



Be the Lucky Charm of Camp Boggy Creek

Thank you General Federation of Women's Clubs

Please find below information regarding our partnership in 2022-2024

You are changing the lives of children throughout Florida living with chronic illness.

- Our greatest need is always financial support as no camper or family ever pays to attend Camp.
- The sponsorship of a camper is roughly \$2500 per child
- Tours of Camp are limited due to ensuring the safety of our campers. We are working on tour dates in the Fall for groups to come see the magic of Camp.
- Volunteering: Camp Boggy Creek and the GFWC are working on dates for volunteering as groups in the spring of 2023. In the spring we work to prepare Camp for our summer sessions and groups of 25 or less are welcome to help us. Jacqueline will coordinate with Jana on available dates in the spring.
- Volunteering: If you'd like to volunteer for a week or weekend please visit our website <https://www.boggycreek.org/volunteer-schedule> to find out more details. We do require all volunteers for summer or family retreats be vaccinated.
- Sewing Boggy Bears: Each camp takes home a Boggy Bear, hand made by volunteers. We are providing the pattern to GFWC women and to Jena Staly.
- To see more about Camp please follow us on Social media: Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Additionally visit our webpage at CampBoggyCreek.org.
- Video: If you'd like to see campers and hear stories of the journey of Camp please visit our Youtube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/campboggycreek>
- Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-wKz0Bac-hk> See our founders and camper tell the story of the Little Piece of Magic that is Boggy Creek.
- Your contact: Jacqueline Boykin, 352-483-4119, jboykin@campboggycreek.org
- Jacqueline will try to attend or speak at district meetings as she is available.



MISSION

To foster a spirit of joy by creating a free, safe and medically-sound camp environment that enriches the lives of children with serious illnesses and their families.

Who we serve:

Children ages 7-16 with one of the following illnesses: asthma, bleeding disorders, cancer, craniofacial disorders, diabetes, epilepsy, heart disease, kidney disease, rheumatic disease, ventilator assisted disorders, sickle cell, spina bifida and transplants

Programs and activities:

Year-round sessions including summer camp for the children and family retreats in the spring and fall. Activities include swimming, boating, fishing, arts & crafts, horseback riding, theater, archery, mini golf, dancing, singing and adventure activities.

What it takes:

Roughly 3.8 million dollars each year to run this ADA, state of the art medical camping facility. The one building that stands out - our Patch (where you go to get patched up) filled with volunteer medical specialists to ensure each camper's safety.

What really happens:

Lucas who is ten and lives with epilepsy, and others like him realize they are not alone. They have the chance to do things they cannot otherwise do. For Lucas and so many others, it becomes about empowerment through joy.



Fuller Family Story

As Camp Director of Camp Boggy Creek, I have witnessed how the magic of our family retreats connects families, parents and campers alike. The Fuller family is no exception. Lucas had attended summer camp shortly after his diagnosis of epilepsy.

His mom, Neema was unsettled about sending her only child to Camp. After long conversations with their specialist, Neema and her husband drove Lucas through the gates of Boggy Creek. What a wonderful surprise to see that same specialist in the Camp's medical facility, allowing Mom and Dad to feel assured all was well.

Neema will tell you, as many Boggy parents tell you, her son came home empowered and confident. "I didn't know other kids had epilepsy," he told them. Lucas shared how much he loved the activities in the theater and how he felt safe to play the drums on stage and just be himself.

"This experience changed Lucas's life. My son was often left behind by other activities, but at Boggy, he found accomplishment. He loved all of it, fishing, boating, archery, arts, and crafts. It changed him; he was not alone anymore."

After such an amazing summer for Lucas, the entire Fuller family came back to Camp to experience the Joy of Camp together. Lucas's parents are quick to share they have support from their own family and friends. However, Camp gave them the benefit of meeting other parents who have a deep understanding of challenges faced living with a serious illness.

"All the families at Boggy know, we share a connection of uncertainty and sometimes fear. The impact of family retreats moved us and now we are volunteers as well. We are all building a legacy; everyone who is a part of Boggy Creek has an impact that is life-affirming and extraordinary." - Neema Fuller

Every walk down cabin row, every stage day, every smile, every new friendship... it all matters...Camp matters...and your gift matters to children with serious illnesses and their families.

David Mann
Camp Director
Camp Boggy Creek

Quilts, Afghans, Boggy Bears, & More!

These are opportunities to help from home!

Each session, campers and families go home with a hand-made afghan and Boggy Bear stitched with love.

Because we give them away each session, having people make Boggy Bears and afghans is a top need. Our campers are amazed to see all the beautiful quilts that adorn the beds and walls of the cabins and buildings; because quilts stay at camp, there is a smaller need for them, as we just need some to replace older, worn quilts each year.

Afghans: Afghans can be crocheted or knitted and should be 35-40 inches wide by 40-50 inches long and would like colors of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple. In any pattern of the colors you wish to make.

Please mail or deliver your completed items to the address below:

Camp Boggy Creek c/o Camp Operations or to my attention.
30500 Brantley Branch Road
Eustis, Florida 32736

Just shoot me an email jboykin@campboggycreek.org
and let me know you mailed them and include a note with your contact information 😊.

Questions about Boggy Bears, afghans, or quilts? Please call (352) 483-4200 extension 4215