

## Join our Summer Camp Team!

Volunteers make Camp Hobé summer camp happen! They plan and run activities, supervise campers during camp, publicize our events, and help raise funds. We are now accepting applications for the 2020 season. All volunteers must apply, be interviewed, complete staff training before camp, and be onsite for the full session, as well as meet other criteria. For more info, visit <https://camphobekids.org/home/volunteer/>

## 2020 Program Dates!

Family outings: free of charge to all eligible families.

- Grizzlies Hockey Family Night: Saturday, 2/22, puck drops at 7PM. Request tickets through our Facebook page.
- ACS Big Dig Construction vs. Cancer: tentative date Friday 9/25, evening

Friends of Camp Hobé outings: come out to these low-cost events and support our families and our program cosponsors.

- Grizzlies Hockey Friends of Camp Hobé Night: Sunday, 2/23, puck drops at 5PM. Visit our Facebook page for ticketing information.
- ACS Big Dig Construction vs. Cancer: tentative date Friday 9/25, evening



## Summer Camp Sessions

### VOLUNTEERS / STAFF

Day Camp / Hobé Juniors:  
Thursday 6/4 to Saturday 6/6

Kids Week:  
Sunday 6/7 to Friday 6/12

Teen Week:  
Sunday 6/14 to Friday 6/19



### CAMPERS

Day Camp/ Hobé Juniors (ages 4-6 years):  
Friday 6/5 to Saturday 6/6.

Day Camp for 4-6 years, and Hobé Juniors  
(1-night overnight ) for 6+ years.

Kids Week (ages 7-11 years):  
Monday 6/8 to Friday 6/12

Teen Week (ages 12-19 years):  
Monday 6/15 to Friday 6/19



To see all important Camp Hobé dates, visit our event calendar here:  
<https://camphobekids.org/home/camp-hobe/camp-dates/>

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# HOBÉ HERALD

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## THE ANNUAL CAMP HOBÉ NEWSLETTER

Happy 2020! As we start the year fresh, we are already thinking about our Camp Hobé programs for the upcoming year. You may notice some new wording about our mission as we work on expanding our offerings to include more family members. While the summer camp programs will always be our primary program and remain dear to our hearts, we are excited to continue intentionally expanding our services. Over the next couple years, we will work to expand our family programs and explore program offerings for young adult survivors and siblings.

Our 2019 summer camp sessions were a Wild Wild West rodeo with our amazing campers! Our summer camp programs served 256 kids and teens in 2019, which is similar to 2018. Forty-four kids registered for Day Camp / Hobé Juniors, 115 for Kids Week, and 97 for Teen Week. Thirty-five percent were new campers this year, and 65% had attended Hobé at least once before. Thirty-six percent were patients and 64% were siblings, similar to past years. Of our patients, 99% had a diagnosis of cancer, while the remainder were diagnosed with similarly-treated disorders. Approximately 96% of our campers live in Utah, and the rest in Wyoming, Idaho, and Montana. Twenty-eight campers requested and received fee waivers in 2019.

In addition to the summer camp programs, we offered 2 exciting free outings to our families. In February, 22 families (totalling 115 individuals) watched an exciting night of hockey with the Utah Grizzlies. And, in September, 21 families (totalling more than 90 individuals) played carnival games and dug with heavy equipment at the Big Dig Event, thanks to our cosponsor, the American Cancer Society – North Region. We were also able to send 6 families (35 individuals) to a premier of the new Star Wars movie in December. Stay tuned for our 2020 family events.

Our primary focus continues to be on serving our kiddos through the summer camp programs. For 2020, camper ages and session lengths will stay the same as in 2019: Kids Week is a 5-day overnight program for ages 7 to 11 years, Teen Week is a 5-day overnight program for ages 12 to 19 years, and Day Camp / Hobé Junior is a 2-day program for ages 4 to 6 years. We will continue to offer a 1-night overnight option (Hobé Juniors) for our 6-year-old campers, so that kids and their parents can be ready for Kids Week at age 7. For the purposes of registration, we will base registration decisions on the camper's age while we are in session (June 4-19, 2020).

