



Be a part of
the greatest
week of the year!

CAMP MILTON

2024 Sponsorship Catalog



Our Mission

Camp Milton's purpose is to create a community of empowerment and belonging for children and young adults with neuromuscular diseases.

This summer camp is more than just a week of fun. Camp Milton gives kids freedom from the limitations they have to endure the other 51 weeks of the year...



This special weeklong camp started over 60 years ago. But in 2018, amidst the change in funding, the camp's name officially became Camp Milton with a new generation of volunteers taking the reigns in order to continue the local camp traditions. It allowed families to remain in their same support system that they were so comfortable trusting their kids in. With some fundraising and access to other local resources, we tested the waters with a Labor Day Weekend Retreat in 2018. And with the support of our dedicated sponsors, the first full week of camp was in June of 2019, an absolute success by all measures, and we look forward to keeping Camp Milton on the calendar every year in the month of June.

In order to understand the importance of this camp, it needs to be witnessed through the eyes of a child who suffers from one of these debilitating diseases. They are told 51 weeks of the year what they can't do, due to their limited mobility. When they are greeted by their counselor at Camp Milton, they are told they can do anything. They get to swim, fish, shoot archery and do so many other daily activities. Plus there are arts and crafts, a talent show and even a dance! But the most important aspect of Camp Milton is they get to be with kids just like them! They develop life-long relationships and build self-confidence and independence in ways they never thought possible.

This weeklong summer camp is offered at no charge to families, thanks to all of our donors and sponsors. It is available to children ages 6 to 17 who suffer from neuromuscular diseases. All activities are wheelchair accessible so no child is left out of the fun.

As a sponsor, you can give these kids with limited muscle strength and mobility a life-changing experience in an environment without barriers! So be a part of the greatest week of the year!



Together We're Home!

At Camp Milton, everyone has a place to belong. Lifelong friendships are developed through the special shared experiences of camp. Once you are a part of Camp Milton, you are a part of our camp family forever.



Letting Kids be Milton Kids!

Camp Milton provides a week of summer fun for kids with neuromuscular diseases, ages 6-17. Everyday is different and packed full of unique activities along with swimming, archery, and crafts. We even have a talent show and dance!



1 on 1 Counselor to Camper

Each camper is paired with their own counselor who tends to the camper's needs and ensures that their camper has the best possible experience. Their main goal is to make camp "fun" for their camper. All counselors are age 16 and older and go through a selective application process, background check, and training.

"We're a group of kids that can come together and be with other kids just like us. Camp becomes our home."

- Josie, Camper

The Best Week of the Year!

Fun-packed activities, memorable traditions, and strong friendships make Camp Milton the best week of the year for our campers and counselors! What better place to be than where you can be yourself!

"I spend 51 weeks looking forward to my favorite week of the year."

-Lindsay, Camper



Our Staff

The Camp Milton staff are dedicated individuals who volunteer their time to make Camp Milton the greatest camp for these kids. Even though it takes hundreds of hours throughout the year to plan and raise funds, there are no salaries!

Jess Hermanson - Executive Director



Jess is from Overland Park, KS and graduated from the KU in 2015 with a degree in Nursing, working as a pediatric nurse for 7 years. She now stays home with her children. Her husband, Alec, a physician, has been coming to camp since 2012. They reside in Prairie Village, KS with their three children and puppy Millie. Jess has been involved in camp since 2009. As executive director, Jess' goal is to get kids to camp and make sure they have the best week of the year! "When you come to camp, and get to know these kids and the counselors, then you understand how important this week is!" Her favorite activities are the dance, the Maddox Truitt Talent Show, and all the little moments in between. "I love to see the impact Camp Milton has on everyone!"

Kate Elmore - Planning & Implementation



Kate got involved with camp in 2011. She graduated from Blue Springs High School and continued her education at Mizzou, where she earned a Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Special Education with an emphasis in autism. At camp, Kate loves fishing in the pond, splash time at the pool, and s'mores at every camp fire. Most of all, she loves the magic of camp and that it's not just a one week feeling but year long love! Kate is so happy to be a part of this team and to help make Camp Milton what it is.

Lauren Wegley - Communications & Family Outreach



Lauren Wegley grew up and lives in Olathe, KS. Lauren graduated from Olathe South High School in 2011. After high school, she received her Bachelor of Arts in Biology in 2011 from Olivet Nazarene University and her Masters in Counseling from MidAmerican Nazarene University in 2018. Lauren has been a counselor at Tall Oaks Conference Center since 2012. Lauren loves this camp because of the dedication to keeping the camp family at Tall Oaks together and for making sure the campers always come first.

Sandy Becker - Fundraising & Development



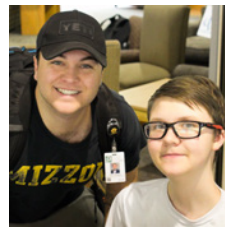
Sandy lives west of Topeka and has been a professional graphic designer for over 35 years. She brings her talents to the table with Camp Milton as well, designing marketing materials to promote our camp to families and potential sponsors. Sandy became involved with camp in 2017 after spending over 25 years raising funds to help provide our campers with the best week of the year. Her favorite camp activity? Arrival day! She loves seeing everyone's smiling faces as they pull into the parking lot and settle back into their home away from home. And she loves seeing how everyone forms special bonds each day of camp.

Tyler Hannsz - Media & Logistics



Tyler grew up in Liberty, Missouri before moving to Columbia to receive his BA in Psychology and Master of Music from the University of Missouri. Tyler is now finishing his Master of Social Work at Washington University in St. Louis. Tyler has been a counselor at multiple camps in Kansas, Oregon, and Montana starting in 2016. Tyler loves the magic that happens when a group of people turn a disability into an opportunity to empower young minds to live beyond their limitations. His favorite camp activity? Canteen. Tyler likes his snacks (particularly the cheese balls and energy drinks he hides under his bunk).

