



The Hobé Herald

Enriching the lives of children with cancer and their siblings.



Camp Hobé 2005 by Chris Beckwith (Wapiti Mama), Exec. Director

Camp Hobé 2005 was a huge success!!! We served over 130 kids between the ages of 4 and 19 years. Fourteen children attended Day Camp on June 6th, 85 kids attended School Age Camp, and 33 teens attended Teen Camp. Thirty-six percent of our campers were cancer patients and 64% were siblings of cancer patients. About 94% of our campers live in Utah, while the rest are from Idaho and Wyoming.

I'm excited to say that we've increased how long the kids can attend Camp Hobé. This fall, our Board of Directors voted to extend camper eligibility an additional year. Cancer patients and their siblings can attend Camp Hobé during treatment and for three (3) camp seasons after finishing immunosuppressive therapy (that is, chemotherapy, radiation, immunosuppressive therapy). We made this change so we can better serve our kids and their families - the medical and psychosocial effects of cancer can last for years after treatment, even into adulthood. We are very

happy to provide this service to the kids.

Speaking of cancer survivors, there is an important documentary airing on PBS this summer. "A Lion in the House" tells the story of several children with cancer, following

campaign to increase awareness of childhood cancer and help survivors get proper follow-up care into adulthood. There are about 270,000 childhood cancer survivors in the US. To learn more about the film, visit www.itvs.org/outreach/lioninthehouse. Or, visit www.survivoralert.org/ for information on the survivorship campaign. One of our volunteers saw the documentary last month during the Sundance Film Festival. She said it's very touching, and also very intense. It is

probably not suitable for kids or the faint of heart.

Remember, Camp Hobé is run entirely by volunteers and has no paid staff. Over 110 volunteers donate about 20,000 hours of service each year. And they work year-round to make camp happen. So, give a volunteer a hug the next time you see them. And, think about joining the team. Volunteering for Camp Hobé is a wonderful, life-altering experience. Working with our campers is both fun and inspirational.

There is nothing else like it. See page 2 for information on volunteering.

I wish you all a rewarding and wonderful year. Thank you for all you do for our kids!



Dates for 2006:

Kids Week (6-12 yrs)

Camper dates: June 19-23

Staff dates: June 17-23

Teen Week (12-19 yrs)

Camper dates: June 26-30

Staff dates: June 25-30

Day Camp (4-7 yrs)

Camper date: June 19

Staff dates: June 18-19

Volunteer Dates:

Application deadline:

March 15 (priority)

Training Day: May 13

CatchACure Fishing

Tournament: June 24

at Starvation Reservoir, catchacureforcancer.com



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★ ★ ★ Day Camp Wrap-Up by Michelle Bunn (aka Bunn Bunn), Day Camp Director

Thanks to all of the day campers & day camp staff for another successful year. The rain/snow was back this year, but we were very determined to have fun & nothing could stop us. Some of our activities this year included: making



finger puppets, luau picture frames & coloring animal masks. Learning about animals & nature & planting flowers. Playing "Jaws" with the parachute, getting animal balloons & playing dress-up with the boxes of costumes. Let's not forget learning to shake those hips during the Luau session & posing on the surfboard for pictures to take home. I hope that you all had as much fun as I did & I hope to see you all back next year, whether it's for day camp again or if you are now old enough to stay all week. It just wouldn't have been the same without each & every one of you. THANKS AGAIN!!!

Now I have one small question for the day camper's parents & day camp staff. After attending our international

meeting in November, COCA (Children's Oncology Camping Association), it got me thinking of "How can I make Day Camp better?" One idea I got was to extend day camp & have two-day camp sessions. For example the kids would come on Monday from 9-4 & then they would come back on Tuesday from 9-4. This way the fun continues for more than just the one day. Again I am just brainstorming for future years. This upcoming year (2006) we will have the normal one-day Day Camp session on Monday, June 19. I want your feedback on this matter, so please let me know what you think. You can contact me by e-mail at michelle.bunn@intermountainmail.org.

Volunteers Needed: Get Involved! ★

Camp Hobé is planned and staffed entirely by volunteers. Thousands of hours are donated before summer even starts!

Camp Hobé is looking for volunteers to help plan activities, lead other volunteers, publicize Hobé, and raise funds. We are accepting volunteer applications for the 2006 session. Even if you have volunteered for Hobé before, you must apply, be interviewed, pass a background check, and attend staff training.



The priority application deadline is **March 15**. For the application, visit www.camphobe.org/volunteers.html. Or ask: call 801-631-2742, or e-mail beckwithrushton@yahoo.com.

★ Why do we LOVE Camp Hobé?

When polled, campers listed the following reasons for why they LOVE coming to Camp Hobé.

- Everybody is my friend!
- Pranks! Where else do you do pranks!
- All of the crazy camp songs.
- 'Cause the whole week people care for you, and also that there's Hobé Forever.
- Everyone has had some experience. You know you are not alone.
- Because it's always sunny...even when the weather is not.
- Smiles.
- The food is amazing on my taste buds.
- Because the counselors and the CITs make a hard life fun.
- We are all equal.
- Archery rocks!
- Campfire is awesome!
- Swimming!
- I have the biggest crush on Captain Ron!
- It's peaceful.

★ Camp For the Whole Family! ★

That's right! There's a camp for the whole family. You can send your kids to Hobé in June, then go to camp with them later in the summer. Both camps provide your family with a unique experience to gain support and make friends with others facing the difficulty of living with cancer.

Rocky Mountain Candlelighters for Childhood Cancer runs a fall camping program (Camp AFOOFA—All For One and One For All) for parents, siblings, and cancer patients. The first Camp AFOOFA was held in 2004. This year's dates for the 3rd annual event are August 24-27. Visit the Candlelighters website at www.childhoodcancer.org or call 801-487-7844 for more details.

