



Central Christian Camp &
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Home of Make Promises Happen

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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Central Christian Camp & Conference Center is to provide an outdoor oriented, safe haven where all persons may come to retreat, reflect, have fun and gain knowledge and skills, which will nurture their lives, love of God and one another.

WISH LIST

- Paddle Boat (s)
- Paddle Board (s)
- Hammock (s)
- Disc Golf discs
- Permanent Disc Golf baskets
- Utility vehicle (Gator, Rhino, etc)
- 8ft. White plastic lifetime tables
- Warmer/Proofer Box for Kitchen
- Arts and Crafts Supplies (i.e. markers, glue, paints, etc.) – Call the office for details
- Bingo Prizes (t-shirts, bags, music CDs, small toys or novelties, etc.) – Call the office for details



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The Year of Excitement!

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Camp IS home away from home where one can feel safe, can broaden their understanding of whom they are and the potential within to become much more, a place where one can develop friendships which last a life time, where skills of leadership and understanding of the need to be part of a group are harnessed, and a place that provides perspective and humility that is carried on through one's life. Camp IS life changing! In 2014, more than 8500 lives were changed by their experience at Central Christian Camp.

The year was filled with both joyful highs and exasperating lows.

- This year, we experienced a devastating wildfire which destroyed one of our oldest cabins and one of our bathhouses. Yet, it also provided an opportunity for our camp family to show perseverance and enjoy a camping season in spite of the loss of those facilities. It brought about the realization of how blessed we were to have had the fire come so close to 20 camp structures and spare so many of them. The fire also established a chance for many of those who are passionate about our camp to join together and exceed expectations in the 30 in 30 campaign.

- This year, we welcomed Duain Cook as our Director of Programming. He brought with him many new and exciting programming ideas which have been implemented, thus expanding the engaging and fun activities available for each and every camper.

- 2014 brought with it a new relationship with Oklahoma Christian School, as they selected the camp to be the beneficiary of their upcoming HEROES week. This is a week of fundraising so the student body can make a lasting impact.

- Thanks to Jr. Hospitality of Oklahoma, we also were able to complete the path and storage facility in our Challenge U program area this year.

- 2014 also saw the Board of Directors come together in understanding of the need for the camp to make necessary changes to our By-laws. These changes make our legal documents consistent with current tax laws, correct potential conflicts of interest with in our Board and take a step toward allowing the camp to proceed with a more substantial fundraising campaign, which will strengthen our ability to

provide meaningful life changing camping experiences well into the future.

- Most importantly, we strengthened the idea that together, all of us who have a passion and love for our camp can help make our camp the best possible camp for years to come.

As we move into 2015, we do so with great enthusiasm. Our group calendar is nearing capacity. This will bring both returning and new groups of campers to our camp. Thanks to a grant from the Wal-Mart Foundation and Facility #8117, we will be constructing a "Slip and Slide" program area near the pool. The overwhelming support from the 30 in 30 campaign will enable the construction of our new bathhouse to be completed in early 2015.

In 2015, I place a challenge to each and every person, whose life has been touched by camp, to find away to reconnect or to help make an impact. If you are interested in possibly serving on an advisory council or committee for the camp, please contact me. If you can serve as a volunteer for one of the many events held at Central Christian Camp, contact the camp office and we will connect you with the appropriate contact information. If you are able to provide the camp with financial assistance, so we can continue to grow our facilities and programs, please contact me in the camp office at (405) 282-2811, visit our webpage at www.centralchristiancamp.org or use the enclosed envelope. Most importantly, please share your story. Tell others about your passion for our camp home and invite them to contact us so we might help build a passion within them.

Thank You for your support, dedication and passion,
-James Wheeler, Executive Director



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Guthrie Wildfire and Its Impact On Camp



In May, our camp saw a visitor we weren't expecting as a massive wildfire swept through the back side of camp. The fire burned over 150 acres of undeveloped land taking out Old Rustic Cabin 5 (the "Bee" cabin) and burning the middle bathhouse in



copter per minute, all three helicopters would take load after load of water to help put out the fires in the surrounding areas. Each bag they filled was roughly 500-1000 gallons of water.

