10 Things to Know About Camp Rainbow

1. Camp Rainbow is for children with and survivors of cancer or blood related diseases and disorders.
2. Volunteer medical professionals are always on site.
3. All costs to attend are covered by the Camp Rainbow Foundation.
4. Camp Rainbow is supported by over 250 volunteers and guests annually.
5. During Summer Camp, Counselors are assigned to each camper to attend to their needs.
6. Many counselors are former camp participants.
7. Camp includes visits by many local organizations throughout the week.
8. Camp Rainbow has been held annually since 1988.
9. Camp features fun activities for children of all ages.
10. Kids Love Camp Rainbow!

Camp Rainbow Testimonials

“I want to say Thank You! I know that seems so little for all that you do. The Family Camp is so wonderful - not just for my "hero" (survivor) but for his brother. They were able to spend time with other kids and their siblings. The experiences were beyond words.”

“Thank you again for the fantastic camping experience my son had with your organization. As I sat through the closing ceremony, I had to fight back tears because I was just so thankful that the children had the opportunity to have such a great experience.”

“We are so very grateful for the countless memories that we have from Camp Rainbow. You provided much joy and happiness to our daughter and many of her friends as well. Thank you for giving her experiences that many kids with cancer are not able to enjoy. You blessed her life and ours beyond words.”

Camp Rainbow Foundation Directors

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Camp Rainbow Co-Sponsors

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An Extraordinary Camp for Some Extraordinary Kids

The Camp Rainbow Foundation provides free camping experiences to children undergoing treatment for, and survivors of, cancer and blood-related diseases and disorders. We provide a recreational and nurturing environment for campers and their families, where the children can create positive memories, build self-esteem, make new friends and are relieved of the everyday stresses caused by their illness.

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Summer Overnight Camp
The one-week overnight camp for children ages 6 to 13 years old is held at Babler State Park in Wildwood, Missouri. Counselors are in high school or college, unit heads are in college and all other staff are 21 years and older. Morning activities include archery, arts and crafts, a ropes course, drama, music, and sports. Afternoon choice activities include arts, nature activities, fishing, swimming, cooking and more. Magicians, clowns, firefighters and police are among the many guests at camp. Campers also enjoy song sessions, bonfires, dancing, cookouts and special activities based on our theme for the week.

Summer Day Camp
This one-week day camp for 4 to 6 years olds is held at the same location and during the same week as overnight camp from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Campers participate in age-appropriate activities including arts and crafts, drama, music, nature, sports, swimming and more. They integrate into some of the overnight camp activities during the day and follow the same camp themes. A camp director, adult staff and counselors oversee our day camp.

Camp Rainbow Teen Camp
Teen Camp is a weekend camping experience for high school teens 14 to 18 years old. Special themes for the weekend help build leadership and communication skills, relationships and self-esteem. The teens are involved in activities such as bowling, ropes course, social action projects, games, movies, arts and crafts and more. Teen Camp is held at Babler State Park in Wildwood, Missouri.

Camp Rainbow Camp-In
Camp-In, a two day program, is held at three locations: St. Louis Children’s Hospital, Cardinal Glennon Hospital and Mercy Hospital. We bring many of the typical camping activities into the hospital such as arts and crafts, a magician, clowns, games and other fun activities. This program is run by our volunteer camp staff, parents and selected hospital staff. If siblings happen to be visiting, they are always welcome to join in the fun. Camp-In is offered three times per year.

Camp Rainbow History
Camp Rainbow was founded in 1988 by Allen and Ronnie Brockman. The first camp had 28 campers, 28 counselors and 15 staff members. Allen was inspired to begin Camp Rainbow after visiting children in the hospital who wished to attend camp like their friends. He and his wife Ronnie, then the Director of North American Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) created a partnership with the Dream Factory and the American Cancer Society to support Camp Rainbow.

The Staff and Counselors
Staff, counselors and medical personnel volunteer their time at all Camp Rainbow programs. In addition to offering the opportunity to enjoy a camping experience, Summer Camp provides each camper with his or her own counselor. Medical personnel on site include pediatric oncology nurses and physicians. The Medical team is equipped to handle your child's medical needs at each of our camps.

Coca-I
The Camp Rainbow Foundation is one of 87 members of COCA-I (Children’s Oncology Camping Association, International). Camp Rainbow has been awarded the Gold Ribbon Camp designation, an honor bestowed upon camps which demonstrate a high level of commitment to serving children with cancer and their families, for the third consecutive year.