Alex Hinken - Finance & Administration



Alex grew up in Blue Springs, MO. He received his Bachelor of Science in Biology and Psychology from the University of Missouri and is now attending medical school. Alex started volunteering as a summer camp counselor in 2013 and has since been to camps in Kansas and Oregon. Alex has witnessed the impact Camp Milton has on campers and believes that at Camp Milton, campers can be the truest versions of themselves while having a blast with their friends. Alex's favorite camp activities are the camp fire (the skits are the best part) and the dance!

Angie Hills - Camp Activity Coordinator



Angie Hills grew up in Virginia Beach, VA and Coatesville, PA. Now, she calls Bradenton, FL home. Angie holds the record on the leadership team for the longest tenure with camp. She started back in 2005 and she's been involved with planning and making camp happen ever since! Now, you can catch her rocking creative costumes and planning the incredible activities that keep camp exciting. When Angie was asked what her favorite camp activity was, she had a simple answer: "All of them! Every minute of camp is my favorite!"

Milton the Moose - Camp Mascot & Adventurer



Mr. Milton has left his permanent hoof print at Camp Milton since 2006. Carved from a large family tree, he stood out to the campers as something special from the very beginning. Milton is excited to see the kids come pouring in on the first day of camp. And he is always ready for anything to happen, knowing that each cabin strategically plans a way to kidnap him in the midst of the busy activities each day. Oh, the shenanigans of being held for ransom!! Milton's favorite activity is just spending time with each and every camper so they will always remember the greatest week of the year!



Sponsorship Levels

All donations go directly towards camp costs. There is very little overhead unlike the bigger nonprofit organizations because we at Camp Milton are all volunteers!

Of course, we will take any donation amounts, but our campers want to show their appreciation for your support by giving you something in return.

Milton Masters \$10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your own "Thank You" banner with your company name/logo displayed the entire week of camp• Large group photo of campers with your "Thank You" banner• All lower level rewards
Moose Trackers \$7,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Camp visit for your sponsoring group• All lower level rewards
Cabin Crashers \$5,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cabin named after your business - sign in front of cabin• All lower level rewards
Sunny Side Kicks \$2,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name/logo appearing in camp video & logo added to the memory book• All lower level rewards
Best Buddies \$1,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Logo on Camp Milton shirts• All lower level rewards
Campfire Friends \$750	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name listed on Friends of Camp Milton banner displayed at camp• All lower level rewards
Bear Track Backers \$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recognition on NAI website and Facebook page• All lower level rewards
Gracious Givers \$250	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A 2023 Camp Milton memory book with your name on sponsor page



June 2 - 8, 2024

Tall Oaks Conference Center, Linwood, Kansas

Camp Milton is free to any family with a child between the ages of 6 to 17 who lives with a neuromuscular disease.

- The Tall Oaks Conference Center is an ACA accredited camp that can accommodate 90 campers with their counselors.
- Seven cabins are available for use - each camper is placed by gender and age in handicap-accessible cabins.
- A dedicated volunteer nursing staff and pharmacy techs are on hand 24/7 to administer medications and for all other medical needs of our campers.
- Three healthy meals are served in the cafeteria each day. Dietary restrictions are monitored closely by the dedicated cooking staff and nurses.
- The cost for one child to attend the full week of summer camp is approximately \$2500.00.
- Arts & crafts, swimming, archery, and fishing are some of the activities available to all our campers. We also plan special themed activities everyday so our campers spend time developing close friendships with their cabin mates. All activities are handicap accessible so all the kids are able to participate.
- A large number of our counselors have volunteered at this camp for several years, so they are well-versed on the rules and diligent care required for campers no matter the severity of their disabilities.
- Any child, ages 6 to 17 in the state of Kansas or western Missouri who suffers from a neuromuscular disease can attend our week-long camp free of charge thanks to the generosity of our sponsors.
- Camp Milton's purpose is to give these kids an outlet from their daily struggles by encouraging them that anything is possible at camp. The volunteer's motto is never say "no". When a camper wants to try an activity or use their creativity on a project, we will do everything we can to make it possible.

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2023 Camp Milton
Summer Camp



Who is Milton?

So, wondering how Camp Milton's name sake came about? Well, we could go through his whole family tree, but we won't bore you.

It all started back in 2006.....

Milton was born June 15, 2006. As a camp activity, some talented wood carvers came out to visit. They brought a couple of pre-carved items and then carved additional statues for the campers to view that day. They ended up having enough statues to have one represent each cabin, including a moose.

Later, at our traditional bonfire, we decided to assign each cabin their own "mascot". But with one catch... in order to get the mascot they wanted they had to bribe the staff. The moose, Milton, was the most popular and the one everyone was rooting for. We gave them 24 hours to come up with their best bribes.

Well, that night some of the older boys decided they were just going to take the one they wanted, so they stole Milton and hid him. But they didn't hide him very well - during bed checks that night, he was found under an end table in the boys' cabin! So the staff took him, and spent the evening taking pictures of him all over camp, on the diving board, in the nurse's office, on the toilet, etc. The staff printed the photos out and displayed them for the campers to show where "Milton" had been all night! This was the beginning of taking Milton and hiding him and holding him for ransom. Now, at camp (and all year long) he is kidnapped and taken on different adventures, but there must always be photos to document his antics!



Milton truly came to life June of 2019 when our life-size Milton costume was donated.



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