



Camp Rising Sun Newsletter • July 2018

Introducing Doc Joe's Band-Aid Barn!

The plans are being finalized and construction is expected to start soon to build Doc Joe's Camp Rising Sun Band-Aid Barn. This state-of-the-art infirmary is being built at Camp Jewell YMCA through a grant provided by the Camp Rising Sun Charitable Foundation. "Naming this infirmary in honor of Doc Joe is just a small token of our appreciation for the immeasurable impact Doc Joe has had on the lives of every person at Camp Rising Sun over the past 25 years," said Director Shaun Heffernan.

Doc Joe's Camp Rising Sun Band-Aid

Barn will be attached to the current dining hall and will feature bunks and treatment areas that will allow campers to receive the necessary treatments without skipping a beat at camp. A spring 2019 completion is expected.

"We wanted to give our camp family the opportunity to pay tribute to Doc Joe's dedication to camp," added Camp Manager Tina Saunders. "This will be through an engraved brick walkway leading up to the infirmary". Supporters may purchase their brick through the



enclosed envelope or by visiting <https://polarengraving.com/camprisingsun>.

Individuals and businesses interested in sponsoring the infirmary can email Shaun at Shaun@camprisingsun.com.

A Look Back: Mini-Camp Weekend 2018 Was On Fire!

The Camp Rising Sun Family gathered for a reunion this past March as we participated in our annual Mini-Camp Weekend. The kids enjoyed a very long day out in the snowy hills of Camp Jewell where they went sledding, played Crate Stack, Nine Square, shot BB guns, did arts and crafts, made candles, sang karaoke, made candy sushi, escaped the room and so much more. The weekend ended with a huge bonfire party that provided warmth, fun, a few silly smiles, and of course, some s'mores!

With all of that fun packed into just one weekend, we can only imagine what is in store for Camp Week in August as we trade the snow for the sun!



It is our mission at Camp Rising Sun to provide a safe, nurturing environment to kids who have faced the diagnosis of cancer, so that they may grow and learn from their experiences to become the best they can be.

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Circle The Sun Sibling Camp

We are rounding up all our campers' siblings (ages 8-14) for a week of Wild West Fest at Circle the Sun Sibling Camp! Camp Rising Sun, in partnership with Circle of Care, is excited to invite siblings of current CRS campers to attend. Camp is held the same week as CRS on the grounds of Camp Jewell YMCA but on the other side of the lake. Applications are online at <http://app.campdoc.com/register/circlethesun>. Your CampDoc user name and password will be the same. Thanks to all of our donors for making this opportunity available, free of charge, to our Camp Rising Sun families.

This year, for the first time, our fabulous Camp Rising Sun volunteer staff will be cabin counselors for our awesome siblings.

Camp Just For Siblings!



It's going to be a toe-tappin', rabble-rousin', hair-raisin', rootin' tootin' good time – yeehaw!

A Look Ahead: Camp Week 2018

It's a bird, it's a plane... It's CAMP WEEK 2018! What better way to celebrate our brave little heroes and fighters of Camp Rising Sun than with a week packed with power, might and strength?

This year's theme is SUPERHEROES! Camp staff has been very busy planning and prepping for this power-packed week turning the Camp Jewell campground into pages of a comic book. Batman, Superman, Wonder Woman, Spider-Man, Guardians of the Galaxy, Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, The Incredibles and many more of our famous heroes will be well represented.

Be sure to pack your child's superhero-themed shirts, socks, hats, masks, swimwear, towels and bedspreads to get into the spirit. This super-powered week will be a memorable experience our Camp Marvels will never forget!



Camper Wins National Award

Camp Rising Sun would like to offer a hearty congratulations to our camper, Marissa Walker, who was recently selected as the winner of the "National High School Spirit of Sport" award by the National Federation of State High School Associations.

Marissa was a star athlete growing up, but was diagnosed with Osteosarcoma in 2009. After going through chemotherapy and dozens of surgeries, Marissa is now a senior at Waterford High School and was named captain of her school's softball team, which made it to the quarterfinals of the state tournament.

The ever-humble Marissa says: "I really believe CRS has shaped me into the person I am today. I was not always accepting of everything I had been through, but Camp changed that. My award is a great achievement, but being a part of this Camp family is an even greater one in my eyes."

