



The Happiest Place on Earth

What happens when you bring Disney World to Camp Rising Sun? A whole lot of fun, that's what! The week started with various Disney characters greetings campers as they arrived, and ended with a spectacular Main Street Parade (with some pretty impressive floats!). In between, campers partied at the Princess & Pirate Dance, built sand castles, went on a treasure hunt, competed in the Disney Game Show Challenge, and of course watched a Disney movie or two. Snow White and her Seven Dwarfs made an appearance to help run our annual talent show, and other Disney favorites stopped by to say hello throughout the week.

Finally, it wouldn't be Disney World without a fireworks show (and it wouldn't be a Camp Rising Sun

fireworks show without some great music and more than a few bald heads).

While our Disney World wasn't quite the same as the real thing in Orlando, there was nowhere our campers and counselors would rather be...



Our Staff Spotlight Shines on MaryBeth Kelly

"MBK = TLC x 20". No, this is not one of those math formulas that made you cringe in high school. It's shorthand for the twenty years of tender loving care that Mary Beth Kelly, camp nurse, has given to the kids of Camp Rising Sun.

In the summer of 1990, Mary Beth took time out from her hectic days as a nurse in the emergency room at the Hospital of St. Raphael to lend her cousin Mary Kelly O'Shea a hand in the Camp Rising Sun infirmary. When Mary O'Shea retired to begin raising her son Patrick, Mary Beth took the helm of the infirmary and has been there ever since.

Whether it is bandaging a skinned knee, reassuring a homesick kid, or comforting a queasy camper undergoing chemotherapy, Mary Beth has been there to answer the call. She has also been known to dole out a handful of candy or a good joke to evoke



smiles of both campers and counselors alike.

Camp Week 2009 was a chance to celebrate Mary Beth's 20 years of volunteer service to Camp Rising Sun. Sadly, however, it was also our opportunity to bid Mary Beth farewell, as she announced she would be stepping down as camp nurse.

During the talent show on the last night of camp, Jeff Holt and Mike Donahue presented Mary Beth an adirondack chair, complete with a hand painted Camp Rising Sun logo, in appreciation for all her love and compassion to the kids and staff of Camp Rising Sun. Mary Beth shed a tear or two during the presentation. She was not the only one.

Don't forget that Michael Jordan and Brett Favre came out of retirement. Maybe, for our sake, Mary Beth will follow suit.



Thanks to All Our Sponsors!

Our sponsors, big donors and small, are the reason that we are able to give the children a week of camp full of friendship, laughter and happy memories. Donations to Camp Rising Sun are deposited into a restricted fund and used solely for Camp Rising Sun expenses.



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Some donors chose to sponsor a specific need or event for Camp Rising Sun. A sampling of our sponsors might include:



Pirate and Princess Dance: EDR Corporation



Senior Rafting Trip: In Memory of Cheryl Conte



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Golf Cart Rental: Annette Yush

You can choose to sponsor a specific need, in whole or part, as well.

- _____ \$15,000.....Mini-Camp Weekend
- _____ \$5000.....A week of fun for a whole cabin
- _____ \$2000.....Golf Cart Rental
- _____ \$2500.....Leaders in Training Trip
- _____ \$1250.....Send a kid to Camp Rising Sun
- _____ \$750.....Art and Crafts Supplies
- _____ \$500.....Special Enrichment Program

The American Cancer Society has moved. Our new address is Camp Rising Sun, American Cancer Society, 825 Brook St., Rocky Hill, CT 06067. The phone, 203-379-4762, and fax, 203-379-5060, remain the same.



UPS Sponsors 2009 Poker Run Motorcycle Ride



The roar of Harleys filled the Litchfield Hills this past July during the 7th Annual UPS Poker Run Motorcycle Ride to benefit Camp Rising Sun. Bikers started out from the UPS Distribution center in Watertown taking a scenic ride through the area before ending up at J C Hooks for a cookout and festivities. UPS, its employees and the riders raised \$5000 in support of the kids at Camp Rising Sun. Watch for news of the 2010 ride to be held on Sunday, July 18th with a raindate of July 25th! Thanks to Dee Collette at UPS Watertown and to all the riders and volunteers.