Once the fires had been put out on camp, we quickly organized a work day to try and clean up a lot



A few days after the fire began, the camp administration was meeting about what to do next with fire clean up, when camp was visited by 3 Blackhawk helicopters. The helicopters began utilizing our main lake as a source of water for the continuing fires that were still burning north east of the camp. At an average of 1 heli-



of the burned trees and clean cabins due to the smell of fire.

We would like to thank everyone who donated their time, money, and/or supplies to help clean up from the fire. There is still a lot of work to be done, but knowing we have support from lots of people around the state of Oklahoma, keeps us hopeful, strong and able to continue moving forward.



the Rustics. The bathhouse was one of the main Rustic bathhouses and our rustic side of camp suffered a huge loss when it burned down. We were lucky to have the Storm Shelter Bathhouse up and running which helped to alleviate a bulk of the traffic that would normally go to the burned bathhouse.



A map of camp of the area that was burned dur-

THANK YOU

The camp would like to extend a gracious "Thank You" to those who have contributed over the past year. Their sharing and caring helps to provide for a place that helps to "Change Lives One Camp At A Time". Below is a list of those contributors. Again, **Thank You!**

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If we have misspelled, misstated or omitted your name, please excuse our error and call us so that we can make the correction. Updated as of 12/1/14



Make Promises Happen Newcomer Award Recipient



NAME: Carson Kennedy
HOMETOWN: Sand Springs, OK
YEARS OF VOLUNTEER WORK FOR MPH: 3 years
HOBBIES: Singing in my bedroom, riding bikes, and going to camp!
FAVORITE CAMP FOOD: Macaroni and Cheese
FAVORITE CAMP ACTIVITY: Water Front

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: "Being adventurous, going to school 600 miles away from home, and finding who I want to be"
FAVORITE CAMP MEMORY: Spring 2014 ski trip, hanging out with Coleman Cooper



Make Promises Happen Newcomer Award Recipient

NAME: Whitney Loveless
HOMETOWN: Sand Springs, Ok
YEARS OF ATTENDANCE AT MPH: 3 years
HOBBIES: Helping people, church, MPH, basketball, dance, the Mascot for CPHS
FAVORITE CAMP FOOD: Cinnamon rolls
FAVORITE CAMP ACTIVITY: The dance, and waterfront

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: My GPA has always been high, President of Student Council, Horizons (used to), NJHS, manger of CPHS Dance Team, MPH Newcomer Award Recipient
FAVORITE CAMP MEMORY: "When me, Kendall, Hope and Keegan would pop lock and drop it at the dance!"



Most New Counselors Recruited For Make Promises Happen Award

NAME: Erin Chambers
HOMETOWN: Chickasha, OK
YEARS OF ATTENDANCE AT MPH: One Year
HOBBIES: Hang out with friends, I like to go running, reading, sleeping, and doing stuff for my sorority, Chi Omega.
FAVORITE CAMP FOOD: Flat Bread turkey sandwiches
FAVORITE CAMP ACTIVITY:

playing Ga-Ga
ACCOMPLISHMENTS: "Learning how to be very patient. Bringing in the most new counselors this summer. Just becoming a better counselor this summer."
FAVORITE CAMP MEMORY: Was this summer whenever Saedi woke up the whole cabin during nap time by meowing non-stop.



30 in 30 Fundraiser

In October, we set a goal to raise \$30,000 in 30 days. The proceeds earned would go towards rebuilding the bathhouse that was lost in the Guthrie wildfire. We are pleased to announce that we exceeded that goal and raised over \$32,000!!!



We would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for allowing us to partner together to help reach our goal:

- Genghis Grill (Tulsa, Bixby and OKC areas)
- HeyDay Family Fun Center and the individuals that attended
- Oklahoma State University and Sodexo for allowing us to work OSU Football concession stands.
- Youcaring.com for being easy to manage and keeping track of our funds online.
- Stillwater Rib Crib and manager Denison Helm
- Jamberry Nails and

Kehmi Swehla for setting up the Jamberry Nails fundraiser and Facebook group.