Congratulations, Marissa! Your CRS family couldn't be prouder!



Staff Spotlight: Photographers

During Camp Week, many of our parents check our website and Facebook page for photos of their smiling camper. And thanks to the hard work of our camp photographers, Heather Sutherland and Jessica Materna, parents can see hundreds of photos of smiling faces and get a peek inside all the fun taking place at camp.

When they're not hustling to various activities to capture every moment, they can be found (often very late at night!) in the Dining Hall editing and uploading photos for our fans. Somehow they even manage to put together everyone's favorite week-ending slide show.

If you see Heather or Jessica, please say thanks, then smile!



Out And About With Camp Rising Sun!



On March 4th, Camp Rising Sun held a “Celebration of Volunteerism” gala! We honored volunteers from the entire 35 year history of CRS.



Counselor Justin once again hosted a wine and cheese fundraiser for Camp Rising Sun. Always great to see our Rhode Island friends support CRS!



Counselors Scott and Jason represented Camp Rising Sun at the 2018 “Run for the Cows” in Redding. Join them and the rest of Team Camp Rising Sun at the Hartford Marathon on October 13th.



Thanks again to Two Roads Brewing Company for hosting a Camp Rising Sun beer tasting fundraiser! Food, fun, games, and raffles made for a fun night – and the beers were tasty, too!

We love our campers, families, and fans – connect with us online!

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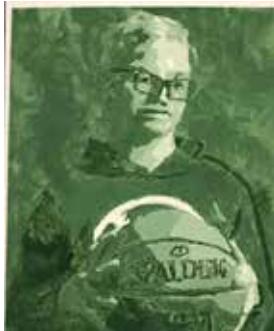
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Keeping Up With Our Campers: The Latest From Our CRS Family

- Zach, who you might recall was the designer of our amazing Camp Rising Sun socks, has artistic talent beyond footwear. His work was accepted into the Regional Scholastic Art Awards show where he was awarded a Silver Key Award! Congrats, Zach!
- Annelise put on a school-wide snack drive for our good friends

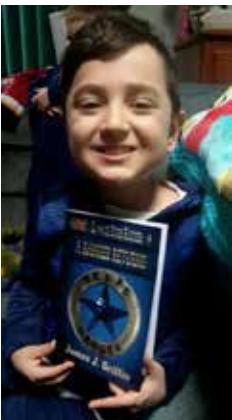


at Colin's Crew and managed to bring in over 300 snack bags! Since Colin's Crew supplies our CRS snacks every year, perhaps we'll see some of Annelise's snacks in August!

- Carson not only

made the Guilford High School varsity lacrosse team, she's the starting goalie! And the team has made it to the state quarterfinals!

- Wouldn't it be cool to be a character in a book? Just ask Anthony – he's a recurring character in the "A Ranger Grown" series. Book 9 just came out, so check out "Ranger A.J.'s" latest adventures!
- Brooke has been busy as well, including a trip to Disney for Spring Break and attending her last middle



school dance. Look out high school, here comes Brooke!

- Ryan also spent some time in Disney as part of his Make-A-Wish trip. We can't wait to hear all about the fun at Camp Week!
- Joey has certainly kept himself busy since last year. He and his Bantam A hockey



team won a state championship. Then it was time for lacrosse where Joey was chosen as a CONNY All-Star. And no, it's not all sports all the time – Joey also achieved Honors with Distinction for his entire middle school career. Way to go, Joey!



• Look out, Cabin 2 – Jasmine has started training for her black belt in karate! Hopefully she can teach us all a few moves this summer!

- Kylie is excited that she made the Varsity Cheer team for next year. Nice work, Kylie, your CRS family is cheering for you!

• Mateo has been keeping

himself busy playing soccer, baseball, and basketball this spring. He's also been rooting for the Yankees!

- Jenna is a member of the 8th grade band at her middle school. They



recently performed at their Memorial Day parade! This was Jenna's first time performing in a parade and she had a great time!



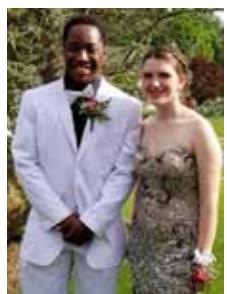
• Alex is enjoying his last year of elementary school. He recently starred as James in his school's production of "James and the Giant Peach."

