

Send holiday cheer and support camp

Holiday tributes are a great way to honor the memory of a loved one or friend or to simply let someone know you're thinking about them during the holidays. Tributes also make great corporate gifts – instead of a pen and pencil set or basket of tiny muffins. Let your client or vendor know that you sent a kid to camp in their honor!

We will be using the same card design from years past which has a great western theme designed by camp counselor Hermione. Or, we can send a personalized card with a picture from this year's camp session.

To do a tribute, simply fill out the tribute portion of the enclosed remit envelope with your message, noting which card you'd prefer, or visit our website at www.campdelcorazon.org and we will send a personalized card to your designated recipient.



2008 CALENDAR

- March 7-10**
Mammoth Snow Retreat
- April 5**
Gala del Sol Black Tie Event
- April 19**
New Staff Interviews
- May 9**
Davi Golf Tournament
- May 24-26**
PACE Camp
- June 7**
Malibu Staff Training
- June 18-22**
Malibu Camp Session 1
- June 23-27**
Malibu Camp Session 2
- July 12**
New Staff Interviews
- August 1**
IDES Golf Tournament
- August 23**
Catalina Staff Training Day
- Aug. 25-29**
Catalina Camp Session 1
- Aug. 29-Sept. 2**
Catalina Camp Session 2

All dates are tentative. Check our website for updated dates and information.

A LETTER from the HEART

Camp del Corazon's quarterly newsletter for campers, parents and friends

Winter 2007

What does 2008 hold in store for Camp del Corazon?

by Amy Larsen (aka "Thumper"),
Program Director

Brand new camp dates

Too many times we have heard from parents that campers were not able to attend summer camp due to conflicting school schedules. Thanks to our developing relationship with Calmont School, we are able to finally do something about it. In 2008 we will be holding three camp sessions, two sessions in mid June at Cottontail Ranch Camp and a modified Catalina Island Camp session over the Labor Day holiday in late August. Camper families and counselors: Be sure to send your registration forms back into the office as soon as they arrive, as we will be holding spots in sessions based on a "first come, first served" basis. Application packets for camp will be mailed out in January.

Mammoth Winter Camp

Bring on the snow...Scheduled for March 7-10, the Mammoth Winter Camp will give campers the opportunity to take ski lessons, go dog sledding, find a good sledding hill, and much more. This camp was designed to provide children growing up with heart disease the opportunity to reach heights they have only dreamed of. Mammoth Winter Camp is open to campers ages 8-12 at the time of the event. Please see the article inside for more details.

PACE

Our Progressive Adult Congenital Experience Program will have a whole new look for 2008! This program was designed for young adults up to the age of 25 who are facing the challenges of transitioning between teenhood and adulthood. Visit our website and forum for program dates.

For more information and exact dates please visit our website at www.campdelcorazon.org, or contact us in the office. Thank you and we look forward to a great upcoming year.



Winter edition!



December 7 Big American Heart Ride

Do you ride a motorcycle? Well this is the event for you! On Friday, December 7, Camp del Corazon will be the beneficiary of the proceeds of the Big American Heart Ride. This charity ride will be originating from points North and South, ending at the Long Beach Convention Center to kick off the 27th Annual Cycle World International Motorcycle Show.

Event details will include:

- Performance and CD signings by Whiskey Falls
- VIP passes to the show as the doors open
- Goodie bags
- Unveiling of a one-of-a-kind Stan Winston designed Victory Motorcycle (to be auctioned off on ebay with half of the proceeds for camp!)

Visit the camp website for more information on tickets for the ride and for the festivities that day.

Thank you to our friends at Victory Motorcycles, Advanstar and Cycle World! And a really big thank you to Tom Arnold for recommending Camp for this incredible opportunity!

For more information, please visit the camp website or go to www.motorcycleshows.com.



Memories of summer camp

Who? What? Where? These are the questions campers answered while participating in a live version of the game 'Clue,' just one of the many evening activities this year at camp.

At Camp del Corazon this summer we had the pleasure of hosting nearly 400 campers over our three camp sessions, one in Malibu, CA and two on Catalina Island.

Some of the highlights of this year's camp sessions included horseback riding, a runway fashion show, dance nights, Disco Bingo, Open Mic Night, and of course making new friends.

For children living with heart disease, Camp del Corazon, is a very special place where everybody knows and understands what each other are going through. It's a place where, for once in these campers lives, it is the volunteers without heart disease who don't fit in.

This was a great summer and we are looking forward to creating more fantastic memories, and sharing lots more laughter next year!

Wax your skis and pull out your winter coats, Mammoth Winter Camp is back!

by Glenn Knight (aka "Zeus"),
Chief Executive Officer

The goal of this unique program is to provide an opportunity for children living with heart disease to participate in various mountain activities (which they thought they could never do because of the altitude) while under the medical supervision of our professional staff.

Camp del Corazon's Mammoth Winter Camp provides a variety of fun and challenging activities to its participants. All the activities are lead by trained professional camp and mountain staff, and are attended by one or more of our Med Nurses.

The activities include skiing lessons through Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra, sledding, creating fun ceramics, and dog sledding with the Mammoth Dog Team, and don't forget about the snowmen, and snow angels!

The dates for this session of the winter camp are March 7-10, 2008. Please check our website www.campdelcorazon.info, which will have all the latest update, or email alarsen@campdelcorazon.org for more information.

Ski Lessons

Campers will participate in at least one ski lesson while at camp. Lessons are taught by Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra instructors, and are commonly taught in a one-on-one or one-on-two setting. DSES instructors are specially trained to deal with skiers with special needs.

Dog Sledding

Mammoth Dog Teams has graciously provided our campers with a chance to experience what it is like to be part of a dog sled team. Campers take a 25 minute ride in a sled pulled a team of dogs into the beautiful back area of Mammoth Mountain and then return to the main lodge.

Sledding

Pull out those saucers. In between activities our campers are given the opportunity to ride down some great hills with our counselors and nurses.

Camp fundraisers

Ralphs/Food 4 Less

Are you a Ralphs or Food 4 Less shopper? We are excited to have become a part of the Community Program at Ralphs, Food 4 Less and Foods Co. Every time you shop at one of these stores and swipe your Club Card, Camp del Corazon will receive between 1%-4% of your total bill as a donation! It costs you absolutely nothing to register and has the potential to send kids to camp! Go to www.ralphs.com/ccprogram.htm to register your club card or call the camp office for more information.

Matching gifts from companies

Many employers will match donations made to camp. To find out if your company does, please inquire with your human resources department. It's a great way to help support camp programs!

Visit our online camp forum

Don't forget to visit our camp forum on our website to stay connected to friends, ask questions, network or even sell your goods!

