



*"I was so wary to send her because she didn't want to go and she hadn't really spent the night at anyone's house since she got diagnosed five years ago. She has been talking and smiling nonstop since she got home. Whatever you and your staff are doing at the camp, keep it up – you're doing a great job!"*

*Our daughter is so serious and quiet and not an outdoors person, but you all made her feel comfortable and she really felt like she belonged, something she hasn't felt in a long time. One of her favorite things was camping in tents – I couldn't believe my ears when she said that!*

*THANK YOU for making my girl happy again and helping her realize she is not the only child going through this."*

— A note from the parent of a first-time camper

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## Mom, Dad — I need a break!

When a child is diagnosed with cancer, it's normal for parents and friends to feel very protective as a result of their love and concern... but kids may feel overwhelmed by all of the attention and the responsibility of treatment. Special Days Camps gives campers the freedom to escape from their worries and just be *themselves*.



For one week, campers come to summer camp as individuals and leave with a new 'extended family.' They learn about each others' unique backgrounds, share stories, build strong bonds, try new things, and gain a renewed sense of independence and self-reliance. At the end of the week, they're making plans to see their new friends again at winter camp.

## And you do too...

Our week-long sessions also give parents a chance to spend time with each other, and reconnect with older and younger siblings who are not at camp.



## Special Days Camps offers four great camping opportunities for children living with cancer:

**Investigators** — A day camp for children ages five and six who want to try out camp before they're ready for our sleepover programs. Offered for one, two, or three fun-filled days!



**Special Days Camp** — Open to children ages six through seventeen who currently have or have had cancer or leukemia. This one-week summer camp features a beautiful lake, sandy beaches, woodland hiking, horseback riding, sports, games, arts and crafts, and evening songs around the campfire... on a sprawling twelve-hundred acre facility.



**Partners Camp** — Created for the brothers and sisters of children with cancer — and the only program of its kind in Michigan. Partners Camp gives siblings ages six through seventeen their own week of carefree, action-packed summer camp — in the company of fellow campers who share and understand their unique experiences with cancer.



**Winter Camp** — A long weekend reunion, filled with friends from Days and Partners camps. Winter fun includes sledding, skating, cross-country skiing, horseback riding, arts and crafts, games, sports, and more!

# yes!

Please accept my tax-deductible contribution to Special Days Camps programs and services.

### Enclosed is my gift of:

- \$2500 – A high ropes experience for 100 kids.
- \$1000 – I'll fund a camper for a week at camp.
- \$500 – Horseback rides for a whole cabin.
- \$100 – A day for the kids at the beach.
- \$50 – I'll sponsor an Investigator's first day!
- \$25 – For making S'mores around the fire.

Please fill in amount: \$

Please make my donation anonymous.

### Send me more information about:

- Being a camper. (Ages 5-17)
- Helping at camp. (Ages 18+)
- Contributing to the Endowment Fund.
- Making an In-Kind Donation.

Name

Address

City

State ZIP

Phone [ home ] (  )

Phone [ work ] (  )

E-mail address

Credit Card #

Expiration CVV#

Total amount \$

Signature

or donate online at [specialdays.org](https://www.specialdays.org)



## You can make a difference!

Special Days Camps is available to all children and families living with cancer. Families are asked to contribute a nominal registration fee of \$75, but no child is ever turned away because of a family's inability to pay. Actual camp costs are \$1,000 or more per camper; programs are funded solely by fund-raising efforts, grants, and individual donations.

For more information:

Website: [specialdays.org](http://specialdays.org)

Phone: 866.448.4710

By mail: Fill out the form on back, and send to:



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Your contributions are tax-deductible and will help children with cancer or leukemia and their siblings enjoy an incredible camp experience. Special Days Camps is a registered 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit organization.



## They're normal children— they're just dealing with extraordinary circumstances.

For young people with cancer or leukemia, Special Days Camps provides a safe place to enjoy normal childhood camp activities in a healthy, outdoor setting.

Skilled medical personnel are on hand twenty-four hours a day: oncology physicians, nurses, and medical technologists. They can administer routine chemotherapy and other medications, monitor blood counts, and handle all necessary medical treatments. The health and well-being of each camper is our number one concern.

Kids in treatment participate in all activities, at their own comfort level. Campers who are off treatment provide inspiration to those who are still in treatment.



## We're in this together.

We grow, learn, play, and work together, so that everybody succeeds at Special Days Camps. All campers — those with cancer or leukemia and their siblings — gain hope and encouragement for the future from others who share similar life circumstances. *Life-long friendships are made here.* That's the power of Special Days Camps.

Special Days Camps provides a safe and memorable camping opportunity for children, siblings and families who are living with cancer.



Founded in 1979, **Special Days Camp** is the second-oldest children's cancer camp in the world. Special Days Camps is an independent nonprofit organization, licensed by the State of Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services.

We are endorsed by:

- Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan
- Children's Hospital of Detroit, MI
- C.S. Mott Children's Hospital and University of Michigan Health System, Ann Arbor, MI
- Sparrow Regional Children's Center and Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, Lansing, MI



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