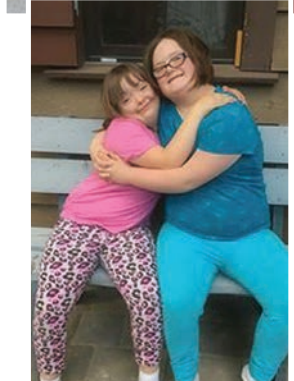


New Friends and Good Fun!

Summer 2018 at Camp Prime Time



Your \$25 makes a HUGE difference!

Did you know that our newsletters go out to more than 7,000 households?

If each household became a member (Just \$25 a year!) the \$175,000 raised would almost cover the entire annual operations budget, and we could focus fundraising efforts on special projects and upgrades, instead of day-to-day operations.

Please consider joining today. Just \$25 a year.

(We even included an envelope.)



- I'd like to be a Camp Prime Time Member for \$25/year
 - In addition to my membership, I would like to donate:
 - \$50 \$100 \$250 Other \$_____
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HAPPY Campers

November 2018



A camp for families with a seriously ill or developmentally disabled child.

Confidence Changes the World

Life is changing for nine-year-old Michael, thanks in part to Camp Prime Time.

Nearly since birth, Michael has battled Bi-Lateral Retinoblastoma. Essentially a cancer of the eye, the disease left Michael with a prosthetic left eye and 20/800 vision – legally blind – in his right eye.

The specialist treating Michael is in New York. Michael's family lives in the Pacific Northwest. So there has been a lot of life-disrupting travel.

In the face of those challenges, it's not surprising that Michael hasn't had an easy time making friends.

Maria Smythe – Michael's Grandmother – heard about Camp Prime Time at the pediatric clinic where she works. She applied on Michael's behalf, and this last summer accompanied him to camp.

"Everyone, from other families that were there – all of whom understood at some level, because they all were dealing with challenges – to staff and volunteers, who took time to interact with the kids individually – everyone was just amazingly caring and understanding."

"The facilities (like the tree house) and the activities (like the boat rides) made it a different world for Michael. He even got to drive the boat!"

"The best part was sitting at the Lodge and watching the other kids who were there make a point of involving Michael in whatever they were playing and watching him respond to that and to them."

"For once, Michael didn't need me at his side. He felt comfortable and accepted. **That was a huge confidence builder!**"



Michael and his grandmother, Maria Smythe, enjoying time together at Camp Prime Time.

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9th annual Left-Over Turkey Trot 5K Walk/Run

presented by **Leonard Rickey** INVESTMENT ADVISORS, P.L.L.C.

Work off the huge meal you ate on Thanksgiving and raise money for Camp Prime Time and Yakima Greenway.

- Adult \$25 | Youth \$10 (age 15 and under)
- Families (2 adults + 2 kids) - \$65
- Families (2 adults + 3 kids) - \$75
- Families (2 adults + 4 kids) - \$85

Pre-register online at CampPrimeTime.org

Or register between 9-9:45am the day of the Trot at Sarg Hubbard Park, 111 S 18th Street | Yakima

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Leftover Turkey Trot - November 24th



Thankful for the US Forest Service!

The 2018 camping season began well, with enthusiastic volunteers and excited campers.

The efforts of Executive Director Cec Anson and Camp Manager/Caretaker Kevin Holmes and the rest of the support staff and volunteers made us better prepared this year and the camp has never looked so good!

Wildfire!

Things took an unprecedented turn in late-July when a wildfire was detected burning uphill, toward camp. Fortunately, we have fire hydrants, fire hoses, and trained staff to deal with these incidents. Kevin mobilized an impromptu fire crew and extinguished the fire before the US Forest Service fire crew even got to camp. A job well done!