Summer camp session dates for 2020 will also be similar to 2019. We will open our sessions with campers attending Day Camp / Hobé Juniors on Friday 6/5 and Saturday 6/6, Kids Week from Monday 6/8 to Friday 6/12, and Teen Week from Monday 6/15 to Friday 6/19. Family outings will be held Saturday 2/22 (hockey night) and Friday 9/25 (tentative date for Big Dig event) with others to be added as available. Patients with cancer (and similarly-treated disorders) and their families are eligible to participate in our programs during treatment, and for 3 consecutive camp seasons after their final chemotherapy, radiation, or immunosuppressive therapy.

Thank you so much for all you do to make this possible - whether you send your family to our programs, volunteer with us, give in-kind donations, or provide financial support. We could not do it without you. For a list of recent sponsors and supporters, please visit our sponsorship page at <https://camphobekids.org/home/help-us-out/our-sponsors/>.

I look forward to seeing you all, either at our programs or throughout the year. Happy 2020!

**Christina Beckwith (aka Wapiti Mama), Executive Director**

Camp Hobé is a special psychosocial support program designed for children with cancer and similarly-treated disorders and their families, through summer camps and family outings. Our mission is to create an atmosphere that enhances self-esteem, fosters independence and friendships, and creates a feeling of belonging.







## DAY CAMP / HOBÉ JUNIORS

Day Camp/Hobé Junior's 2019 was super exciting as we hung out on the range. With these little wranglers, we always dive right into the theme on Day 1 with arts & crafts, field games and dance & music. We colored Western bandanas, then during dance & music we wore outlaw masks and mustaches. And, of course, field games was barnyard games. We continued our cowpoke wardrobe all day with vests, we did obstacle course games with stick horses and spent time with Intermountain Therapy Animals.

After lunch, we went swimming, did more singing & dancing (with drums!), ziplined, and had a carnival. While the Day Campers had campfire with their parents, the Hobé Juniors went on hiking and practiced songs for their evening campfire, followed by their own Hobé Forever remembering program. At campfire, we learned to line dance with counselor Connor, watched Home on the Range, and then we were all tucked out for the night (if we didn't fall asleep during the movie).

On Saturday morning (Day 2), our Hobé Juniors started the day with flagpole and breakfast, then welcomed the Day Campers back. Thanks to Pinterest, we all made pool noodle ponies. We had great fun with Stacy's homemade bubbles and playing musical ponies. After that, we colored cowpoke hats, went panning for gold, and played with furry friends from Therapy Animals of Utah. After lunch, we had more swimming, the giant swing, and more carnival! The campers ended the day by getting dressed up in all their Western gear from arts and crafts - cowpoke vests, bandanas, hats, and, of course, pool noodle ponies. I will never forget leading this herd of campers down the hill and to the closing campfire to meet their waiting parents.

I want to extend a huge thank you to all our volunteers. I couldn't do it without them. Their great teamwork really makes each year successful.

Who's ready to sign up for 2020??? We will continue to hold two days of Day Camp with Hobé Juniors staying over the one night. We HIGHLY recommend that Day Campers attend BOTH DAYS!!!

Thanks for another great year and see you this summer. If you have any questions, please e-mail me at [michelle.bunn@camphobekids.org](mailto:michelle.bunn@camphobekids.org).

**Michelle Bunn (aka Bunn Bunn)**  
Day Camp / Hobé Juniors  
Program Director



## KIDS WEEK

Howdy y'all!

We had one rootin', tootin', shootin' good-ol' time on the wild wild west Hobé plains. We had 114 campers and 92 volunteer staff camping out during the kids' week session of Camp Hobé. The evenings were airish and the days were warm. The starlit sky twinkled down as we watched a movie outdoors while munching on popcorn. There was some good swimming at the watering hole all week long. And we sang ourselves silly around the campfire each night, with Hobé classic songs like Wash Those Turkeys. Our wonderful VIPs paid us a visit out on the range, filling their stomachs full of some good home cooked food provided by R&R Barbeque and participating with the campers in some Hobé-on-the-Range games. Tiffany and Mike from Happily Ever After Balloon Company showed up midweek with their hot air balloon and wowed us with their knowledge of flight. Calvin the Cactus (a blow-up cactus prop) became the unofficial mascot for camp this year. He was constantly being circulated from one cabin to the next. Calvin even made it up the flagpole one morning so he could get a better, all-encompassing view of camp. Our volunteer, Kacey, leaked to the campers about the legend of the Hobé gold that was lost up in yonder Oquirrh mountains 160 years ago as he led them on a thrilling nature hike in search of said gold. The campers came close to finding some of the loot, maybe next year they'll get their hands on it. The Hobé round up this year was amazing. Thank you to all the wonderful campers and staff who made camp so great. You are the reason that Camp Hobé is the best place on earth! See y'all around the next campfire.

