



WELCOME TO CAMP SPIRIT



A WINTER ADVENTURE CAMP FOR CHILDREN WITH EPIDERMOLYSIS BULLOSA

DATES: Sunday, February 25th - Friday, March 2nd
PLACE: The YMCA of the Rockies in Grand County, Colorado

This is our 11th Winter Camp for children with Recessive Dystrophic EB (RDEB). Once again we have partnered with the National Sports Center for the Disabled (NSCD). The goals of the camp are to foster camaraderie with other children with Recessive Dystrophic EB, provide experiences with winter sports activities, and promote independence, self-direction and responsibility in a supportive environment. We added an extra day to the camp this year at the unanimous request of the campers.

The camp will be staffed by physicians, nurses and therapists, who are very experienced with the particular needs of children with RDEB. Skiing will be through the NSCD, which will be celebrating its 49th year teaching adaptive skiing. The instructors have many years of experience, are familiar with our campers' diagnosis, and will be teaching the campers in safe, stable bi-skis with fixed outriggers. Other activities will include learning how to drive a dogsled team, snowmobiling, a sleigh ride, crafts, and some special evening activities.

We will meet the children who are flying in at their gate in the airport, and the local campers at our usual site, and take the children to the YMCA of the Rockies. We will all stay in a large cabin. There are wheelchair accessible bedrooms and bathrooms on the main floor and more bedrooms with attached baths upstairs. There will be staff to assist the campers with any of their activities of daily living, dressings, meds, feeds, and any other needs they might have. The last day we will transport the campers back to Denver. For those campers coming from out of state, we will see them safely onto the plane.

The camp is free to the campers thanks to our generous donors/sponsors. We also have some scholarship money to help with airfare for out of town campers, but those who can pay their airfare are welcome to do so. Please contact me if you plan on making your own transportation arrangement so we can insure the times are appropriate to coordinate for airport pick up.

Please return the application and forms to us by December 1, 2017.

Include:

1. The camper application
2. Physician Permission - The Physician can fax this directly to us.
3. Authorization to use and disclose protected health information (we have to share this information with the NSCD ski instructors for the child's safety)
4. Liability waiver and Photo release
5. Camper questionnaire

Since there are limited spots for campers, the spots will be filled on a first come basis. The camp does fill so interested families should return the applications as soon as possible to insure a spot. Following the acceptance of the application and closer to the start of camp, there will be more forms

with information on what to bring, important phone numbers for families, and a general information sheet. You will also receive forms for a detailed medication list, dressings, and questionnaire re. feeding specifics to fill out and return closer to the date of the camp so we can be sure to be current with our information. There will also be liability release forms for all the various activities. We are a form happy group, but we do want to make sure we meet the campers' needs.

For new campers, this may be their first experience away from their family. I am sure parents and campers will have some "jitters" at first, but be assured, we have a professional, enthusiastic, caring staff who is fully equipped to meet their needs and calm fears and homesickness.

PLEASE RETURN THE APPLICATION AND FORMS BY DECEMBER 1, 2017.

TO

KAYCIE ARTUS

2429 BITTERROOT LANE

GOLDEN, COLORADO 80401

Ka80401@comcast.net

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CALL KAYCIE AT 303-981-1320