- All the individuals that attended the disc golf tournament in Perry
- All the individuals that attended the Central Christian Camp Craft Night
- All the individuals that had a part in the Canoe On The Move fundraiser
- Hope Harbaugh and Brookelyne Cooper for being a great help with concessions and helping with various fundraisers including selling MPH T-Shirts.

- Emily Boyett and Lonetta Sprague for setting up the Thirty-One fundraiser

We want to thank EVERYONE for supporting Central Christian Camp and Make Promises Happen. Without the continued support from you, we would not be able to continue providing outdoor recreational opportunities to the many campers that come through CCC throughout the year.

If you are interested in getting involved with Central Christian Camp and Make Promises Happen, please contact us in the camp office at (405) 282-2811.



New and Upgraded Areas on Camp

2014 has definitely been the year of excitement as we have added over 13 new program areas to the camp grounds!

Here is a list and some pictures of what all as been added in 2014.

- 18 Hole Disc Golf course
- Ga-Ga Pit
- 9-Square in the Air
- 9-Square from a Chair
- Human Foosball
- Giant Jenga (2 sets)
- Chalkboard Tables
- Chalkboard in Northwoods Village
- Paddleboards (2)
- Laser Tag
- A brand new Hay Ride
- Labyrinth
- Tetherball
- An accessible path and bridges as well as a storage building for the Challenge Course
- Hammock lounge
- Lighting and power outlets for the Waterfront Pavilion
- Box Hockey
- Archery Net
- Partially renovated kitchen; complete with new shelving, griddle and stove/oven



We are always looking for new and amazing ideas for activities and areas on camp. If you have any suggestions, contact Duain in the office at (405) 282-2811 or via email at duain@centralchristiancamp.org

Make Promises Happen Service Award Recipient

NAME: Brookelyne Cooper
HOMETOWN: Chickasha, OK
YEARS OF VOLUNTEER WORK FOR MPH: 6 Years
HOBBIES: Being at MPH Camp and spending time with my cousins.
FAVORITE CAMP FOOD: "Hmm, turkey and cheese flatbreads!"
FAVORITE CAMP ACTIVITY: Hayrides because I feel like that's always the right way to start off camp and the camp dance and talent show because you get to see everyone have fun, you can tell that during these activities no one is thinking about anyone's disability they're just being them-

selfs and being loved for that person.
ACCOMPLISHMENTS: 2013 MPH Service Award, News Channel 4's Pay it 4ward recipient.
FAVORITE CAMP MEMORY: "There's way to many but one of the recent ones was being able to help each camper that wanted to at adult camp make it over the rock wall. No matter what their disability was they made the goal and we helped them reach it and seeing their faces when they got to the top was so amazing. Most of my favorite memories come from just being goofy and having fun with campers."



Make Promises Happen Service Award Recipient

NAME: Trevor Lovelace
HOMETOWN: Moore, OK
YEARS OF VOLUNTEER WORK FOR MPH: 4 years
HOBBIES: soccer and disc golf
FAVORITE CAMP FOOD: Pizza sticks and Caesar Salad
FAVORITE CAMP ACTIVITY: Waterfront
ACCOMPLISHMENTS: 2013 MPH Service Award Recipient

FAVORITE CAMP MEMORY: "When me and Josh McClennahan were moving Jared Pickle onto his toilet and he started to have pretty bad muscle spasms, so he asked me and Josh to pray with him while we were still in the process of moving him. So we prayed while still holding Jared up and we all shed a few tears "



Make Promises Happen Service Award Recipient

NAME: Hannah Jacobs
HOMETOWN: Kingman, KS
YEARS OF VOLUNTEER WORK FOR MPH: 4 years
HOBBIES: teaching, photography, traveling, volunteering at camp, scrapbooking, reading, painting
FAVORITE CAMP FOOD: NOT PIZZA STICKS!!!! Serious answer: Steak Fingers and mashed potatoes with gravy
FAVORITE CAMP ACTIVITY: Archery
ACCOMPLISHMENTS: B.S. in Elementary Education from Kansas State University ('08), 2013 MPH Service

Award
FAVORITE CAMP MEMORY: "Adult and young adult camp dances. Turner Falls with Saedi Cain on the 2014 Road trip Camp to Sulphur, OK. 4:14am fire alarm going off on the final night at the Artesian Hotel on the Road Trip Camp. Trying oysters during Shipwreck camp in 2013. My car being hidden during the final week of summer camp in 2012 for the staff scavenger hunt. Cabin D girl talks before bed during Adult Weeklongs."