He's also been

playing a lot of golf lately, so if you're in the area and up for 9 holes, look him up!



- Kailiah recently competed in her first modern solo dance and received high gold, placing 4th overall. Can't wait to see her in the talent show this summer!
- And last but not least, we had FOUR Camp Rising Sun prom dates this year. We hope that Hannah & Chris, Adam & Ali, John & Julia and Adam & Shannon all had a great time!



CRS Salutes: Naples Pizza Truck

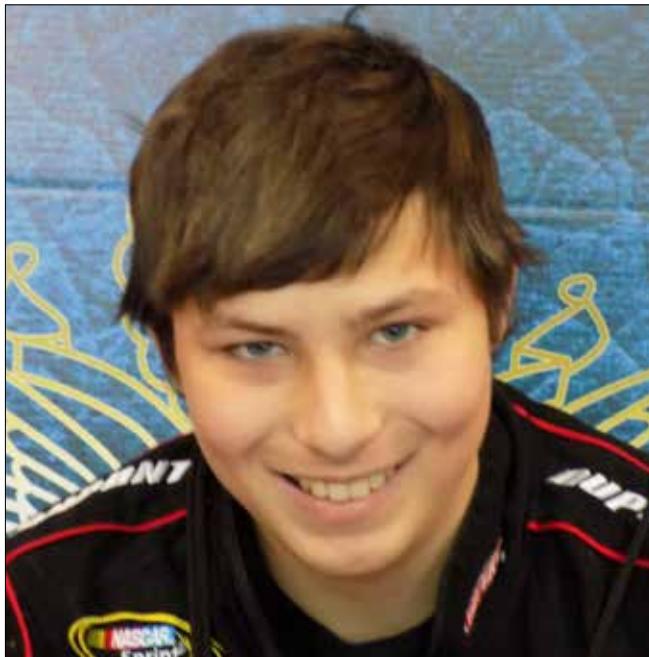
Camp Rising Sun is grateful for the generous individuals and businesses who support our camp and campers. One of our most dedicated – and tastiest – supporters over the years has been Naples Pizza. Every year they bring their wood-fired pizza truck to camp for lunch, plus an opportunity for campers to make their own pizzas! When asked why they do it, Naples Pizza owner John simply replied, “It makes me feel good.”

How good is the pizza? Let our campers tell you:

- Zac: “It is awesome!”
- Conlan: “It’s very fun, it’s very cool, and I get to make my own pizza!”
- Olivia: “Pizza! Pizza! The pizza was yummy, the truck had a brick oven. I like it... a lot!”
- Mia: “I love the pizza truck!”
- Matt: “Batman lives on pizza!”
- Michaela: “One of my favorite memories from camp. Getting to make pizza and enjoy it with all my friends.”
- Luis: “Me and Tommy love the pizza truck. We had a pizza-eating contest, and Tommy won, the pizza was just so good, he had like 24 pieces and I had like 14 or 15.”
- Anthony: “It was awesome, I think every neighborhood should have a pizza truck!”
- Brandon: “An unforgettable taste and memory to share with counselors and fellow campers.”
- Nurse Kait: “I’m not a camper, but it’s the greatest thing in the world!”



Forever In Our Hearts



Marik Tucker

Camp Rising Sun Calendar of Events

Wednesday, July 11

Annual Kids Night Out

Owenego Inn, Branford, CT

Friday, August 17

Ray's Golf Day

Timberlin Golf Club, Berlin, CT

raysgolfdays.com

August 19-24

Camp Rising Sun Camp Week

Camp Jewell, Colebrook, CT

Contact Tina@camprisingsun.com

Month of September

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Go Gold for our Campers!

Saturday, October 13

Team Camp Rising Sun

Runs the Hartford Marathon

Bushnell Park, Hartford, CT

Contact Scott@camprisingsun.com

Friday, November 16

Fall Beerfest

Knights of Columbus, Hamden, CT

Contact Melissa@camprisingsun.com

For more information on any of these events, please visit our website or Facebook page. If you are interested in hosting a fundraiser to benefit Camp Rising Sun, please contact Shaun at Shaun@camprisingsun.com



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