Dresses

On a beautiful summer evening in July, a great group of women donned their little black dresses and gathered together in the home



of Julie Wedge to celebrate the kick-off of CCK's very first on-line auction. The Sip & See event offered all of the guests the opportunity to take a sneak peek of the auction packages and get a head start on bidding! Thanks to the CCK Advocacy Committee, Julie Wedge, and the local community for opening their big hearts and supporting our courageous kids!



Mary Vitale, Allysa Gooden, Magen Estep, Nicole Payton, & Mandy Hicks



Joanie O'Bryan, CEO, greet guests as they arrive

Guests bid on the beautiful action items





Waterfront Upgrade Uplifts Campers

A major update took place at CCK's boat dock this summer. The addition of a hydraulic lift system provided by Lyons Company increased our flotation weight capacity for an even more stable dock surface and improved our ability to keep campers comfortable when boarding the canoes. Plus, Bluegrass Supply Chain supported the addition of a dock-side SureHands hoist lift, maximizing CCK's accessibility standards at the lake front. We are so grateful for the generous involvement of these amazing organizations!



This is Why You Need a Camp Home



When I'm at CCK, it feels like home," is a statement we hear frequently from the campers and families who attend The Center for Courageous Kids. A camp home is not so much a place as it is a supportive group of people – trained staff that understand you and the friends that you make along the way. One of the best parts of having a camp home is the bond you have with a community that keeps you safe, respects your values and traditions, and also loves your child and your family.



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discovering new passions. Young adults looking for a way to become involved in a volunteer or summer job opportunity may find themselves spending time here in during breaks from school. Healthcare organizations may be looking for an inclusive and medically appropriate recreational opportunity for patients and find themselves supporting the cost of camp as a Healthcare Partner like Norton Children's Hospital Foundation. Prioritize finding your camp home! For more information about making CCK your camp home, visit our website: courageouskids.org

A camp home provides a place for people to grow. Camper families can find belongingness here while also embracing their independence and



“DY” Makes a Special Visit

CCK's dear friend, Derek “DY” Young made a special trip to camp to help us prepare for the summer season. He met with every department of staff and offered words of wisdom to develop our professional leadership skills. Young also volunteered his expertise by allowing us to film some of his most valuable lessons to show at future staff trainings. We are thankful for how Derek continues to invest in our mission! To see him for yourself, check out his videos at derekyoungspeaks.com.

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