A First for Make Promises Happen



During March of 2014, Make Promises Happen embarked on the next level of our Adventure Programs. 11 staff and 6 campers took the first ever MPH international adventure trip to Costa Rica. One of our former volunteers, Erica (Andrews) Hogan, invited the crew to join her in the rainforest at her home and business, Finca Bellavista. FBV is a sustainable tree house community in the Southern Zone of Costa Rica. After a relaxing flight, the group spent their first night in San Jose, Costa Rica, enjoying a traditional Costa Rican meal for dinner. The next few days were spent at the Manuel Antonio Beach

enjoying the surf, parasailing and riding the giant banana! After soaking up the sun, the group ventured on south arriving at FBV. The remainder of the trip was full of more amazing experiences at FBV such as waterfall hikes, zip lining, garden tours and of course sleeping in the treetops! One last stop in San Jose, Costa Rica wrapped up the trip before we headed home to anxious waiting loved ones. Make Promises Happen wishes to send

a HUGE THANK YOU to Erica & Matt Hogan and the rest of the crew at FBV for making this the trip of a lifetime for 6 very special individuals!



Make Promises Happen Camper Spotlight

NAME: Saedi Cain
HOMETOWN: Enid, OK
AGE: 24 years old
FAVORITE COLOR: Pink
FAVORITE CAMP FOOD: Pizza
FAVORITE CAMP CRAFT: Chocolate
FAVORITE PART OF SUMMER CAMP: Josh [McClennahan]



NAME: Kim Yoachum
HOMETOWN: Harrah, OK
AGE: 39 years old
YEARS OF ATTENDANCE AT MPH: almost 20 years
FAVORITE COLOR: Blue
FAVORITE CAMP ACTIVITY: "crafts. I made candy and snowmen [at Christmas Craft Camp]
FAVORITE CAMP MEMORY: "being able to be around my friends"
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT WHEN YOU HEAR THE WORD "CHRISTMAS?": my family
FAVORITE QUOTE: "Let the force be with you"



Make Promises Happen Counselor of the Year

NAME: Joshua McClennahan
HOMETOWN: Lone Grove, OK
YEARS OF VOLUNTEER WORK FOR MPH: 5 Years
HOBBIES: Coaching, golfing, and exercising
FAVORITE CAMP FOOD: Chicken Sandwich w/waffle fries
FAVORITE CAMP ACTIVITY: Outdoor Movies/Talent Show
ACCOMPLISHMENTS: "I hold a Bachelors of Science in Physi-

cal Education and Health from Southeastern Oklahoma State University. I am licensed in Secondary Education. I am a member of the OBCA (Oklahoma Basketball Coaches Association). 2010 MPH Newcomer of the Year, 2013 MPH Counselor of the Year, and marrying my beautiful wife, Lindsey McClennahan."
FAVORITE CAMP MEMORY: Sitting on the Porch of Rainbow w/ Jordan Dunkin, listening to the crickets during Hollywood camp.



RYLA

This summer, CCC was blessed with having a new organization utilize our facilities, RYLA. The Rotarian Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) came out and spent a week really using camp to the fullest. The 175+ group of staff, campers and counselors spent all week participating in various team building, leadership exercises and teaching the campers to be able to return to their home towns, from all over Oklahoma, and help be a leader for their schools/churches/sports teams/etc. We look forward to this new partnership and what the future has in store for CCC and RYLA.

Below, is a letter from current Disciples of Christ camper/counselor, current Make Promises Happen counselor AND current RYLA counselor, Brooklyn Running.

