



What is Camp Rising Sun?

Camp Rising Sun, a program of the American Cancer Society, gives children aged 5 – 17 an opportunity to experience an overnight camping experience and remember what it is like to have fun. Each August, 100 children gather on the grounds of Camp Jewell YMCA in Colebrook, CT for a week of carefree laughter and friendship. For that one week they are exceptional for who they are; athletic, funny, creative, or studious. They are no longer exceptional for “being the kid with cancer” because everyone has faced a diagnosis of cancer. It is their week to shine!

Even though the kids leave the clinics, chemo and worried parents behind there are still medical needs to tend to. The Camp Rising Sun medical staff is headed by Medical Director Dr. Joseph McNamara, a pediatric oncologist from Yale-New Haven Hospital, and

four nurses. Children in treatment may continue their protocol at camp. The infirmary can be a very busy place after breakfast.

Our directors and cabin staff are all volunteers who have agreed to make Camp Rising Sun a fun and safe place. Staff attend 24 hours of training annually and are screened and interviewed by our Directors and through background checks. They are a dedicated and select group of people who proudly wear a Camp Rising Sun staff necklace noting the number of years of service.

Activities at Camp Rising Sun mimic any other camp – but better. There are Arts and Crafts, a ROPES course, horseback riding and waterfront but our creative Program Director brings in the WOW factor! We have an annual cookout on the beach followed by

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Our Staff Spotlight Shines on Program Staff

Did you ever wonder how all the equipment for an activity magically appears? How all the Wiis, screens and games are set up for Game Night? What happened to the Haunted House when Halloween was over? Who greeted our guests and set them up at their activity?

I will tell you. It is not a bunch of elves that sneak in when no one is looking. It is our Program Team: Lindsay LaFemina, Nadia Khalil, Andrew Beard and Brittany Horton. Under the direction of our fabulous Program Director Jason Atkins, these four kids put in long hours of heavy work. While some campers were still snug in their beds, our program team could be found decorating the cafeteria for the holidays and then staying late to take them down again. Each of them is a former camper who



has returned in a staff position to “give back” and all four of them are an asset to our program and to the Camp Rising Sun family. Thank you to Lindsay, Nadia, Andrew and Brittany. You did a great job!



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.



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



New Year's Eve Dance: EDR Corporation



Fireworks & Cookout on the Beach:
Peter Daitch Family



Night Out in Winsted: Al Filipone and Family



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.



Annual Night Out for the Kids



It was four o'clock in the afternoon and the skies were turning yellow. The forecast called for thunder and lightning and the weather service put out a tornado watch. We were busy setting up for the Night Out for the Kids; our annual fundraiser at the Owenego Inn in Branford. There were tables and chairs to set, signs to hang and Silent Auction items to display. It started to rain and we worried that our event would be a washout. But Camp Rising Sun supporters are not fair weather friends.

By our 6:00 P.M. opening time there was a line to get in. Over 900 people came out in miserable weather to help us send the kids to camp and give our campers some magical moments. Those who attended won raffle prizes, purchased some great items at the Silent Auction, and rocked out to the fantastic beats of Mean Carlene and Vivid. We raised over \$42,000! We would like to thank all who came, our sponsors, donors of raffle and silent auction items, the food vendors, Mean Carlene and Vivid, all the staff who helped organize the event and sell tickets, but especially, a huge thank you to the Owenego Inn and their staff for hosting us. See you in 2011!

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top notch fireworks presented by PyroFX, a themed dance which last year featured a limo ride to the hall thanks to EDR Corporation and a gourmet dinner prepared the Executive Chefs from Foxwoods Resort. You never know what surprises are in store.

Camp Rising Sun is open to any child who has faced a diagnosis of cancer; in treatment or in remission. The best part for many families is that there is no cost to attend. We are totally supported through the kind and generous donations of our supporters large

EDR Does It Again!



Milford based EDR, made a return visit to camp and once again threw a party that we won't soon forget. We were celebrating New Year's Eve with a dance. Employees of EDR spent the afternoon decorating the gym. After dinner they directed all the campers and staff to put on their formal wear and to wait at the Dining Hall. You can only imagine the excitement as two limos arrived to chauffeur them to the dance. As they emerged from the limo they were met by a line of paparazzi and flashing cameras taking photos of their red carpet walk to enter the dance.

Inside, the DJ spun some music and worked the crowd with competitions, the EDR staff ran some very clever games and we all watched the "midnight" countdown displayed on the wall. At the stroke of "midnight", we were ready with noisemakers and crazy hats as a crystal ball fell from the ceiling and we all shouted "Happy New Year!"

Thanks for the memories EDR! We can't imagine what you will come up with next year!

and small. Additionally, the Camp Rising Sun Charitable Foundation, is striving to build an endowment for the camp to ensure that generations of children may continue to appreciate the benefits of attending camp.

If you would like to attend camp, volunteer or donate to Camp Rising Sun, please contact Tina Saunders at the American Cancer Society (203-379-4762 or Tina.Saunders@cancer.org) or visit our website at www.camprising.sun.com.



A **BIG** thank you to Monday's Sponsors:



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Hartford Marathon

It was a beautiful sunny day for the the 2010 edition of the Hartford Marathon where for the first time Camp Rising Sun was an Official Charity. We were well represented by 30 runners who raised over \$8000 for camp and supported by 25 volunteers who were out on the route directing runners and cheering on our team.

Congratulations to Camper Samuel Crisanti who came in 34th overall and 4th in his Division in the 5K. Thanks to Head Counselor Scott Capozza for organizing Team Camp Rising Sun.

We hope to double our team next year. Hope that you and your friends can join us - either as runners or volunteers! Start training now!



The Ideal Holiday Gift

Does someone on your holiday list have a Pandora bracelet or wants to start one? We have the perfect gift. Camp Rising Sun has commissioned a limited edition sterling silver bead with a Camp Rising Sun logo hand painted and enameled on it. It is a stunning piece of art.



The cost of the bead is \$40. For information on how to make a purchase, contact Tina Saunders at tina.saunders@cox.net.

Annual Head Shave Goes to Newington

Many thanks to our friends at the Newington Fire Department for supporting camp through our annual Head Shave Event. Camper Anthony Pappa, assisted by Christina Pappa from the Green Lotus Salon in Cromwell, did the shaving as the firefighters raised the funds. Afterward, Anthony was given an opportunity to climb aboard several trucks and even blast the horn before posing for pictures with Chief Tom Gill.



Dates to Remember

December 15

LIT Applications Due
carolalang@bellsouth.com

March 19-20

Mini-Camp Weekend
heff@branfordfire.com

July 17

UPS Motorcycle Poker Run

July 20

Night Out for the Kids
heff@branfordfire.com

August 21-26

Camp Week
heff@branfordfire.com

October TBD

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



These SMILES and more, courtesy of the people who donated their time & talents at camp this summer: Maritime Museum, Curious Creatures, Naples Pizza, Airbourne Jugglers, Reiki, Zumba, Yoga, Scrapbooking and more!





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