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Spring 2021



Serving families with seriously/terminally ill or developmentally disabled children to a great outdoor experience

Announcing: Open For Summer Sessions!

Go to: www.campprimetime.org

Check
It
Out!

Modified Opening Info.

Time for S'more faces again!



The Yakima Health Dept. approved CPT's plan for opening camp on a modified bases in 2021. As vaccine availability improves, our families and volunteers are getting ready. Some modifications for each camp session include:

1. Limit number of camper families to six (6) households.
2. Each household family will be assigned one bathroom.
3. Limit number of volunteers.
 - a. One group to cook for camper families.
 - b. One group to provide support and care.
4. Safety precautions including symptom monitoring, masks, disinfecting, handwashing, and distancing.
5. Activities limited to one household at a time: Pontoon & Wagon rides, Playground, Tree House, Court Games, etc.
6. Playroom will serve as additional dining space if needed.
7. Six (6) additional mid-week sessions planned.
8. Minor changes to: Registration, Information, and Operations.

Please review the above information and website to evaluate your family's ability to attend and/or volunteer this summer. A safe environment is being offered. It will not feel quite the same as previous camps. If uncomfortable due to underlying health conditions, distancing protocols, and program changes . . . we understand and hope for a 'back to normal' 2022.

Directors Report: Can't Wait For Summer!

When Yakima County moved away from 'Phase 1' reopening, I grabbed and dusted off the 2020 file for opening camp. It outlines protocols and procedures we developed and which can now be realized! Can't wait to see the smiling faces of campers and families!!



'As Usual' will have to wait until next summer. However, we look forward to providing that needed break our families so appreciate. The website should answer most of your questions. Otherwise, feel free to call.

Enjoy your day! Paul Golke

2021 Building Memories Event Update

COVID has impacted the way many nonprofits are raising funds. We are no different. With continuing uncertainty of large events due to the pandemic we want to be sympathetic to the needs and concerns of our community.

We've decided to host a virtual event rather than our traditional and popular biennial Dinner/Auction held in Nov. at the Yakima Convention Center.



We view this as an opportunity to better invite and involve our friends, volunteers, campers and supporters from across the Northwest to participate. Please stay tuned for further announcements. For more information and/or to help with the event, please contact the office.

Happy 35th CPT!

2021 marks our 35th Anniversary! The Articles of Incorporation were signed and filed in 1986. Look for hints of this anniversary cake in publications, website, and at camp. Let us know where you saw this hidden treasure and/or send us a photo of yourself eating cake and **You Could Win A Prize!**



Camper Stories:

Aubrie's Letter

2019 seems like ages ago. Yet a letter from a family captures our mission and purpose in a timeless fashion.

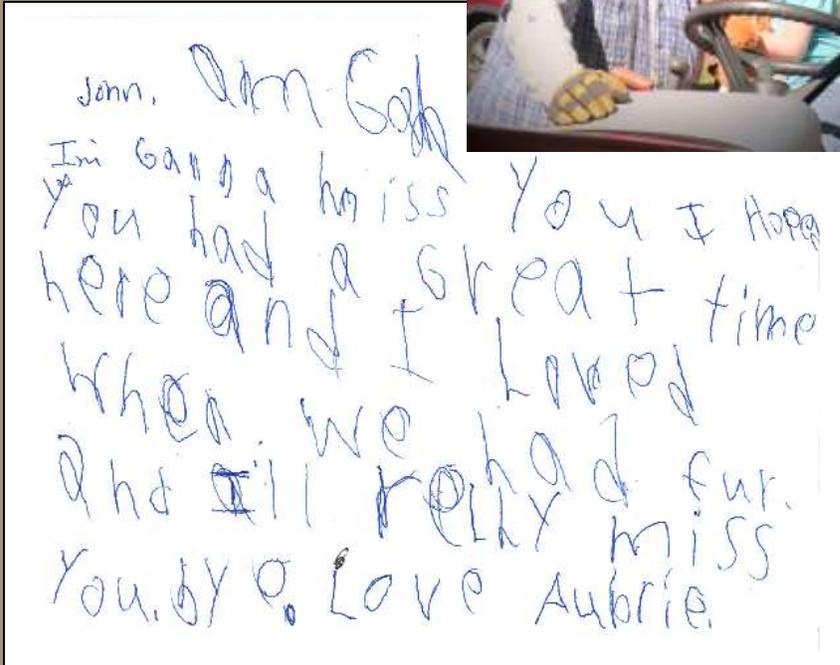
8-year-old Aubrie suffers from autism. Building friendships and trust are very difficult for her. Her family was amazed at how the camp volunteers and environment put Aubrie at ease, allowing her to flourish and enjoy CPT.

