

SPRING 2025



LOCAL Passion, BIG IMPACT: Grassroots Efforts Grow at Camp For All



Photo courtesy of Duchenne Family Camp.

To deliver on our mission to transform the world for children and adults with challenging illnesses, disabilities, or special needs, **Camp For All collaborates with more than 65 nonprofit organizations.** Our Partners include many large organizations, such as hospitals, schools, and nationwide nonprofits. Our Partners are also comprised of numerous small and diverse grassroots groups. In many cases, these camps were created by individuals with a dream to positively impact the lives of others – exactly like Camp For All!

One shining example of a grassroots group in action is the Duchenne Family Camp hosted by Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy. The weekend overnight camp for families affected by Duchenne muscular dystrophy was started by passionate parents of people living with Duchenne, including Co-Coordinator for South Texas Connect Group for Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy, Rachel Poysky. Rachel helped

start the camp by focusing on connections, communities, and relationships.

“Getting families together is so important,” Rachel said. “For many of these families, they don’t have any other families in their community with Duchenne. The families connect, make lifelong friendships, and support one another in their Duchenne journey.”

Active since 2011, Rachel proudly reflects on how important Camp For All is for kids with Duchenne. “They realize they aren’t the only ones. **They feel free at Camp to be themselves,**” she added.

Another great grassroots camp success story is Friendship Smile, a day camp for children born with cleft lip and palate. Camp Director Katherine Rose and her team started the camp in 2019 to create a place where **“campers feel truly understood.”**

“One of the most powerful moments I witnessed at Camp For All this year was seeing a group of boys, ages 10 to 12, laughing, joking, and hanging out together like lifelong friends,” Katherine shared. “When I asked how they met, they told me it was at Camp For All last year through Friendship Smile.”

Camp For All is honored to partner with groups of all sizes to make our mission a reality. **We are also grateful for the generosity of our donors** whose contributions make such a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve.



Photo courtesy of Friendship Smile.

HOW TO START A CAMP

Anyone who may be interested in starting his or her own Camp should contact Allen McBride, Camp For All Camp Director, at 979-803-3410 or by email at amcbride@campforall.org.

Did you know?
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SUMMER 2025

May 26-30	Sunrise (Tuttle)	Teens with developmental challenges	Briarwood Tuttle School
June 1-6	Bayou Bruisers	Children with hemophilia	Louisiana Hemophilia Foundation
June 8-13	Spike 'n' Wave	Children with epilepsy	Epilepsy Foundation of Texas Houston/Dallas/Fort Worth
June 8-13	Oasis	Children with Crohn's and colitis	Crohn's & Colitis Foundation
June 9-13	Camp For All 2U	Camp at MD Anderson Cancer Center	Camp For All Program
June 15-20	Camp For Y'All	A special week to come to Camp with families and friends; more info on back page	
June 16-20	Camp For All 2U	Camp at Texas Children's Hospital - Austin	Camp For All Program
June 22-27	Rainbow Connection	Children with cancer	Childhood Cancer Connection
June 22-27	Dreamcatcher	Children with cancer	McLane Children's Hospital, Baylor Scott & White
June 23-27	Camp For All 2U	Camp at Texas Children's Hospital - Medical Center	Camp For All Program
June 29-July 4	Smiles	Children with cerebral palsy	Easter Seals of Greater Houston
July 6-11	PHEver	Children with phenylketonuria	UT Health Houston
July 6-11	Social	Children with learning differences	The Parish School
July 7-11	Camp For All 2U	Camp at Texas Children's Hospital - The Woodlands	Camp For All Program
July 13-18	Xtreme	Children and young adults competing in wheelchair sports	TIRR Foundation
July 13-18	Hope	Children impacted by compromised immune systems	Allies in Hope
July 14-18	Camp For All 2U	Camp at Texas Children's Hospital - West Campus	Camp For All Program
July 20-26	Periwinkle	Children with cancer and their siblings	The Periwinkle Foundation
July 27-31	Shining Stars	Children with kidney disease	Kidney Kamp Foundation
July 27-31	Cell-A-Bration	Children with sickle cell	Sickle Cell Association of Texas - Marc Thomas Foundation
August 3-8	Discovery	Children with skin disease	American Academy of Dermatology
August 3-8	MDA	Children with Muscular Dystrophy	Muscular Dystrophy Association
August 3-8	Impact	Children of families serving in the military	Travis Manion Foundation and Impact a Hero

FALL 2025

Sept 5-7	Texas Neurofibromatosis Family Camp	Neurofibromatosis family camp	Texas Neurofibromatosis Foundation
Sept 5-7	Arrow Kinship Camp	Foster care ministry	Arrow Child & Family Ministries
Sept 12-14	Be An Angel	Families with children with any disability	Be An Angel Fund
Sept 17-18	CSA Sleepaway Camp	Students with speech, language, and learning differences	Capitol School of Austin
Sept 19-21	Periwinkle Family Camp	Pediatric cancer patients and their families	The Periwinkle Foundation
Sept 19-21	Periwinkle YOLO	Teens and siblings with life-threatening illnesses	The Periwinkle Foundation
Sept 26-28	Camp Love Without Limits	Kids and young adults with burns and limb differences	Shriners Children's Texas
Oct 3-5	Periwinkle Long-Term Survivors Retreat	Periwinkle Alumni: Adults who are long-term survivors of pediatric cancer	The Periwinkle Foundation
Oct 3-5	Easter Seals - Camp Coleman	Integrating new service dogs into veteran and military families	Easter Seals Houston
Oct 9-10	Gryphon's Nest	Students in grades 6-12 with social and learning differences	Gateway Academy
Oct 10-12	Pump It Up	Current patients ages 8-12 from TCH Heart Center	Texas Children's Hospital Heart Center
Oct 17-19	Camp LIFE	Youth with any disability and their siblings	Center on Disability and Development at Texas A&M
Oct 17-19	Safe Haven	Foster care/adopt ministry and families with children with a disability	Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church
Oct 24-26	Family Resilience Retreat	Patients with pediatric brain cancer	Texas Children's Hospital
Nov 7-9	Bumblebee Family Camp	Families with children with a food allergy	Camp Bumblebee
Nov 7-9	DeafBlind Family Camp	Family camp for youth who are deaf/blind	DeafBlind Community of Texas
Nov 14-16	Easter Seals Family Camp	Families with children with a disability	Easter Seals Houston



