

CAMP RISING SUN

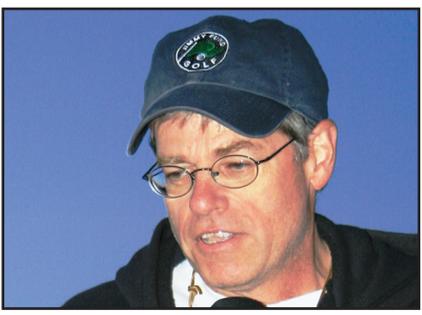
25 Years of Making Memories!

What was the best part of Camp Rising Sun's weeklong 25th birthday party? Definitely Game Night, where campers got to be rock stars, race car drivers, and smooth dancers all in one night. No, wait, it had to be when the Harlem Wizards came to Camp and took on (not to mention dunked on!) Team CRS. Actually, it was the trip to Lake Compounce, with the food, fun, games, and of course getting soaked on Thunder Rapids. Hmmmm, maybe it was Field Day where campers got to toss water balloons, race marbles, and even Pin the Tail on Dr. Joe. Or the beach barbeque, complete with fireworks and head shavings. Perhaps it was the Glitter Fairy, or Laser Tag, or Scratch DJ, or scrapbooking, or horseback riding, or camping out on the mountain, or the Pinewood Derby, or Arts & Crafts, or the Talent Show..... The REAL best part of the week? That campers got to do all of that -- and more -- with good friends, old and new. Now THAT's a birthday party!



Our Staff Spotlight Shines on Bill Turley

Bill has found the right balance between guiding and empowering the senior lodge campers and CITs. He challenges the kids to do more and to take responsibility; however, he never loses sight of the importance of having fun and being a kid at camp. The end result is a group of CITs who not only had the best week of their lives, but who are truly prepared for the transition from camper to counselor.



to play a good-natured prank or reach out to a quiet camper. His laugh is truly infectious and is a constant presence throughout camp week. Bill is what Camp Rising Sun is all about.

That being said, Bill is the first

A Few of my Favorite Things!

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- Isabella: Glitter Fairy, Crafty Patty
- Katherine: Fireworks
- Chad: Everything
- Liam: Food time
- Thomas: Big Slide, Skateboarding
- Anthony: Fishing and Sports
- Kyle: Game Night
- Carlos: Laser Tag
- Abbey: Zip Line & Giant Swing
- Amanda D.: Lake Compounce
- Alyssa: Scrapbooking
- Patrick: Wizards, Game Night
- Greg: Spending time with people
- Monica: Talent Show and wall climbing



CIT Winter Trip

The leaves are changing, the thermostat is dropping, the holidays are right around the corner...and that means it's almost time for Camp Rising Sun's annual CIT Winter Trip!

The CIT Winter Trip is a unique opportunity for a select group of teens (those who have applied to be Counselors-In-Training for summer camp week...) to get together, learn about what it means to be a CIT; and most importantly, hang out with old friends for an awesome weekend that's all their own!

Our 2009 trip will begin on Friday January 16th, at the Port Jefferson Ferry terminal in Bridgeport, CT. After an hour or so ferry ride, we'll disembark in Port Jeff, check into our hotel, and head out to dinner together. Saturday will be filled with shopping, lunch,



and ice skating- then back to the hotel for dinner and a formal CIT training session. Sunday morning, we'll be back on the ferry to CT... and ready to jump start Camp Rising Sun's 2009 season!

Send in your applications ASAP, because we can't wait to see you all there!

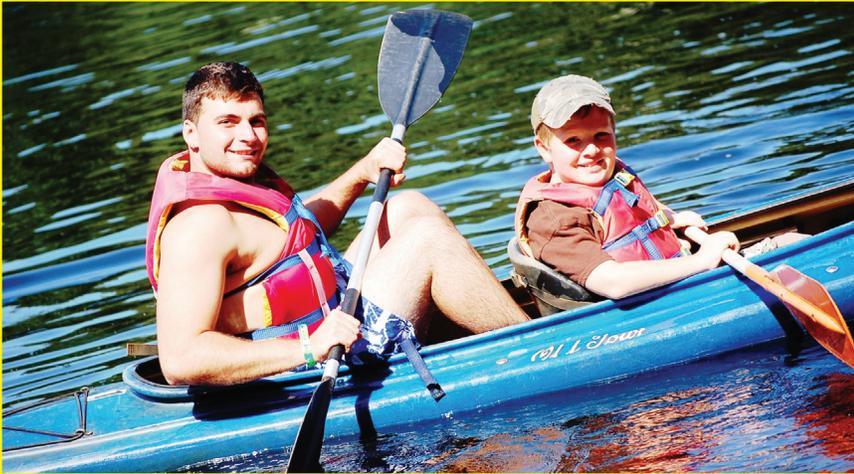
Camp Wish List

- Golf cart rentals
- Sound System
- Macintosh -InDesign
- Macintosh laptop
- IBM laptop
- 6x10' enclosed trailer
- Model magic
- Gift Cards -Amex, Stop & Shop, WalMart, BJ's, Costco, Joann's
- iTunes gift cards
- Flash drives
- Video camera
- Airline miles to use for Staff Training
- Sponsor for 2009 fireworks on the beach
- Group to decorate for the dance
- Decorations, arts/crafts materials
- Machine to make ID cards for campers
- Band or DJ
- Craftpersons/artists/sportsmen to share your skills at camp for a day or the week!
- Volunteers to help with 2009 camp week
- Disney costumes or props
- 200 breakaway lanyards for name tags
- Cabin kits to include: liquid soap, hand towels, paper towels, night light

Camps' Own Sorority Sisters!



