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Camp Dost Returns in 2022

For nearly 40 years, Camp Dost has provided pediatric cancer patients with a fun-filled summer camp. After 2 years of virtual camp, Camp Dost is returning to in-person this July! Our volunteers and counselors are looking forward to welcoming campers back this summer.

Meet Terry Ketchem

I started attending Camp Dost in 1987 at the age of 5 as a sibling. My sister was diagnosed with Leukemia at the age of 2 and when she was old enough, we attended camp together for years. Camp Dost is truly a tight knit family and welcomes everyone (campers, staff, and other volunteers) with open arms. Once you are part of the family you are always a part of the family no matter what direction life takes you in. As a staff member now, I work alongside of many staff members that were counselors when I was a young camper which really shows the dedication of the staff who return year after year to provide a special week for the campers. I served as a counselor for several years before being appointed the assistant director of camp in 2018 and the director of camp in 2020. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 we were not able to hold an in-person camp in 2020 or 2021 however, we continued with the tradition of camp and conducted a virtual camp via zoom to keep the spirit of camp alive. It was a difficult task to facilitate and took a great deal of time and planning to come up with activities that can be done in a remote environment. Even still, we managed to get everyone together online for several evenings. We had breakout sessions for

campers and staff to reunite and catch up on life events, we held sing-alongs with Woody Wolfe, conducted an art project with Lori Mackey, held a virtual talent show, and viewed many great slide shows and videos produced by Steve Patterson. This year we are excited to be returning to Camp Victory to hold an in-person safari themed camp. The administrative committee has been working tirelessly on planning activities and events to ensure a seamless and safe reunion of staff and campers. Without the support of the Ronald McDonald House and volunteers camp would not be possible. It is this support that allows campers to come to a place for a week to be around others who share the same issues, to let loose and have endless fun without fear of judgement, and to provide an environment that creates lifelong friendships and support.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Masquerade Ball
Bush House Estate, Muncy
September 16, 2022

*Join us for a black-tie event featuring
dinner, music, dancing, and a silent auction.*

Visit rmhdanville.org for more information.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

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