

# camp rainbow gold

## MISSION AND PHILOSOPHY

### OUR MISSION

To provide emotionally empowering experiences to Idaho's children diagnosed with cancer and their families.

### OUR VALUES

It's all about the children.  
Love. Hope. Fun.

### PHILOSOPHY

Children who face cancer should have the opportunity to experience as many of the joys and freedoms of a healthy childhood as possible. A summer camp planned and administered with the special needs of these children in mind provides the ideal setting to give them that chance. In the relaxed atmosphere of camp, all children can share their ideas and experience, gain independence and improve their self-image. For children with cancer, these experiences are an important source of strength and support. Having the chance to develop friendships at camp can be therapeutic, with benefits lasting throughout the year.

## GENERAL ACTIVITIES TO EXPECT AT CAMP

Mountain biking, archery, art shack, campfires, team building, dances, clay projects, GaGa ball, swimming, and fun.

## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Provide campers with a well-trained staff and a safe camping environment at no financial cost to their families.

- 100% of the time, all campers will be supervised according to the appropriate camper-to-staff ratios.
- Recruit and train a minimum of 45 volunteers for staff and counselor positions during a week of camp.
- 100% of participants may attend camp-sponsored events free of charge.

Provide medical expertise and close monitoring required by children with cancer, not generally available at ordinary summer camps.

- 100% of Camp Rainbow Gold camps for children with an oncology diagnosis will be monitored by at least one oncology nurse, complemented by a team of three additional nurses and an oncology physician available 24 hours a day.

Offer campers a variety of fun experiences with an emphasis on building life skills through activities that promote team building.

- 75% of campers will actively participate in small group activities of their choice.
- 25% of campers will participate in an activity that is new to them.

Encourage each child to develop a self-sufficient attitude and the self-esteem derived from looking after oneself.

- 75% of campers will have shared in the work of all cabin clean-ups and cabin duties by the end of the week.
- 75% of campers will be able to choose their appropriate clothes by the end of the week.
- 75% of campers will be able to shower and brush their teeth on their own by the end of the week.

Give children with cancer the opportunity to make friends with others who understand their situation, the chance to learn from others who share similar health experiences, thereby coming to understand ways to cope with their difficulties and/or limitations.

- 75% of campers will have made two new friends by the end of the session.
- 25% of participants in Camp Rainbow Gold programs are 5 years or more since diagnosis.
- 25% of all participants in Camp Rainbow Gold programs are within 3 years of diagnosis.

Provide assurance to parents that their children are in a safe, secure program by sharing all necessary information and support.

- 100% of families receive camp packets and final information at least one month prior to camp.
- 100% of the families will have received written documentation regarding camp accreditation and association, information on staff training, medical staff provided, and program activities.

Assist children in learning self-care or self-monitoring as recommended by their physicians and assist them in acquiring as great a sense of responsibility for themselves as their ages and abilities allow.

- 50% of all campers on medication, by the end of the camping session, will have developed a responsibility for getting to the infirmary to take their prescribed medications.

Develop a year-round support network for all Camp Rainbow Gold participants.

- At least 3 different activities will be offered during the year that will enable emotional and social support with other families.

Offer an arts program, that encourages creativity.

- 75% of all campers will have the opportunity to participate in art projects.

Provide maximum benefits to the children from the donations received.

- 100% of all gifts will be used to support Camp Rainbow Gold programs.