



Hobé Herald

The annual Camp Hobé Newsletter • 2012

Message from the Camp Director

Happy holidays and a festive New Year! As we spend time with our families around the fire, we are already thinking about the **camp fire!** We had so much fun at Camp Hobé 2011 (and almost no rain—yay!). Camp was filled with stories, friendship, and laughter, as well as the excitement of roaring down the brand new zip line.

Camp was bigger than ever in 2011, serving **209** kids and teens. A whopping 54 children attended Day Camp (this is 20 more campers than in 2010); 104 kids attended Kids Week; and 51 teens attended Teen Week. New campers made up 29% in 2011, which means 71% had attended Hobé at least once before. Our cancer patients were 37% of the campers, and 63% were siblings. About 98% of all campers live in Utah, and the rest in Nevada.

Every year of camp has its challenges. Just like the last couple years, things were tough financially. The number of campers requesting fee waivers remained higher than usual, at almost 22% in 2011, and some donations were smaller. But, those things didn't affect the campers. We opened the pool EVERY day. We challenged ourselves on the new ropes course installed at Camp Wapiti by the Utah Elks—campers **loved loved loved** the zip line and the giant swing. We had many wonderful and creative activities, the campers made friends, and we learned more about ourselves by being part of something fantastic. Campers, volunteers, and staff members alike all left camp talking about, and looking forward to, next summer.

Every year, although it is cold outside, the newsletter always makes me get excited about next summer. Thanks to all of you who make it possible! It takes everyone to make Camp Hobé happen. From the tremendous dedication of our volunteers who come out each summer and make camp exciting, fun, and safe for the kids, to the donors who support us with funding and supplies—both of which help us keep the cost low to our families. And, of course, to the trust of our parents who send their kids and teens away from home.

You are ALL IMPORTANT. And you are ALL LOVED.



Chris Beckwith (aka Wapiti Mama), Executive Director



Day Camp Recap

Michelle Bunn (aka "Bunn Bunn"), Day Camp Director

Day Camp 2011 set records that I never thought possible: 54 DAY CAMPERS!

Yes we had 54 campers attend both Monday and Tuesday. To make it even better we had sun and swimming on both days. Day Camp also had its own activities with Board Games as our theme.

On Monday we had a special visit by Snuggle Bear. We had our own versions of Chutes & Ladders on the playground, played the Memory Game during music time, and how will we ever forget the new additions to the camp site with the Giant Swing.

Continued on Tuesday we had visits by the Wildlife Resources friends, Search and Rescue friends, Intermountain Therapy Animals, and our own mini carnival, including cotton candy and balloon animals. We also had more field games, arts and crafts, music, and swimming. What more could we squeeze into a day? Oh yeah, blankets for all the campers from The Joyful Foundation, who traveled all the way from Vernal, Utah, and California to personally deliver blankets to each of our special campers.

I want to extend a huge thank you to all day camp volunteers. With so many campers this year, we were successful only because of all of you and our great teamwork.

Now who is ready to sign up for 2012? We will continue to hold two days of Day Camp during Teen Week. As a reminder, campers may attend Monday ONLY (from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) or Monday AND Tuesday (9 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days).

Thanks for a great year and see you in 2012. Please contact me if you have questions: michelle.bunn@camphobekids.org or 801-557-2605.



Teen Week Recap

Kevin Stoker, Teen Week Program Director

Hey Teen Campers! Camp was awesome this year! I can't believe all of the fun we were able to cram into one week. The competition was fierce as each cabin competed in different game shows each day. Each cabin got their chance to win Cabin Feud and every camper had a turn at Let's Make a Deal. I'm still shocked that nobody chose to keep the ball of yarn or the box of pinecones.

Monday we started things off with the Camp Challenge, where each cabin had to solve brain teasers, paint their faces, sing camp songs, and try to earn as many points as possible. That night our friends from Laughing Stock came to camp and put on a great show.

Tuesday we had swimming, mountain biking, archery, geocaching, Hobé Forever, and the new ropes course activities. It was great to see the campers work together on the low-course challenges and to conquer the zip line and the giant swing. We also had a competition to find out if the campers really were Smarter than a Camp Counselor. Despite the lopsided victory for the campers, I think we have some pretty smart counselors. The Hypnotist show had everyone laughing that night. We had campers rockin' out on imaginary instruments, giving the State of the Union Address, dancing like Michael Jackson, and completely forgetting the number 3.

Wednesday we started off the day with a hike, arts and crafts, field games, and scuba. Things got a little messy during Hobé Double Dare. Campers popped whip cream-filled balloons on their heads, tried catching Cheetos without using their hands, stuck Cheerios to their faces, and ate bananas through nylons. The 200 foot slip-n-slide was a great way to clean off after the games. Hobé Jam was back and we rocked late into the night.

Thursday was more relaxed but just as fun. We had swimming, arts and crafts, and drama. Campers also competed in a variety of Minute to Win It games. The campers really showed their skills! I know who I'm calling now if I ever need to stack three golf balls or put together cereal box puzzles. With a lot of energy, a DJ, and plenty of loud music, we again danced late into the night.

It was a great week of camp and I'm already looking forward to next year!

Kids Week Recap

Anita Coyle, Kids Week Program Director

Hello Camp Hobé! You are the next contestant on "Who Gets To Read the Camp Hobé Newsletter!"

We had a fantastic kids week session in 2011. We had plenty of fun participating in various game shows. Everybody got the chance to spin the Wheel of Hobé and win a fabulous prize. Everything from Nerf Guns to beanie caps to gift certificates. We participated in game shows every evening. We had a special guest host for Cabin Feud. The very smarmy Guy Dawson, who learned everything he knows from the very famous game show hosts Guy Smiley and Richard Dawson. We played Are You Smarter than a Camp Counselor. And we found out that for the most part, the kids were smarter. Who knew? The entire camp participated in the messiest and most epic activity of all time: Hobé Double Dare. The kids were covered in Jello, chocolate pudding, whipped cream, and chocolate syrup. I've never seen such messy mayhem. But the kids LOVED it.

This year we introduced the new ropes course to Camp Hobé. We had a great time flying on the giant swing and zip line. We also got to go through obstacle and challenge course activities. The weather cooperated and allowed us to swim—a favorite of the campers. We had fantastic field games, melodious music, delightful drama, nice nature, awesome archery, cool creative writing, and more!

Thank you to our excellent volunteers, including the kitchen, medical, cabin, and activities staff (and everybody else who doesn't fit in those categories). Thanks to our great campers. Our campers have tremendous spirit and energy! Thank you to all the donors, supporters, and fundraisers. We couldn't do it without you. Until next year...

Join Our Team!

Volunteers make Camp Hobé happen! They plan activities, publicize Hobé, and raise funds. We are now accepting applications for 2012. To volunteer, you must apply, interview with us, and attend staff training before camp (even if you are a returning volunteer). To be considered, you must meet several guidelines. **Please note: CITs must now be at least 16 years old.** For more info, visit www.camphobekids.org/volunteers.

2012 Camp Dates

Volunteers

Kids Camp

Directors/Leaders: June 9 – 15

Everyone else: June 10 – 15

Day Camp

June 17 – 19

Teen Camp

June 17 – 22

Campers

Kids Camp Ages 6 to 12: June 11 – 15

Day Camp Ages 4 to 7: June 18 – 19

Teen Camp Ages 12 to 19: June 18 – 22



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See you in 2012!

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