Camp Hobé congratulates Candlelighters on providing this wonderful service for families. We encourage you to support this endeavor.

For More Great Photos: visit the Camp Photo Gallery at www.camphobe.org/galleries.html.

Kid's Week Wrap-Up by Anita Coyle, Kids Week Program Director



Who knew it snowed on tropical islands? This year at kid's week we had a Luau complete with Hula dancing and leis and we had a great time! The snow, rain and sleet didn't slow us down one bit.

Our campers were great! We had The Hawaiian Hula Girls, The Paradise Princesses, The Peachy Mangoes, The

Perky Pink Parrots, The Hula Honeys, The Bahama Mamas, Stitch's Army, The Dolphin Sea Turtles, The Coconut Crabs, The Black Pearl Pirates, The Vicious Dawgz, and The Evil Chipmunks. All our cabin groups were

great sports and participated in campfire with the skits and amazing singing voices. A big thanks goes to all the cabin counselors and their assistants. You all did a great job!



My favorite activity this year was the drive-in movie. We all brought our sleeping bags to the lodge and watched Finding Nemo while we ate popcorn and churros. I also loved the groups that came in to help us. We were visited by Hogle Zoo with their animals (I especially liked the armadillo), Laughing Stock was hilarious, The Jazz Bear was crazy (and used a lot of silly string), The Hula Dancers were awesome, Scott the archery guy was way fun, the pet therapy dogs were adorable, and the GeoCachers are always full of surprises. But I also loved all the activities we normally have at camp. Arts & Crafts was a hit and so were drama, field games and nature. As always the carnival was great. The sun came out just in time for us to not freeze in the dunk tank. We also had cotton candy, balloon animals and face painting.

I think everybody will agree that this year's camp was a blast! We're busy planning for next year to make it just as much fun. Thanks to all the awesome kids and teens who come to Camp Hobé. And thanks to all the volunteers who make Camp Hobé possible. Aloha!



Teen Week Wrap-Up by Rebekah Callor, Teen Week Program Director

Aloha! This was my first year at Teen Week being a Program director. I didn't know quite what to expect but I had such a blast getting to know the teens and interacting with them at the activities. I also want to give a shout-out to the med staff, the kitchen staff and all of the counselors and volunteers who made this week so enjoyable for the teens.

The week started off on Monday with three big events. During our daily rotations we had the climbing wall. Campers and counselors alike couldn't wait to take a turn. We also had Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. During the evening, the improv group Laughing Stock performed around the campfire pit. Volunteers from the audience were called up to act out funny scenes. Campfire is always a highlight, as we sit with our cabins and act silly as we sing songs. I think we sang the "bubble gum" song a thousand times this year and learned the "milk" song. A new addition this year was the sheer genius of Dr. Jeff Hancock. He taught us new songs and was our resident "Napoleon Dynamite" in every skit. After campfire we all made our way over to the field where Guy and a few of his friends from the Astrological Society of Utah were waiting for us. The "star party" was spectacular. We had about 6 different telescopes set up and the sky was clear for us to see faraway planets and stars.

No camp experience is complete without some water. The swimming pool was open all week and the teens and volunteers alike enjoyed it. On Tuesday, after a day of arts & crafts, mountain biking, archery and yoga, we had an "impromptu" water fight right before dinner. It was just right to cool us off before we had our Luau that night. A big thank you goes

to the kitchen staff for making the cool themed food and for those who decorated for the occasion. Our theme for camp this year was tropical. Campers had the opportunity to learn the words and the hula moves to the hukilau. It was fun to see everyone participate. Even the boys got into it.

Wednesday held more rotations and drama activities. That night was Hobé Jam and all in attendance had a blast. Even the senior staff and med staff had a chance to get down and boogie! One of the campers even helped the band sing a song.



Thursday morning, several campers went on an optional hike. It was so beautiful as we hiked to the top of the hill. Our animal friends also came to visit that afternoon. These animals are used in pet therapy. Campers also participated in Hobé Forever and remembered their friends, families and loved ones. Our last night together was celebrated with a party hosted by our own DJ Dan. It was another night of fun.

The last day of camp is always the hardest. You don't want to leave. We all wish it could last a little longer. The friendships and memories we make will never be forgotten.

Mad Libs from Camp!

Bahama Mamas: My Most Embarrassing Moment
By Nessa

My most embarrassing moment happened when I got on a bus to go to Antarctic. The bus was very pink, so I stood up and held on to a pineapple. At the next stop, I saw a mama get up, so I ran over to grab his flowers but I accidentally jabbed my arm into his head and broke his feet. And then, as I was apologizing, the bus came to a shiny stop, which caused me to drop my balloon and fall on top of a sloppy lady who was carrying a bed on her lap. Believe me, my broom was red that day!

Coconut Crabs: Why do Skunks Smell?



Surprisingly, a skunk is a friendly Michael Jackson who can make a tall household pet. But what makes these coconut crabs smell to high Tooele? The skunk has scent two towers that contain a weird-smelling fluid. When attacked, the skunk aims this smelly Camp Hobé at its enemies. But the skunk does give warning before running. It raises its eye ball first, or stamps its legs so that you can run away as fast as your teeth can carry you. The most cunningly recognizable skunk is the one with a red line on its nose and another one between its knuckle and its ears.



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Camp Hobé wants to thank the following community groups, businesses, and individuals who have donated funds, raised funds, or donated products or services to make camp possible. There's not enough room to list everyone, but we know who you are. And, we appreciate each and every one of you. *Camp would not happen without you!*

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