Three years ago when the Kappa Delta Xi sorority at Southern Connecticut State University was looking for an organization to give their service to. With a search on the internet, we came to Camp Rising Sun. Aside from the camp week, we are in charge of registration at the 'Kids Night Out' benefit event in Branford. Last school year, we decided we wanted to do more than volunteer. We worked hard to raise money to purchase a ping pong table, which made it's premiere this summer. Thanks for making us part of the family!





A Sweet Sixteen to Remember

On September 10th, 2008 I turned sixteen. I was always so excited to start planning my Sweet 16. But I knew this year, it was going to be something really special. The theme for my Sweet 16 was "Come in Pink for Wink" Everyone was dressed in pink and it was a fabulous night. I didn't want any gifts for my birthday. What meant the most to me, was donating money toward Camp Rising Sun. Camp is a place where kids who have/had cancer go for a week and have an experience full of laughter, joy, and fun times throughout the week. Camp is really special toward me and I look forward to it every year. In 2006, I was diagnosed with Leukemia, and that is how I got involved with Camp Rising Sun. When I go to camp, everyone feels at home. Everyone there is like family, and we have the best times ever. I love camp, and instead of material gifts for my party, I just wanted people to donate money toward Camp, so kids like me can continue to keep going.

I knew that to my party, I just didn't want friends to come. My friends were huge part of my recovery, they were there for me through thick and



thin. But, I encouraged my nurses and even some counselors from camp. My nurses from Yale came, my whole extended family, and counselors from camp had a blast. Having these people there to celebrate not only my Sweet 16 but a party to celebrate good health, was all that I could have asked for. My birthday party was filled with many memories that I will never forget. I felt good once I knew that I was benefiting so many kids with several donations that will really help Camp Rising Sun. All of these generous people that gave and supported Camp are what truly made my Sweet 16 Celebration complete.

Autumn on the Sound Road Race



Autumn on the Sound was held on a gorgeous fall morning at the Savin Center in New Haven, CT. A record 240 people showed up for a 5k run, 2 mile walk and kid's race. This was our second year to be involved in this event, and there were twice as many campers/counselors present. Congratulations to Matt Klien who was 1st in the Camp Rising Sun division. Afterwards, our very own sorority girls served everyone a well deserved lunch.

In Loving Memory

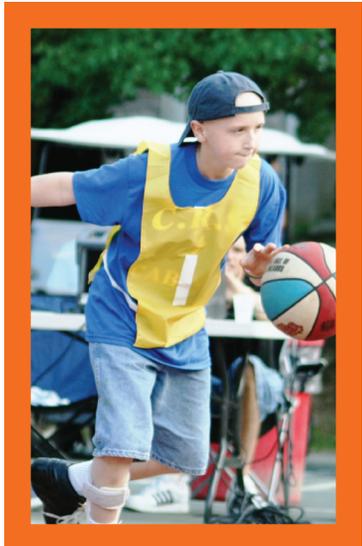
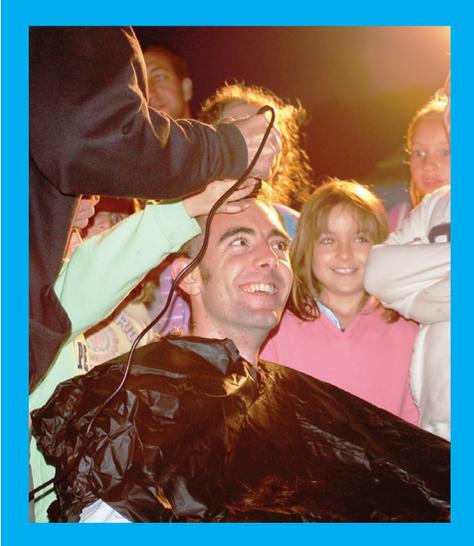
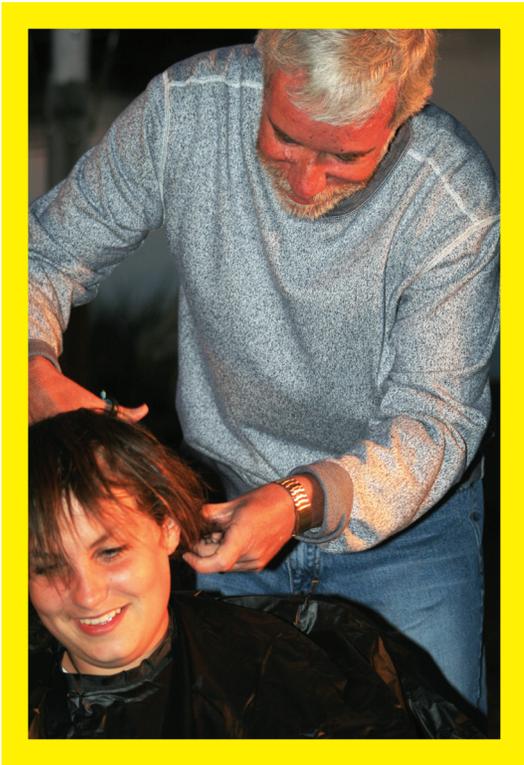
*We will always remember
the times we spent together.*



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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.