“This is the best Camp of my life because of you!”
– CAMP FOR ALL CAMPER



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JULIE TAETZ
CHAIR, CAMP FOR ALL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Camp For All 2U at MD Anderson Children's Cancer Hospital.

Powerful Partnerships: Dedicated Donors & Talented Team Members Deliver

Before I became Board Chair of Camp For All, if I went to Camp For All 2U and saw campers hurling cream pies at their doctors' faces, I might have thought it was silly, but a nice distraction.

In reality, the important outcome of a lighthearted pie in the face is a greater doctor-patient connection. And a crazy pizza and cooking segment in the Camper Kitchen at Camp is a way for campers with special diets to learn how to advocate for their dietary needs.

Thanks to you and generous support from our donors, campers have a great time at Camp For All. We make sure of that! But behind the dozens of adaptive, barrier-free activities are focus and intention.

We are **SERIOUS** about fun at Camp For All – and it shows in our camper outcome surveys and when our professional team's work is recognized. We are also committed to making Camp transformational for everyone who participates. To this end, campers experience freedom and independence, make friends with others who share their challenges, and **create a special community that continues long after leaving our barrier-free campground.**

In recognition of our collective hard work and efforts, I'm proud to share that Camp For All **received three honors** at the American Camp Association (ACA) Texoma Legends of Camping Awards Dinner in February 2025. **Peter Boudreaux**, AIA, Curry Boudreaux Architects, was the recipient of the Friend of Camp Award for designing our beautiful Burton home, followed by several other camps in Texas. Camp For All Program Supervisor **Jordan Pugh** was the recipient of the Rising Star Award. Launched in 2014, **Camp For All 2U**, which brings Camp For All to children who are unable to leave the hospital to attend Camp in Burton, Texas, received the Program Excellence Award. I'm incredibly proud of Camp For All for winning these prestigious awards, and you should be, too.

*Right: Jordan Pugh,
Program Supervisor.*

*Below: Allen McBride, Camp
Director (left), and Peter Boudreaux,
AIA, Curry Boudreaux Architects.*



**It's because of your
gifts that we can deliver
these programs, and our
campers can discover life!**

Onward and upward,

Julie
Julie

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Camp For Y'All Coming in June

Have you ever thought about how fun it would be to come to Camp with families, friends, or a school, workplace, or community group? Well, your chance is coming in June!

Camp For All has designated Sunday, June 15 through Friday, June 20 as a special Camp For Y'All week. That means you and your guests can experience Camp For All directly. You don't need to have an affiliation with one of our more than 65 nonprofit Partners that host Camps throughout the year.

Reservations will fill up fast for this unique opportunity. Proceeds from Camp For Y'All will help ensure children and adults with challenging illnesses, disabilities, or special needs will continue to experience the barrier-free excitement of Camp year-round.



**SCAN TO
REGISTER!**



Bailey shares her inspirational story with gala guests.

Journey of Joy: A Camp For All Family Affair

At the Krewe de Camp For All Gala held at The Revaire in Houston on Saturday, January 25, 2025, former Camp For All camper **Bailey Ferguson** and her brother, **Cale**, former Co-Chair of the Camp For All Emerging Leaders Board, shared their powerful journey over the past 18 years. With 600 guests in attendance, the impact of their story helped Camp For All raise more than \$1.2 million to transform the world for children and adults with challenging illnesses, disabilities, or special needs.

Bailey first experienced Camp For All in 2006 when she attended with The Monarch School. She later visited Camp For All with The HUB Houston.

"At Camp, I LOVED to go rock climbing and ziplining – things I didn't know I could do before coming to Camp For All. **Anyone, no matter what their challenges may be, can try new things. No one is left out of the fun.**

"I also loved horseback riding, swimming, and canoeing. At Camp For All, I could do all of them! Everyone supports each other and helps you overcome your fears. The staff and other campers cheer you on, especially when you do something hard.

"The other thing I loved at Camp was sitting around the campfire with my friends, singing, and telling stories. **Going to Camp helped me be more confident and independent. It was truly life-changing!"**

The impact of Camp For All on Bailey inspired Cale to join the Emerging Leaders Board, later becoming a Co-Chair of the Board, and even going "Over The Edge" by participating in the annual Camp For All rappelling fundraiser at The Woodlands Tower in The Woodlands, Texas.

The Ferguson family is another great example of how Camp For All shapes our campers' confidence, passions, and futures, while inspiring their family members to help campers of all abilities discover life. Bailey's, Cale's, and countless others' journeys are possible because of YOU and your commitments to Camp For All. **Thank you for making a positive lasting difference in the lives of others every day.**

Left to right: Cale Ferguson, Bailey Ferguson, and Camp For All President and CEO Pat Prior Sorrells.



**ARE YOU A FORMER
CAMPER LIKE BAILEY**
who wants to share your
Camp For All story with others?
SCAN TO TELL YOUR STORY



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prepared to serve
or meet almost any
dietary need our
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