

SPRING 2025



LOCAL Passion, BIG IMPACT: Grassroots Efforts Grow at Camp For All



Photo courtesy of Duchenne Family Camp.

To deliver on our mission to transform the world for children and adults with challenging illnesses, disabilities, or special needs, **Camp For All collaborates with more than 65 nonprofit organizations.** Our Partners include many large organizations, such as hospitals, schools, and nationwide nonprofits. Our Partners are also comprised of numerous small and diverse grassroots groups. In many cases, these camps were created by individuals with a dream to positively impact the lives of others – exactly like Camp For All!

One shining example of a grassroots group in action is the Duchenne Family Camp hosted by Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy. The weekend overnight camp for families affected by Duchenne muscular dystrophy was started by passionate parents of people living with Duchenne, including Co-Coordinator for South Texas Connect Group for Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy, Rachel Poysky. Rachel helped

start the camp by focusing on connections, communities, and relationships.

“Getting families together is so important,” Rachel said. “For many of these families, they don’t have any other families in their community with Duchenne. The families connect, make lifelong friendships, and support one another in their Duchenne journey.”

Active since 2011, Rachel proudly reflects on how important Camp For All is for kids with Duchenne. “They realize they aren’t the only ones. **They feel free at Camp to be themselves,**” she added.

Another great grassroots camp success story is Friendship Smile, a day camp for children born with cleft lip and palate. Camp Director Katherine Rose and her team started the camp in 2019 to create a place where **“campers feel truly understood.”**

“One of the most powerful moments I witnessed at Camp For All this year was seeing a group of boys, ages 10 to 12, laughing, joking, and hanging out together like lifelong friends,” Katherine shared. “When I asked how they met, they told me it was at Camp For All last year through Friendship Smile.”

Camp For All is honored to partner with groups of all sizes to make our mission a reality. **We are also grateful for the generosity of our donors** whose contributions make such a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.



Photo courtesy of Friendship Smile.

HOW TO START A CAMP

Anyone who may be interested in starting his or her own Camp should contact Allen McBride, Camp For All Camp Director, at 979-803-3410 or by email at amcbride@campforall.org.

Did you know?
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THE QUICKEST WAY TO FIND YOUR CAMP, JUST SCAN



SUMMER 2025

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| May 26-30 | Sunrise (Tuttle) | Teens with developmental challenges | Briarwood Tuttle School |
| June 1-6 | Bayou Bruisers | Children with hemophilia | Louisiana Hemophilia Foundation |
| June 8-13 | Spike 'n' Wave | Children with epilepsy | Epilepsy Foundation of Texas Houston/Dallas/Fort Worth |
| June 8-13 | Oasis | Children with Crohn's and colitis | Crohn's & Colitis Foundation |
| June 9-13 | Camp For All 2U | Camp at MD Anderson Cancer Center | Camp For All Program |
| June 15-20 | Camp For Y'All | A special week to come to Camp with families and friends; more info on back page | |
| June 16-20 | Camp For All 2U | Camp at Texas Children's Hospital - Austin | Camp For All Program |
| June 22-27 | Rainbow Connection | Children with cancer | Childhood Cancer Connection |
| June 22-27 | Dreamcatcher | Children with cancer | McLane Children's Hospital, Baylor Scott & White |
| June 23-27 | Camp For All 2U | Camp at Texas Children's Hospital - Medical Center | Camp For All Program |
| June 29-July 4 | Smiles | Children with cerebral palsy | Easter Seals of Greater Houston |
| July 6-11 | PHEver | Children with phenylketonuria | UT Health Houston |
| July 6-11 | Social | Children with learning differences | The Parish School |
| July 7-11 | Camp For All 2U | Camp at Texas Children's Hospital - The Woodlands | Camp For All Program |
| July 13-18 | Xtreme | Children and young adults competing in wheelchair sports | TIRR Foundation |
| July 13-18 | Hope | Children impacted by compromised immune systems | Allies in Hope |
| July 14-18 | Camp For All 2U | Camp at Texas Children's Hospital - West Campus | Camp For All Program |
| July 20-26 | Periwinkle | Children with cancer and their siblings | The Periwinkle Foundation |
| July 27-31 | Shining Stars | Children with kidney disease | Kidney Kamp Foundation |
| July 27-31 | Cell-A-Bration | Children with sickle cell | Sickle Cell Association of Texas - Marc Thomas Foundation |
| August 3-8 | Discovery | Children with skin disease | American Academy of Dermatology |
| August 3-8 | MDA | Children with Muscular Dystrophy | Muscular Dystrophy Association |
| August 3-8 | Impact | Children of families serving in the military | Travis Manion Foundation and Impact a Hero |