**Eric Willison (aka Grape Boy)**  
Kids Week Program Director



## TEEN WEEK

Howdy Hobé Partners! Can I just get a "yee-haw" for this year???!! What an amazing time we had at Hobé on the Range!! Our Craft Leaders, Holly and Lexi, took us into the Old West and taught us how to do leather stamping. And when we yearned to go back to the future, we made emoji jars!! Our Field Games Leader, Rusty, took us back our dusty past to play capture the flag, kickball and our FAVORITE water games!! Our Ropes Leaders, Byron and Andrew, helped us roar with our inner "Yee Haw's" as we swung the air and dug deep to get through the toughest, roughest cowboy challenges; and our Drama Leader, Tony, continued our new tradition of what might be the most amazing game ever - THUNDERDOME!!! And how can we can forget our All-camp activity leaders, Tony and Ashley, leading us through "How the Hobé was Won", as well as joining Kaitlynn in yet another new tradition of "The good, the bad and the Hobé", aka the Lip Sync Battle! Y'all rocked it! And I think we all appreciated the gift we could all take home. . . Country Line Dancing from Holli!

We were rowdy as can be for Laughing Stock and may never have laughed so hard at Mont the Hypnotist! But mostly the dance with the giant glo-worm. As usual, the Utah Department of Natural Resources came through with Archery, which is always one of our favorites!

There isn't a single cowpoke at Hobé that can't wait to top it all for y'all next year! Can't wait to see you all in 2020!

Love, **Nicole Bailey (aka Princess)**, Teen Week Program Director



## HELP HOBÉ

You can help Camp Hobé year-round through shopping programs and workplace giving.

*Shopping programs:* Participation is completely free for you. The more you shop, the more you help us keep our program costs low for our families. Visit our web-site at <https://camphobekids.org/home/help-us-out/> to learn more!

- **CARS** -> <https://careasy.org/nonprofit/camp-hobe> – Donate your clunker! Complete the online form, or call 855-500-7443. They'll pick up your old car (running or not), take it away, sell it, and then Camp Hobé gets money.
- **www.smithsfoodanddrug.com/inspire** – log in to your existing frequent shopper account online, then choose Camp Hobé as your charity. The donations will add up when you buy groceries, gas, or other items at Smith's / Kroger.
- **smile.amazon.com** – sign in using your regular Amazon account information, then choose Camp Hobé as your charity.
- **TOBI CARES** -> [www.tobi.com/#donation\\_program/8](http://www.tobi.com/#donation_program/8) – Shop for the latest fashions from California, and Tobi Cares will donate a portion of the proceeds to Camp Hobé.

*Workplace giving:* Camp Hobé is a proud member of several workplace campaigns, which allow you to designate funds directly to us. Only \$10 a week adds up to more than \$500 a year!

- Community Health Charities: <http://healthcharities.org/> Includes employees of University of Utah, local school districts, & city and county government, Kennecott / Rio Tinto, Deseret Mutual Benefits Administration, and other local companies.
- Combined Federal Campaign: <http://www.intermountaincfc.org/> Includes federal employees working in Utah, such as IRS, FBI, Tooele Army Depot, and military branches. CFC #50666
- State of Utah Employees Charitable Fund: <http://www.usecf.state.ut.us/> Includes anyone who works for the State of Utah, such as the State Parks, Driver License Division, and many other useful offices!

You may be able to give from other campaigns like Community Shares / Utah and United Way. While we are not a member of these campaigns, you may be able to designate contributions directly to us. Ask your work's campaign director about this; tell them Camp Hobé is a 501c3 nonprofit charity, EIN 57-1149391.

Thanks for all you do to support our campers and their families!