Shortly after, on July 30th, the Miriam Fire started in the Goat Rocks Wilderness Area with a lightning strike. The fire grew rapidly to 5,400 acres in very rugged terrain and posed a potential danger to the camp. The entire area around Clear Lake was placed under a "Level 3" evacuation order ("get out now and stay out"). Because of this we canceled the rest of 2018's camp sessions.

The Forest Service committed adequate resources to keep the fire from getting very close to camp, but we did experience very heavy smoke. With the Level 3 evacuation order in place we were not able to be in camp to protect our facilities until it was lifted on September 17.

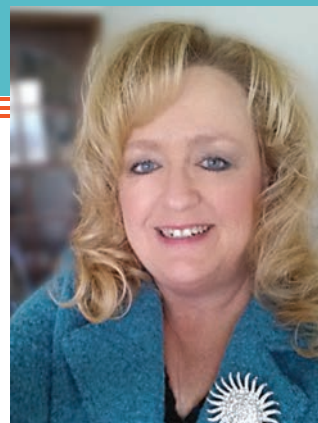
Then Burglars...

During the evacuation, four separate burglaries caused considerable damage and loss at the camp. The burglars apparently looked for things of value rather than just targets to vandalize. When the fire started, we moved many of the more valuable items to a secure site in Yakima. Thus, the burglars did not get as much as they might have had we not been proactive. Insurance will pay for some of the damage and some of the lost items, but it won't cover all the losses due to the age of some equipment and the amount of our deductible.

The 2018 fire season is now history, and all is well again at camp as we prepare to shut down for the winter months.

Thank you!

— Dick Haapala
President



Camping season 2018 was certainly unique – **and short!**

What started out as a beautiful camping season came to a screeching halt at the end of July with the 5400-acre Miriam Fire. We were forced to **cancel the last eleven camping sessions** as evacuation orders forced us to leave camp.

We understand this was disappointing to both our campers and to volunteers that

Rescheduling campers in 2019

serve campers. Looking forward to the 2019 season, we will offer those eleven groups the same camping session for which they were scheduled in 2018.

This will leave us with a limited number of camping weekends open to other groups, but we believe that those groups whose 2018 camps were canceled should get to attend. We appreciate your understanding of this difficult situation. We hope this is the last fire we have to deal with!

Thank you to everyone who spent some of their precious time volunteering at any of our Camp Prime Time events over this past year. You truly are heroes



to the very special families we serve.

Wishing you all a marvelous holiday season.

— Cec Anson
Cec Anson, Executive Director



Happy Campers!
Literally! And happy families, volunteers and staff members!



The 2018 Camping Season Derailed by the Miriam Fire

New lighted areas at Camp Prime Time



Better Safety!



In the fall of 2017 we completed an illuminated walkway that leads to the Fire pit, creating a much safer pathway.

We also finished installing lights in our handicapped-accessible Treehouse. Both projects were partially funded by and include volunteer hours recorded by the Sunrise Rotary Club of Yakima.

Having lights in the treehouse will allow us to have more use of it in the evening. We are so excited about these new additions to camp!

Hey All,

As Old Man Winter was gentle this year, we took for granted the serenity of the woods and the setting of our camp. However, Mother Nature doesn't always work slowly in taking back the forest! Lightning started a fire close enough to camp to force an evacuation of the area.

Towering pines add to the camp's beauty, but they drop needles and branches that are dangerous fuels when a fire starts. We owe much to the firefighters who ensured the blaze didn't reach any of the Clear Lake camps.

Your membership and donations work in tandem with our volunteers to give families with special needs children an unforgettable experience here at Camp Prime Time. Many thanks are owed for your time and effort.

Can I ask a favor? Would you tell a friend about Camp Prime Time? Volunteers are the life blood of our camp; please help us to introduce more people to our camp. We are planning for work parties on the first three Saturdays of May, 2019. **We will focus on creating defensible space from future threats like 2018's wildfire.**

Please check the volunteer section of our web site for ways you can help!

Thank you!

— Kevin Holmes
Camp Manager/Caretaker



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