FALL 2025

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| Sept 5-7 | Texas Neurofibromatosis Family Camp | Neurofibromatosis family camp | Texas Neurofibromatosis Foundation |
| Sept 5-7 | Arrow Kinship Camp | Foster care ministry | Arrow Child & Family Ministries |
| Sept 12-14 | Be An Angel | Families with children with any disability | Be An Angel Fund |
| Sept 17-18 | CSA Sleepaway Camp | Students with speech, language, and learning differences | Capitol School of Austin |
| Sept 19-21 | Periwinkle Family Camp | Pediatric cancer patients and their families | The Periwinkle Foundation |
| Sept 19-21 | Periwinkle YOLO | Teens and siblings with life-threatening illnesses | The Periwinkle Foundation |
| Sept 26-28 | Camp Love Without Limits | Kids and young adults with burns and limb differences | Shriners Children's Texas |
| Oct 3-5 | Periwinkle Long-Term Survivors Retreat | Periwinkle Alumni: Adults who are long-term survivors of pediatric cancer | The Periwinkle Foundation |
| Oct 3-5 | Easter Seals - Camp Coleman | Integrating new service dogs into veteran and military families | Easter Seals Houston |
| Oct 9-10 | Gryphon's Nest | Students in grades 6-12 with social and learning differences | Gateway Academy |
| Oct 10-12 | Pump It Up | Current patients ages 8-12 from TCH Heart Center | Texas Children's Hospital Heart Center |
| Oct 17-19 | Camp LIFE | Youth with any disability and their siblings | Center on Disability and Development at Texas A&M |
| Oct 17-19 | Safe Haven | Foster care/adopt ministry and families with children with a disability | Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church |
| Oct 24-26 | Family Resilience Retreat | Patients with pediatric brain cancer | Texas Children's Hospital |
| Nov 7-9 | Bumblebee Family Camp | Families with children with a food allergy | Camp Bumblebee |
| Nov 7-9 | DeafBlind Family Camp | Family camp for youth who are deaf/blind | DeafBlind Community of Texas |
| Nov 14-16 | Easter Seals Family Camp | Families with children with a disability | Easter Seals Houston |



“This is the best Camp of my life because of you!”
– CAMP FOR ALL CAMPER



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JULIE TAETZ
CHAIR, CAMP FOR ALL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Camp For All 2U at MD Anderson Children's Cancer Hospital.

Powerful Partnerships: Dedicated Donors & Talented Team Members Deliver

Before I became Board Chair of Camp For All, if I went to Camp For All 2U and saw campers hurling cream pies at their doctors' faces, I might have thought it was silly, but a nice distraction.

In reality, the important outcome of a lighthearted pie in the face is a greater doctor-patient connection. And a crazy pizza and cooking segment in the Camper Kitchen at Camp is a way for campers with special diets to learn how to advocate for their dietary needs.

Thanks to you and generous support from our donors, campers have a great time at Camp For All. We make sure of that! But behind the dozens of adaptive, barrier-free activities are focus and intention.

