

Important Notes & Frequently Asked Questions Camp Rainbow Gold Sibling Camp

Program Information: The American Cancer Society's Camp Rainbow Gold Sibling Camp is a free, summer camp for Idaho children ages 6 through 17 who have a sibling with an oncology-related illness. The child with the oncology-related illness does not have to attend the Camp Rainbow Gold oncology camp in order for the sibling to be eligible to attend. A pediatric cancer diagnosis affects everyone within the family structure. Siblings need to know and remember, particularly during the fight against cancer, that they are special and important people, too, and that an organization exists to provide support for their unique needs.

Important Camp Policies and Goals:

- The goal of Camp Rainbow Gold Sibling Camp is to provide a positive, fun-filled camp experience for siblings of children who have been diagnosed with cancer, while maintaining a safe and supportive environment with the supervision and support that is necessary for each individual child's needs.
- Children who do not adhere to camp rules and safety regulations will be sent home; our policies include zero tolerance for tobacco use and bullying while at camp.

Acceptance to Camp Rainbow Gold Sibling Camp: Only two siblings from each family will be invited to attend but additional children from your family may be placed on a waiting list so if a slot is not filled we will gladly welcome them to join us. Applications will be accepted and admission granted on a first come, first serve basis.

Transportation: A bus that transports to and from camp via the Boise area is provided at no cost; the bus stops in Mountain Home as well. Children from all other areas must provide their own transportation.

How do I contact the Camp Rainbow Gold Office?

Telephone: 208.422.0174

Email: camp.rainbowgold@cancer.org

Website: www.camprainbowgold.org

Where will my child sleep? Boys and girls are divided into separate groups according to age and sex. All children then sleep in cabins. Two or more counselors accompany each group.

What do we pack? A complete packing list will be mailed once the camper application is received. The list includes everything we recommend accompany children including sleeping bag, flashlight, swimming suit, etc.

Who are my child's counselors? All camp staff members are volunteers from the community. Each staff is screened using references, personal interviews and a background check. All volunteers are highly trained to provide a fun, safe and caring community for the children.

What activities can my child look forward to? We don't believe in sitting around at camp – your child will be busy! Depending on the child's age, activities might include horseback riding, fishing, swimming, white water rafting, sports, archery, karate, music, mountain biking and artwork creation. Campfires, themed dances, a talent show and a carnival round out the week, all with the goal of developing a sense of independence, adventure, self-assurance and success for each child.