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MESSAGE FROM THE CAMP DIRECTOR

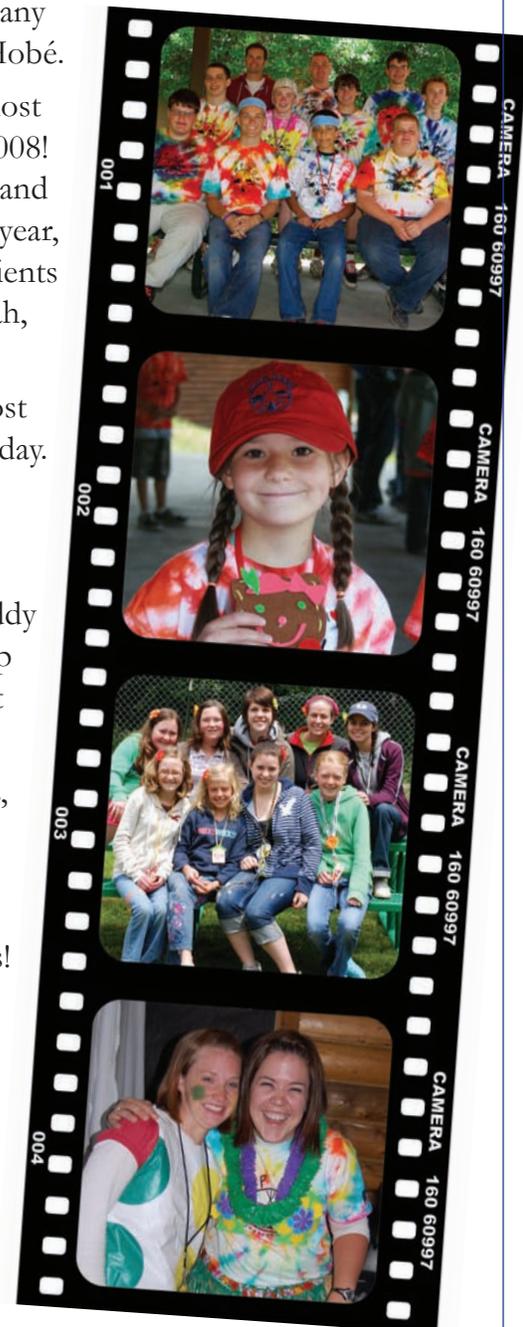
Where does the time go? It seems like we were just starting to plan for the 2009 season and it's already time to look back over the year. We had so many wonderful times at Camp Hobé 2009. Every day really was a Holiday at Hobé.

This year, we had one of our largest groups of campers ever, serving almost 190 kids between 4 and 19 years old. That's about a 13% increase from 2008! Twenty-nine children attended Day Camp, 104 kids attended Kids Week, and 54 teens attended Teen Week. Just over one-third were new campers this year, while about two-thirds had been at camp at least once before. Cancer patients made up 42% and 58% were siblings. Almost 97% of campers live in Utah, and the rest in Idaho and Nevada.

The 2009 season had its challenges. The weather was so-so—it rained most days, but it was also sunny enough to open the pool at some point in the day. Things were tougher financially—almost 20% of our campers requested fee waivers this summer and some donors had less to give. Even with these challenges, wonderful things happened. The kids didn't care if the weather was cruddy, they played as hard as ever and went home with muddy clothes! We scrimped and saved wherever it wouldn't affect the kids' camp experience. And everything was fine—we had three wonderful sessions at camp and the kids left talking about next summer on the car ride home.

It always amazes me how our community steps up and shares their hearts, time, and money. This support makes it possible for us to keep the cost low for families—many of whom are struggling with the costs of paying for cancer therapy. It costs us more than \$500 per kid for the weeklong sessions, an amount that includes everything from the fun stuff (activities! swag!) to the less fun but necessary items (food, insurance, medical supplies, lease fees). However, our registration fees are \$25 per kid for the weeklong sessions and \$10 per kid for the 2-day Day camp, with fee waivers available for families in need. We have not raised these fees since 2001, even with a fickle economy.

We couldn't do it without all of you, and we wouldn't want to. Whether you are a camper, a parent, a donor, or a volunteer, you are the reasons Hobé exists. Thank you for being part of our program!



Chris Beckwith (aka Wapiti Mama)
Executive Director

KIDS WEEK RECAP

Anita Coyle, Kids Week Program Director

Happy Holidays Camp Hobé Campers!

