Happy Camping!



#### **FROM**

# Bob Hartley's Camp Mountain Heart 2014

## WHAT IS CAMP MOUNTAIN HEART?

Bob Hartley's Camp Mountain Heart is a week long summer camp for children ages 8-17 with congenital heart disease, cardiomyopathy or arrhythmias. It provides an environment in which campers experience new activities, make new friends and create lasting memories. This camp is held annually during the third week in July at Cedar Lakes Conference Center in Ripley, WV.

This camp is offered free to all campers. It is run entirely by a volunteer staff whose mission is to provide the best summer camp experience for each camper. The camp started with only 12 campers and has grown to a camp of as many as 75! At Camp Mountain Heart, our "family" never stops growing.

This year, we had a "Christmas in July" theme - with classes, activities, and more sharing in the holiday spirit!





#### **Daily Schedule**

Campers at Camp Mountain Heart enjoy a fun filled day each and every day. Campers gather together to meet for breakfast, announcements and daily chores. Campers then disperse to classes of their choice. Morning classes are followed by an activity for younger campers and a class led by Dr. Larry Rhodes, for the older campers. This discussion-based class is designed to educate young adults on the transition into adulthood with congenital heart disease. The morning session is followed by lunch where the whole camp comes back together to share a delicious meal. Lunch is followed by another class and then a period of "free time" where campers may choose to swim, spend outdoor time in the common area in front of the cabins, work on projects in the craft house or relax in their rooms. Dinner is next, followed by an evening activity which varies each night. The day comes to a close with campfire, snack and finally, lights out!









#### **Evening Activities**

Evening Activities have included:

Camp Fire
Pool Party
Scavenger Hunt
Karaoke
Inflatable Games
Game Show Night
Friday Night Celebration

## CLASSES

Camp Mountain Heart offers a variety of classes to campers each year. Classes have included:

Cooking: Campers explore their culinary skills with new, creative recipes every day. Meals, snacks, and desserts galore - this class prepares delicious cuisine to share with fellow campers! This year, we added a holiday twist!





**Fishing:** An outdoor option in which students learn techniques for catching fish. Campers actively fish in the pond located on Cedar Lake property. This class is a favorite of both new and experienced campers.

Science: Campers learn about science by building volcanos, creating snow, bouncing eggs, and more! The class shows off their experiments to the entire camp at the end of the week.









**Archery:** A class aimed at teaching campers the basics of safely shooting a bow. This class is appropriate for all campers, from novice to professional.

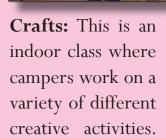




**Rocket Building:** Campers assemble, decorate and launch their very own rockets!





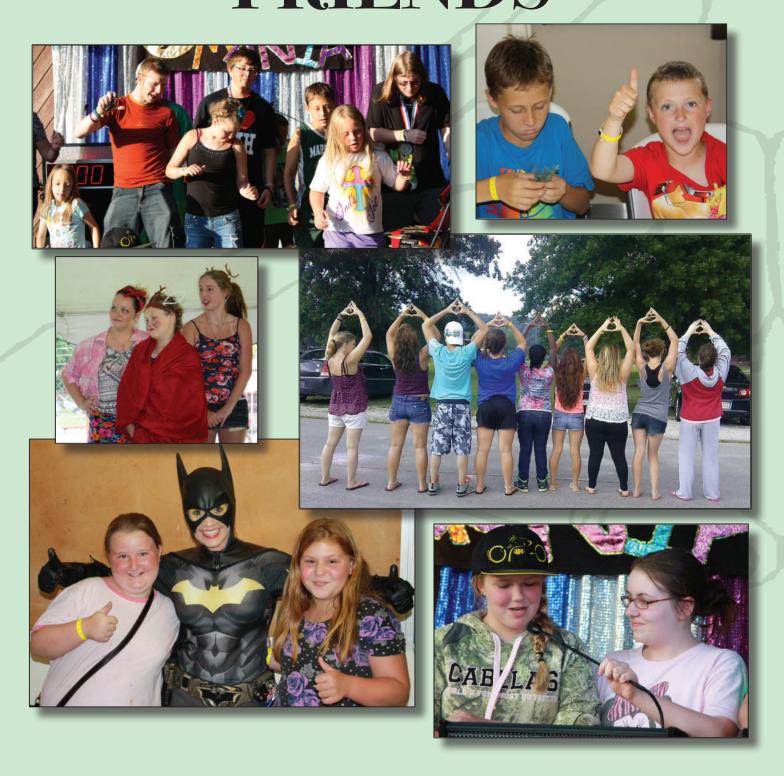


Crafts are designed for varying skill and age levels. Previous crafts have included ceramics, paper mache, preassembled kits and beading.



**Drama:** A class in which campers get to explore all aspects of putting on a play, including improv. The class performs for the entire camp at the end of the week. Lights, costumes, action!

# Every camper's favorite activity? MAKINGNEW FRIENDS



### LARGE GROUP ACTIVITIES





#### Games



**Game Show** 



### FIELD TRIP



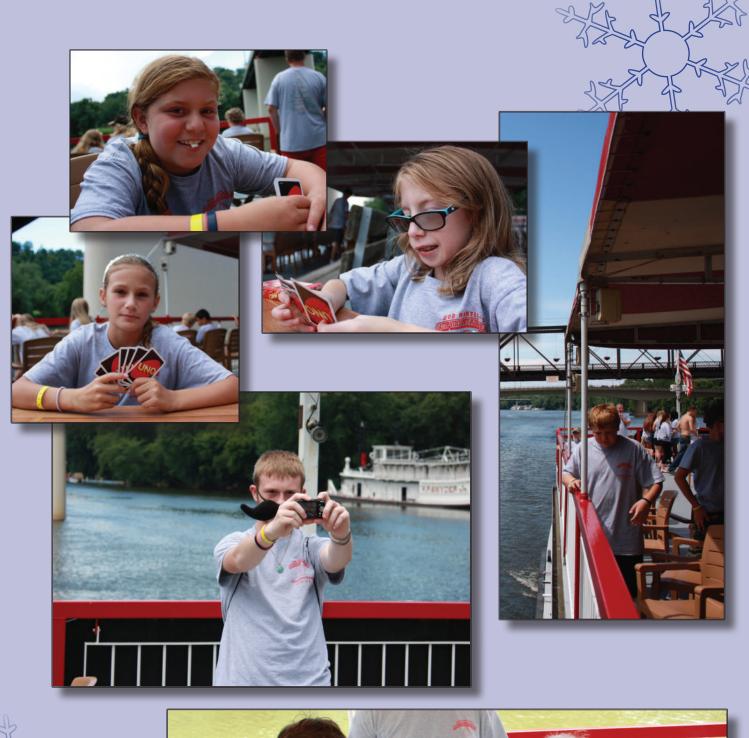
This year, we took a pleasant trip down the river on the Valley Gem Sternwheeler out of Parkersburg, WV, complete with dinner on the boat!











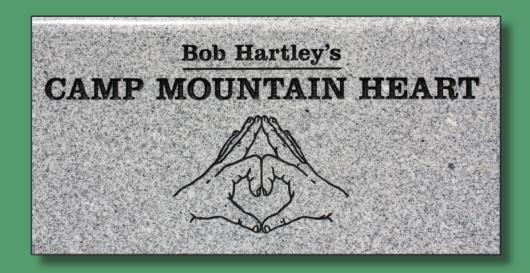


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