



Message from the Executive Director

Looking back at the year just past, I remember the moments that brought me joy and I feel truly grateful to be part of this organization. You'll see those moments reflected in the pictures on these pages. You'll also hear them in the words of our campers:

- "This week I was able to strengthen friendships with past campers and create new ones. I feel I have come out of my shell. Being able to connect with others who have gone through cancer in a positive setting has really helped me." And of our volunteers:
- "I love that at Camp Hobé, I can come and belong. There are other people who understand me, and I feel part of one big family! There is always so much love!"

Thanks for all YOU do to make these life-changing programs possible. Whether you are a family who participates in our activities, a volunteer who gives their time, a donor who gives financial support, or a staff member: YOU make this happen. We couldn't do our work without you.

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



Upcoming Dates

Find all camp and family program dates on our website and social media. Check out our Linktree QR code to stay "in the know."



Participation Statistics

Our 2024 summer camps were a fantastic Jurassic Hobé adventure, serving 286 kids and **teDay!** Camp / Hobé Juniors = 43 campers

- Kids Week = 106 campers
- Teen Week = 106 campers
- Virtual Camp = 31 campers
- Twenty-eight percent were new campers, and 72% had participated in Camp Hobé before. Thirty-five percent were patients and 65% were siblings. Of our patients, 90% had a diagnosis of cancer and 10% had related illnesses.
- Approximately 93% of our campers live in UT, and the rest in ID, NV, and WY.
- We offered several free family activities to our families in 2024, serving just over 800 individuals in 2024. Our family activities included a Children's Museum Day, a craft activity at the hospital, family breakfasts, Aquarium Night, the Big Dig (in partnership with the local American Cancer Society), and a Virtual Craft Night.



The magic of Camp Hobé is real and contagious. The ability to embrace fun, community, and the freedom of being a kid, despite the unknown of cancer, is unlike any other! We know that not all campers can come to in-person sessions due to circumstances beyond their control. Through our Virtual Camp Program, we bring the magic of Hobé to them! One of my favorite parts of Virtual Camp is seeing the excitement on the faces of the campers as they log on. That excitement grows as they participate in our different activities, work together with other campers, and dance their hearts out! I feel very blessed to be a part of this community!

-Heather Hibbert – Virtual Camp Program Director

There's nothing like watching a 4-year-old bounce in the seat of their parent's car in anticipation as they pull into the dirt driveway leading to camp. It's their first view of the log cabins, the pine trees, and the counselors lining the drive to welcome them. Each little face shows a different set of feelings. Once those little feet hit the gravel, they enter a world where play is the most important thing, and kids rule! Nervous feelings melt away, and the air is filled with laughter, friendly chatter, and campfire songs. Camp Hobé fills those cracks in their foundation with love, playfulness, and friendship. I feel privileged to be a part of this magic.

-Bel Thayne – Day Camp / Hobé Jrs Program Director

At Camp Hobé, teenagers find a haven where they can truly shed the armor they've built to face their battles. Here, among others who have walked similar paths, they're given the emotional space to let down their guard. It's a place where they come to realize they don't have to hide behind a shield or pretend to be "okay." Here, they are accepted and loved. Surrounded by friends who understand their journey without a word, campers can find comfort in the shared experience and perhaps feel completely understood for the first time. This environment gives them that opportunity to embrace the moments of play, joy, and innocence. It's a chance to experience the childhood they may have missed while in the hospital, allowing them to open up, break free, and discover that here, they belong just as they are.

-Nicole Ledford – Teen Week Program Director



I see firsthand the profound impact Camp Hobé has on our campers. It is inspiring to watch them transform as they engage in activities that foster creativity and teamwork. Camp boosts their confidence and instills resilience as they face challenges together. By providing a safe and joyful environment, we empower these kids to embrace life and build a foundation of hope that extends far beyond the time they spend here.

-Jessica Bertrand – Kids Week Program Director

We have a song that we sing every night at campfire. It goes like this: "We are one voice, and we are singing. We are not alone." We repeat these words and add more voices until we are more than one million voices singing. It's a humbling reminder that although our experiences may be individual, we are all united together. At Camp Hobé, you are reminded that you are not alone, and you have a whole camp cheering you on until we meet again next summer. Together, we share the ups and downs, the fears, the dreams, the laughter, and the memories. Whether these families join us at family events throughout the year, our family breakfast after drop off, virtually from their homes or experience the precious moments during our camp sessions, we treasure these moments together. We hope you all feel the sense of belonging and community that only a place like Camp Hobé can bring.