"Our daughter Aubrie, age 8, took a liking to John the man who drove the wagon. She lost her grandpa and she was so comfortable with him. I just want to mention how amazing and sweet he was to be her 'surrogate' grandpa while we were there. He spent so much time with her and our family. He was so kind and generous. She will always remember her time here with John. Our family had a wonderful time."

Share your Camp Story by sending it to the camp office: office@campprimetime.org

Volunteer John Eschenbacher and Aubrie pose for a timeless memory.

"I was a Grandpa at the right place at the right time, what a blessing. It was a very heartwarming day I will not forget." John



Area Businesses Rally in Support of 2020 Turkey Trot & Tree Chipping

The recent Turkey Trot and Christmas Tree Chipping events set two new records.

- Fundraising Records:** Turkey Trot \$13,600 Christmas Tree Chipping \$17,650. The total of \$31,250 raised sets a high bar for 2021. CPT thanks everyone who stepped up in support, some in huge ways, of these wonderful activities. Volunteers Included!
- Most Business Partnerships:** Nearly thirty (30) area businesses came together in support of Camp Prime Time and these two events. **Thank You!**

Turkey Trot Sponsors:

- Presenting Turkey Sponsors:
 Leonard Rickey Investment Advisors
 Yakima Federal Savings Bank
 Coca Cola – Yakima & Tri-Cities
- Wishbone Sponsor:
 Teamsters Union Local 760
- Drumstick Sponsors:
 Moss-Adams
 TreeTop Foods
 Kitt Construction
 Dr. Jesse Cone
- Giblet Sponsors:
 BORArchitecture
 Tri-Ply Construction
 Tony & Linda Roth
- Other: Print Guys, Fox 41, KIMA, KAPP, KNDO

Christmas Tree Chipping Partners:

- Papé Machinery
 DTG Recycle
 All American Propane
 Pacific Power
 Cliff's Septic Service
 Thrivent Financial
 Striperite
 Yakima County Solid Waste
 City of Yakima
 Trickinnex Tree Service
 Bargreen/Ellingson Food Service
 Krispy Kreme Donuts
 Ace Hometown Hardware, Yakima
 West Valley Kiwanis
 Blue Knights Motorcycle Club
- Our Great Volunteers!



Above: West Valley Kiwanis at Tree Chipping

Below: Turkey Trot Team Golke

(The dogs raised more support than the humans)



2021 Honey Do List

Help is needed to open camp and get it ready for summer. Call your family/group together and head up to camp. First four Saturday's in May, camp invites you to join us. Saturday lunch provided. Consider staying the weekend! Also, consider sponsoring one of the projects listed below. Please contact the office for more information.

Short-term Projects:

(Call if interested in sponsoring one)

- Lodge Window Screens
- Basketball Court Bleachers
- Sandbox
- Archery Range
- Picnic Tables & Benches



Mid & Long Term Projects:

- Cabin replacement plan
- Stroking Stones- Interactive sculptures
- Playground- Accessible elements



Get Involved with a CPT Committee:

The camp Board of Directors seeks your involvement in our existing committees as well as several new committees: Call Us!

1. Board of Directors: Help lead us forward! Background in finance is needed.
2. Investment: Assist in the oversight of this important arm of the camp.
3. Activities: Assists with special events such as Tree Chipping and Turkey Trot.
4. Program: Oversee and evaluate on-site camp activities and programs offered.