2010 Annual Winter LIT Trip



Camp Rising Sun's 2010 annual Winter LIT Trip was a great success! We started off the day in Milford at the Metro North train station, where we had a group ticket to travel into New York City for the day. The weather cooperated and although it was freezing cold.... it didn't rain, sleet or snow, everyone arrived safely and was well bundled up for the trip!

After arriving at Grand Central Station, we hurried out to our first destination: Monte's Trattoria in Greenwich Village, where we had a fantastic and authentic Italian lunch with excellent service provided by Pietro himself. Thank you, Monte's!

We then hustled to make the 2PM showing of Blue Man Group at the Astor Place Theatre, just a few blocks from Monte's. Everyone who has seen Blue Man Group knows what a hilariously funny and family-friendly show it is...as well as thoroughly entertaining with a combo of very subtle humor, magic, science, and fun. Blue Man, thank you for both the discount you gave us, and for having a Blue Man climb over our heads. The kids loved it!

After the show, we headed back to Grand Central Station where we ordered some smoothies, and hung out talking about plans for Summer Camp until our train home arrived. By the end of the day everyone was tired but happy...I think we may have heard a few contented snores on the train. J

All in all, the 2010 LIT Winter Trip was a great success. Thanks to all of our LITs for being absolutely awesome and great representatives of Camp Rising Sun!

In Loving Memory

*We will always remember
the times we spent together.*



*Sarah Daigle
Camp Rising Sun Camper and Counselor*



2010 Dates to Remember

March 19-21
Mini-Camp Weekend
Tina.Saunders@cancer.org

July 18
UPS Poker Run Motorcycle Ride
contact: lcoll13@aol.com

July 21
Night Out for the Kids at Owenego
contact: heff@branfordfire.com

August 22-27
Camp Week
Tina.Saunders@cancer.org

August 25
CRS Head Shave Fundraiser
contact: bgdg121@aol.com

October 9th
Hartford Marathon: Join the CRS team
as a runner or volunteer
contact: scapozza@gmail.com

Camp Wish List

Golf Cart Sponsor
Ceramic kiln, greenware, glaze and brushes
Photo printers, paper, ink cartridges
Webmaster
Pizza Truck Sponsor
Fireworks Sponsor
Cabin Sponsor
Videographer to produce camp DVD
Gift Cards – Sam's. Stop and Shop, Walmart,
JoAnn's, Target
Cabin Crates – filled with paper towels, hand soap,
nightlight, flashlight and batteries, Glade
Projector and Screen
Wii System

Our 2010 Theme is Celebrate! **Special wish list items for this year:**

Themed Decorations
Group to decorate for themed events
Stocking stuffers – age appropriate
Group to run Haunted House
Trick-or-Treat Bags and Candy
Pre-lit Xmas trees

Employees of Milford Based Environmental Data Resources (EDR) are True Friends of Camp Rising Sun

EDR employees took camp on as their corporate project and helped out in many ways: selling tickets to and attending our Annual Night Out for the Kids, helping with the raffle and sharing their talents with the kids by leading skill clinics at camp. Their creativity, enthusiasm and dedication shined through as they planned for and purchased decorations, activities and refreshments for our Pirate and Princess Ball. They successfully transformed the gym into a fantasyland! The Pirate Princess Ball was a smash hit!

Beth Skryniarz, VP of Human Resources described the experience as "truly rewarding. Our involvement with Camp began as an opportunity to share our time and talents with children who have faced extraordinary challenges. By the end of the week, it was our staff who was profoundly moved by the courage and amazing spirit exhibited by each of the kids."



Thank you to all our friends at EDR!









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A hundred years from now

It will not matter what my bank account was,
the sort of house I lived,
or the kind of car I drove.

But the world will be different because
I was important in the life of a child.