Our last camp session was fantastic as we made every day a Holiday at Hobé. To make our Holiday experiences more realistic we tried to arrange the right sort of weather for each Holiday. Too bad our weather machine didn't work quite right, because we didn't have snow on "Christmas." But camp did have lots and lots of rain. Did that stop us from having fun? NO! Did that help us cover everything in mud? YES!

We had so much fun celebrating Holidays. On Monday we celebrated Halloween. We got to trick-or-treat and start the week off right by eating lots of candy. We also had an awesome, creepy, bone-chilling, and silly spook alley put on by the medical staff. The costumes were fantastic and so was the candy. On Tuesday we celebrated Easter and Thanksgiving. We had a delicious Thanksgiving dinner put on by our fabulous kitchen staff. (Thanks Julie and crew.) This was our chance to thank donors and the other people who make camp possible. We also had a very fast Easter Egg Hunt (to avoid getting drenched by the rain.) On Wednesday we celebrated St. Patrick's Day and the 4th of July. We had green food for St. Patty's Day and a carnival and barbecue for Independence Day. The weather made the carnival quite an adventure, but we had sunshine for part of the day. We also had a patriotic concert in the evening with lots of dancing and singing. On Thursday morning campers were all surprised with gifts on their doorsteps from Santa Claus and helpers. They got to spend part of the morning playing with their new toys and games in their cabins. Then we had a New Year's Eve party. We had fun dancing the bunny hop and enjoying all of our new Camp Hobé friends. On Friday we celebrated everybody's "Unbirthday." We had cupcakes and sang birthday songs. Then it was time to pack up, sign autographs, and say goodbye.

Thanks to all the campers and volunteers for making camp so much fun. The kids did a great job making everybody their friends and having fun with every activity. Volunteers did a great job of being flexible and changing plans at a moment's notice to accommodate the weather. Everything was so much fun—archery, nature, field games, swimming, drama, music, pet therapy, arts and crafts, and more! Thanks to all cabin counselors, activity counselors, counselors in training, kitchen staff, medical staff, and volunteers who came in for special activities. Thanks to the parents for sending their kids to camp. Camp wouldn't be nearly as fun without the campers! See you next year!

TEEN WEEK RECAP

Rebekah Grow, Teen Week Program Director

Every day was a holiday at Camp Hobé this year. St Patrick's Day was the best—especially when we had green food for dinner! The 4th of July was awesome. Trick-or-treating around camp was another favorite as our teens dressed up and filled their bags with goodies. We celebrated Christmas with Santa Claus leaving presents on our doorstep. A great time was had at the party for New Year's! Thanks for the awesome slideshow Brinton.

On our last day at camp as we said goodbye to our friends, we celebrated everyone's birthday with yummy cupcakes at lunch! But the best part was the slip and slide on tubes!

We hope you had a great time at camp as we did planning the activities. I can't wait to see what we come up with next year!





DAY CAMP RECAP

Michelle Bunn (aka “Bunn Bunn”), Day Camp Director

Day Camp 2009 was another year full of great memories. We had 31 campers attend Monday and 23 who returned for another day of fun Tuesday. To make it even better for the third year in a row, we had sun and swimming both days (at least while the day campers were there). Day Camp also had its own celebrations of “The Holidays at Hobé.” On Monday we celebrated Thanksgiving and Easter. Tuesday we continued the fun with the 4th of July, Halloween, and Christmas.

Other Day Camp 2009 highlights included our great campers, of course, and awesome volunteers. Other fun activities included SWIMMING (as I already mentioned), arts and crafts, songs, field games, and flower planting. We also had our friends from pet therapy, “Grizzbee” from the Utah Grizzlies, our friends from Wildlife Resources releasing an owl back to the wild, and who could forget our Search and Rescue friends! What an exciting year.

Now who is ready to sign up for 2010? Since the last three years have been successful we plan to hold two days of Day Camp during Teen Week again. As a reminder, campers may attend Monday ONLY (from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) or Monday AND Tuesday (9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days). Thanks for a great year and see you in 2010!

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We are now accepting applications for 2010. To volunteer, you must apply, interview with us, and attend staff training before camp. Returning volunteers must also apply, interview, and attend training each year.

To be considered, you must meet several guidelines. For more info, visit www.camphobekids.org/volunteers.html



2010 CAMP DATES

Volunteers

Kids Camp

Directors/Leaders: June 12 – 18

Everyone Else: June 13 – 18

Day Camp

June 20 – 22

Teen Camp

June 20 – 25

Campers

Kids Camp: Ages 6 to 12

June 14 – 18

Day Camp: Ages 4 to 7

June 21 – 22

Teen Camp: Ages 12 to 19

June 21 – 25

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