



WELCOME TO CAMP SPIRIT



A WINTER ADVENTURE CAMP FOR CHILDREN WITH RECESSIVE DYSTROPHIC EPIDERMOLYSIS BULLOSA

DATES: Saturday, February 26th - Thursday, March 3rd
PLACE: The YMCA of the Rockies in Grand County, Colorado

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

This is our 15th Winter Camp for children with Recessive Dystrophic EB (RDEB). The goals of the camp are to foster camaraderie with other children with RDEB, provide experiences with winter sports activities, and promote independence, self-direction and responsibility in a supportive environment.

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 54th year teaching adaptive skiing. The instructors have many years of experience, are familiar with our camper's 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 with marshmallow roast, crafts, and some special evening activities.

Children who are flying into Denver airport will be met by staff at their gate upon arrival. We will meet local campers at an arranged 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. All bedrooms have attached baths. There will be staff to assist the campers with any of their activities of daily living, baths/showers, 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 ensure the times are appropriate to coordinate for airport pick up.

Once you have completed the on-line Application and Questionnaire, you must Download, Print, Complete and return the following forms to us by December 1, 2021:

1. Physician Permission - The Physician can fax this directly to us.
2. Authorization to Disclose Med. Info (we have to share this information with the NSCD ski instructors for the child's safety)
3. Camp waiver and Photo release

PLEASE RETURN THE APPLICATION AND FORMS BY DECEMBER 1, 2021.

Preferred Method #1

Scan and email to...
Ka80401@comcast.net

Method #2
Fax to Kaycie Artus...
303.526.4102

Method #3
Mail to...
Kaycie Artus
2429 BITTERROOT LANE
GOLDEN, COLORADO 80401

Since there are limited spots for campers, the spots will be filled on a first come basis. The camp does fill quickly 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 fun 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 certain 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.