



I cried when it was time to go home because I never wanted to leave my new family.
- Camper, age 9

The History

The story of the inspiration behind Camp Good Days & Special Times is a very important part of this organization. It all began in 1979, when Gary Mervis nine-year-old daughter, Teddi, was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumor. In an effort to bring joy into the life of Teddi and other children with cancer, Gary organized the first overnight summer camping session of Camp Good Days and Special Times. At Camp, the children were given the opportunity to concentrate on being kids and leave the never-ending cycle of doctors, medicines and treatments behind them for one enchanted week. Teddi was able to swim, sing and smile with her fellow Campers for the first two summers at Camp Good Days & Special Times. When she died in 1982, she left behind many friends and family who loved her deeply. They would perpetuate her legacy of hope and joy, by dedicating themselves to creating a camp where children with cancer are given the equal opportunity to live their childhoods to the fullest extent possible.

The Camp Facility

Camp Good Days & Special Times' Recreational Facility is located on Keuka Lake in Branchport, New York. The majority of the Campers who attend programs at this facility are from the Western and Central New York region, but there are no geographic restrictions placed on the applicants. This 13.5 acre facility consists of sleeping cabins, a dining hall, athletic fields, mini-golf course, rope course, indoor pavilion, pool, waterfront area, rock climbing walls, and activity huts. Camp also has an infirmary, which is staffed 24 hours a day to accommodate the special needs of our Campers and volunteers.



For more information on
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The activities create
memories for us that
will never be
forgotten.
- Camper, age 16



Camp Good Days & Special Times is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for children, adults and families whose lives have been touched by cancer.

At least one nurse and several trained volunteers are present at every Camp Good Days event.

We offer year-round local programs and activities to our participants as well as residential camping sessions.

Local events range from holiday parties to sporting events to snow tubing to musicals to fishing...and everything in between!



There is no charge to any of our participants. Camp Good Days services are offered to:

- * Children with cancer
- * Children who have a sibling or parent with cancer
- * Children who have lost a sibling or parent to cancer
- * Adults with cancer



Learn More!

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

E-mail:

I would like to learn more about your program. Please send me information on:

☐ becoming a Camp Participant

Name of Participant:

Diagnosis:

Date of Birth:

Name of Parent/Guardian:

Participant has health insurance ☐ yes ☐ no

☐ becoming a Camp Counselor (age 18+)

☐ volunteering

☐ becoming a Camp Good Days donor

Please detach this form and send to:

Camp Good Days and Special Times

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PROGRAMS
Camp Good Days provides services and activities year-round for each of the below groups. Although Camp Good Days assists those affected by cancer **at any age**, the following guidelines are in place for most activities and camp programs.

JUNIOR GOOD DAYS

- A program for children ages 4 - 7
- The opportunity to participate in our week-long, local day camp during the summer in addition to year-round programs and services

YOUTH - ADOLESCENT

- A program for children ages 8 - 17
- A program during the summer in addition to year-round programs and services

ADULT ONCOLOGY

- Programs for men & women with cancer
- The opportunity to participate in one of the many weekend residential retreats in addition to year-round programs and services



Three words:
Fun, fun, fun!!!
- Camper, age 12



I LOVE Camp Good Days. I've made so many friends who are like me and understand how I feel. I never want to go home once I'm there!
- Camper, age 10