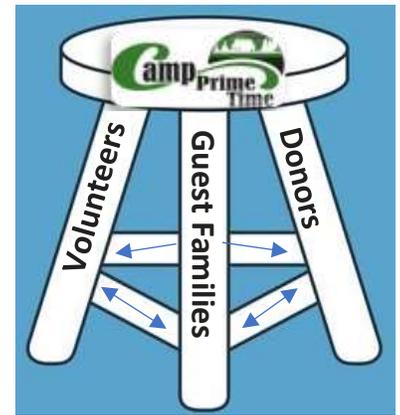
Birthday Fundraiser: Example of How Our 3-Legged Stool Works

Elizabeth has been to camp many times. She enjoys every aspect of camp, especially ringing the dinner bell. She lives with Down Syndrome in a supported living community.

For her birthday, it was suggested to do a fundraising challenge rather than sending gifts. She heard CPT was adding a program so she jumped on the idea and choose Camp Prime Time.

We jumped for joy upon reading the short note her mother included with several checks. In all, donations totaled over \$250! Her birthday gift will help bring an archery program to camp.

P.S. Her mom is very proud her. We are as well. Well Done Elizabeth!



CPT's Three Legs

1. **Volunteers:** So critical to camp operations and support. Join our amazing group of volunteers!
2. **Camper Families:** Our Guests are the reason we do what we do. Giving families with terminally ill and/or disabled children a great experience.
3. **Donors:** CPT is 100% donor funded by Camp Memberships & friends, local businesses, and grants; underscoring the Importance of this year's **Auction**. Generosity abounds! Thank you!

Working Together: Each 'Leg' is interconnected and supported by the other two. Strength of each leg is key.



Volunteers Needed

Covid affected our volunteers more than any other aspect of camp. Staying home, lingering health issues and fear of getting covid are issues most raised.

Camp Prime Time works because of volunteers that give of their time and talents. From serving on the Board of Directors to driving the pontoon boat, to cooking meals and serving our families. Volunteers both give and receive. Many say they receive far more from those they serve than they feel they contribute.



**These faces are our biggest joy.
Your involvement is theirs.**

Join our amazing group of Volunteers! Families and groups encouraged!

Nature Trail Facelift

Yakima Boy Scout, Cole Webster, chose Camp Prime Times Nature Trail as his Eagle Scout project. He rebuilt several of the interpretive boxes, made a couple new ones, and reviewed material to be placed in each.

Guest families will enjoy and learn from the trail. Each box has the ability to be changed each year in order to keep the trail fresh.

Thanks Cole!



Board of Directors

Executive Committee

President: Dick Haapala

Vice President: Michael Moore

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Treasurer: Lisa Martin

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We Exist To Serve

Vision:

All families should have an opportunity to experience the great outdoors without physical or financial limitations.

Mission:

Camp Prime Time seeks to enrich the lives of families with children who are seriously ill or developmentally disabled by providing an outdoor wilderness experience, where families can enjoy themselves in a supportive atmosphere without financial burden.

Core Values

Fun: We encourage our staff, volunteers and families to have fun.

Respite: We understand the importance of relaxation.

Grateful: We express gratitude for our volunteers, our donors, and staff for their dedication.

Honesty: We account for all donations and manage our assets ethically.

Integrity: We are open to all constructive reviews.

Responsible: We invest and use our resources wisely.

Diversity: We welcome all persons having a wide range of abilities.

Respect: We value our staff, our volunteers, and special families.

Accommodating: We continuously work to accommodate special dietary and physical needs.

Teamwork: Working together is the key to success.

Safety: We immediately address any safety concerns tendered by staff, volunteers, or guests.

We review the backgrounds of all campers and volunteers through databases to attempt to eliminate the potential for client and staff abuse.

Service: We exist to serve others.

Why Give Today!

Despite covid-19, CPT was able to end fiscal year 2020 with little fall-out. Much of our 2019 Auction reserved funds remain. In 2021, new and unique hurdles will be encountered. Many will have long-term effects on future operations.



Your support, at this time, sends a great message of hope, reassurance, and strength.
Thank You.

