

# camp rainbow gold

## Important Notes & Frequently Asked Questions Camp Rainbow Gold Oncology Camp

**Program Information:** The American Cancer Society's Camp Rainbow Gold is a free, week-long summer camp for Idaho children ages 6 through 17 who have been diagnosed with cancer at some point in their lives. Every year in early August, children enjoy an escape from the rigors of their illness at Cathedral Pines north of Ketchum, Idaho. Camp Rainbow Gold has an on-site medical team, including a full-time physician, who each keeps a close and loving watch over the health and medical needs of every child. Camp is designed to instill a sense of independence, self-assurance and success.

### **Important Camp Policies and Goals:**

- The goal of Camp Rainbow Gold is to provide a positive, fun-filled camp experience for children who have been diagnosed with cancer, while maintaining a safe and supportive environment with the supervision and support that is necessary for each individual child's needs.
- We have on-site 24-hour medical attention to meet oncology related needs. All medications must be correctly labeled and stored in their original containers.
- Children who do not adhere to camp rules and safety regulations will be sent home; our policies include zero tolerance for tobacco use and bullying while at camp.

**Transportation:** A bus that transports to and from camp via the Boise area is provided at no cost; the bus stops in Mountain Home as well. Arrangements for Angel Flight, also free of charge, from Idaho Falls and Pocatello can be made at the family's request. Children from all other areas must provide their own transportation.

### **How do I contact the Camp Rainbow Gold Office?**

Telephone: 208.422.0174

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Website: [camprainbowgold.org](http://camprainbowgold.org)

**Where will my child sleep?** Boys and girls are divided into separate groups according to age and sex. All children then sleep in cabins. Two or more counselors accompany each group.

**What do we pack?** A complete packing list will be mailed once the camper application is received. The list includes everything we recommend accompany children including sleeping bag, flashlight, swimming suit, etc.

**Who are my child's counselors?** All camp staff members are volunteers from the community. Each staff is screened using references, personal interviews and a background check. All volunteers are highly trained to provide a fun, safe and caring community for the children.

**What activities can my child look forward to?** We don't believe in sitting around at camp – your child will be busy! Depending on the child's age, activities might include horseback riding, fishing, swimming, white water rafting, sports, archery, karate, music, mountain biking and artwork creation. Campfires, themed dances, a talent show and a carnival round out the week, all with the goal of developing a sense of independence, adventure, self-assurance and success for each child.