We are **SERIOUS** about fun at Camp For All – and it shows in our camper outcome surveys and when our professional team's work is recognized. We are also committed to making Camp transformational for everyone who participates. To this end, campers experience freedom and independence, make friends with others who share their challenges, and **create a special community that continues long after leaving our barrier-free campground.**

In recognition of our collective hard work and efforts, I'm proud to share that Camp For All **received three honors** at the American Camp Association (ACA) Texoma Legends of Camping Awards Dinner in February 2025. **Peter Boudreaux**, AIA, Curry Boudreaux Architects, was the recipient of the Friend of Camp Award for designing our beautiful Burton home, followed by several other camps in Texas. Camp For All Program Supervisor **Jordan Pugh** was the recipient of the Rising Star Award. Launched in 2014, **Camp For All 2U**, which brings Camp For All to children who are unable to leave the hospital to attend Camp in Burton, Texas, received the Program Excellence Award. I'm incredibly proud of Camp For All for winning these prestigious awards, and you should be, too.

Right: Jordan Pugh,
Program Supervisor.

Below: Allen McBride, Camp
Director (left), and Peter Boudreaux,
AIA, Curry Boudreaux Architects.



**It's because of your
gifts that we can deliver
these programs, and our
campers can discover life!**

Onward and upward,

Julie
Julie

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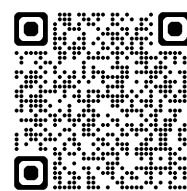
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Camp For Y'All Coming in June

Have you ever thought about how fun it would be to come to Camp with families, friends, or a school, workplace, or community group? Well, your chance is coming in June!

Camp For All has designated Sunday, June 15 through Friday, June 20 as a special Camp For Y'All week. That means you and your guests can experience Camp For All directly. You don't need to have an affiliation with one of our more than 65 nonprofit Partners that host Camps throughout the year.

Reservations will fill up fast for this unique opportunity. Proceeds from Camp For Y'All will help ensure children and adults with challenging illnesses, disabilities, or special needs will continue to experience the barrier-free excitement of Camp year-round.



**SCAN TO
REGISTER!**

Journey of Joy: A Camp For All Family Affair

At the Krewe de Camp For All Gala held at The Revaire in Houston on Saturday, January 25, 2025, former Camp For All camper **Bailey Ferguson** and her brother, **Cale**, former Co-Chair of the Camp For All Emerging Leaders Board, shared their powerful journey over the past 18 years. With 600 guests in attendance, the impact of their story helped Camp For All raise more than \$1.2 million to transform the world for children and adults with challenging illnesses, disabilities, or special needs.

Bailey first experienced Camp For All in 2006 when she attended with The Monarch School. She later visited Camp For All with The HUB Houston.

"At Camp, I LOVED to go rock climbing and ziplining – things I didn't know I could do before coming to Camp For All. **Anyone, no matter what their challenges may be, can try new things. No one is left out of the fun.**

"I also loved horseback riding, swimming, and canoeing. At Camp For All, I could do all of them! Everyone supports each other and helps you overcome your fears. The staff and other campers cheer you on, especially when you do something hard.

"The other thing I loved at Camp was sitting around the campfire with my friends, singing, and telling stories. **Going to Camp helped me be more confident and independent. It was truly life-changing!"**

The impact of Camp For All on Bailey inspired Cale to join the Emerging Leaders Board, later becoming a Co-Chair of the Board, and even going "Over The Edge" by participating in the annual Camp For All rappelling fundraiser at The Woodlands Tower in The Woodlands, Texas.

The Ferguson family is another great example of how Camp For All shapes our campers' confidence, passions, and futures, while inspiring their family members to help campers of all abilities discover life. Bailey's, Cale's, and countless others' journeys are possible because of YOU and your commitments to Camp For All. **Thank you for making a positive lasting difference in the lives of others every day.**

Left to right: Cale Ferguson, Bailey Ferguson, and Camp For All President and CEO Pat Prior Sorrells.



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Bailey shares her inspirational story with gala guests.

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or meet almost any
dietary need our
campers may have.