-Ashley Cinger – Deputy Director



Spirit Stick Thoughts 2024



"I treasured meeting all the campers in my cabin. Camp has just given me a break from reality." -Kids Week Camper, 2024

"I loved music, drama, high ropes, swim & the big swing. I learned teamwork. Camp helped me to forget about my troubles." -Kids Week Camper, 2024

"Camp Hobé has become a place I attend for a week but I think about for a year. Camp is full of so many different people but we all have something the same. Hobé is a place we can join together with support and love. I miss my friends so much but am forever grateful I met them because of camp. As I continue to learn and grow, I will always think back to the things I have learned at this sweet place Camp Hobé. Thank you!" -Teen Week Camper, 2024

"During camp, I felt like I was able to be myself. I was able to step out of my comfort zone and talk to so many awesome people. I've seen myself blossom out and be so much more energetic than I have ever been at camp. I love Hobé!" -Teen Week Camper, 2024

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"Here the patient isn't always the spotlight. Siblings and patients alike can share their experiences. Everyone can work at their own pace. Everybody has been so nice this year. It was a great year and I hope next year will be just as awesome (if not more)!" -Teen Week Camper, 2024

"Camp Hobé has been my home for 8 years now. I have grown up here, and I wouldn't have wanted to have it any other way. If you ever talk to me outside of camp, you would know that my favorite thing to talk about is Hobé. The staff, the campers, and especially all of the memories that I have made due to Hobé. A camper for 6 years and now a volunteer for 2, with many more years to come. I love Hobé. I love the way I was able to feel as if my life isn't so different from those around me, Thank you Hobé." -Volunteer, 2024

"Coming to camp as a volunteer this year gave me a glimpse of things from the other side. I had previously been a camper but this year I helped the campers. I was able to try and share the experience at Hobé that I also once had. This camp has a special place in my heart. Although it was difficult with past memories of past friends here, this place makes me feel closer to the ones I miss; building lifelong stories for myself and others." -Volunteer, 2024



Support Our Programs!

You can help our campers and families year-round in many ways, including shopping programs, car donations, and monthly giving. Learn more on our website (use the QR code).

Shopping programs: Free to participate. The more you shop, the more you help.

Nextdoor Sell for Good: Sell stuff, then donate all or part of the proceeds to us.

Smith's Food and Drug Inspiring Donations (ID #TN890): log in to your existing frequent shopper account, then choose us as your charity. The donations add up when you buy groceries, gas, or other essentials.

Car donations: Careasy.org. Donate your clunker, running or not! Use the online form or call 855-500-7443.

Monthly giving: Become a Hobé hero and donate monthly through workplace giving or repeat payments.

Only \$10 a week adds up to more than \$500 annually! • Repeat payments via Paypal or Network for Good.

- Combined Federal Campaign (#50666) for federal employees.
- Creating Healthier Communities for employees of various organizations, including school districts, local government, Rio Tinto, Deseret Mutual Benefits Administration, and more.
- Utah State Employees Charitable Fund for State employees, such as State Parks, libraries, and other valuable offices!

You may be able to give via other workplace giving campaigns (e.g., United Way). Ask your work's campaign director about designating contributions directly. Tell them Camp Hobé is a 501c3 nonprofit, EIN 57-1149391.

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



Join Our Camp Hobé Family!

We're looking for passionate volunteers of all ages and skill sets to join our team! Whether you're a medical professional, lifeguard, food service enthusiast, or someone who loves to run activities, supervise campers, or help fundraise, there's a place for you at Camp Hobé. Our mission to nurture self-esteem, encourage independence and friendships, and foster a sense of belonging for our campers is only possible through the dedication of our incredible volunteers. But don't just take our word for it – here's what some of our volunteers have to say:

- "I absolutely love Camp Hobé! It has helped shape me into the person I am today."
- "It's the best part of my year!"
- "I believe in Camp Hobe's mission. It is amazing to be part of something bigger than myself and seeing how all the great volunteers come together to help the campers."



Applications are now open for the 2025 season! All volunteers must apply, interview, and complete staff training before camp. Scan this QR code to learn more and apply today!

-Shamar Lejardi
Volunteer Coordinator



2025 Camper Dates:

Day Camp / Hobé Juniors:
June 6 & 7

Kids Week: June 9-13

Teen Week: June 16-20

Virtual Camp: July 14-17

Registration opens March 1st. Hope to see you there!



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