Hello all,
 I'm so beyond blessed that I get to continue to call this camp my other home. I have been coming to this camp since I was nine years old and over the years I have seen it grow tremendously. I have been a part of the church camp there as a camper and counselor and also as an MPH counselor. Now I get to come and be a part of RYLA here at Central Christian Camp too! I couldn't have been more pleased on how open and loving the staff was at Central. RYLA is so glad that they have found a great camp ground to help with all of their needs, to the wide open spaces, to the new fun games in front of the conference center, but most important the rope course, which encourages high school kids to push their limits and lead beyond what they can imagine. We truly have enjoyed our stay at Central Christian Camp and cannot wait to return this summer!

Sincerely,

Brooklyn Running



Camp Live-A-Dream



Camp Live-A-Dream, CLAD, has been attending Central Christian Camp every summer for over 25 years! CLAD provides an opportunity for teenagers and adolescents who are currently undergoing therapy due to cancer, or previously experienced cancer, to come together for one week. This year, Central Christian Camp was blessed to have over 40 staff and campers attend camp. Campers were able to enjoy a water fight on the paddleboats, making s'mores over a campfire, archery, CCC's telescope to look and learn about the stars, night swims, target practice with paintball guns, and a hayride. It is also a time for campers to help and support each other while having fun and sharing their experiences with one another. We look forward to continuing our partnership with CLAD for many years to come!

YMCA Day Camp

Being with the YMCA & Central Christian Camp for nearly 7 years, I can say that each summer our camp experience enriches through the programs provided by CCC. Our summer camp began 8-9 years ago at CCC. In our experiences, we were given ample activities of major varieties such as swimming, canoeing, archery, and hiking.

However, it was through the staff and faculty of CCC & their willingness, cooperation, teamwork, and dedication to their program that fostered success through our program. With the programs, location and land available, and teamwork and shared interests between our programs, we are happy to continue and cultivate our time with Central Christian Camp. - Shelby Rigsby, YMCA Camp Director



"My favorite part of camp was the beginning when it wasn't about to end" -YMCA camper on the last day of YMCA summer camp.



OCCRA WEEKEND



In 2014, the Oklahoma Cross Country Racing Association (OCCRA) raised over \$45,000 for Make Promises Happen. The annual dirt bike and ATV race at Central Christian Camp has been a highlight for campers and counselors each year. Since 1997, OCCRA has raised over \$450,000 for the Make Promises Happen ski adventure trip to Colorado. This support has made a last-

ing impact on MPH. Through this partnership with OCCRA, over 250 individuals with special needs have had the life changing opportunity to experience snow skiing in Winter Park, Colorado. We would like to thank everyone who has helped make this event a success this year.

THANK YOU!



Disciple`s Camp It Up This Summer



The Christian Church in Oklahoma sponsored 3 camp experiences at Central Christian Camp over the 2014 summer. Campers in grades 2-12 enjoyed the new activities, Gaga Ball, 9 Square in the Air, and the hammock area, as well as old favorites like the pool, paddle boats, and the water front. Michael Davison, Associate Regional Minister, even showed high school age campers how to fall on the slip and slide one afternoon.

Disciples had over 250 campers and 70 adults attend Central Christian Camp during 2014. Their days were filled with small groups, games, the pool, arts &



crafts, keynotes, and close with worship. The weeks at Central Christian Camp are part of the Christian Church in Oklahoma`s outdoor ministry program that utilizes three other camp facilities around Oklahoma during the month of June. Disciples of Christ congregations in Oklahoma have been strong supporters of Central Christian Camp ever since its inception and trust the current Executive Director and staff with the legacy of hospitality for persons of all ages and abilities.

Plans are already in process for the Disciples of Christ camp experiences in June 2015. We will again offer our Discovery Camp, Junior Camp, and CYF Conference at Central Christian Camp which is, and has been, holy ground for many generations. Our thanks to James Wheeler and the entire staff for their work and hospitality.

- Rev. Michael Davison
Associate Regional Pastor



2014 Summer Camp Staff

This year, our Summer staff consisted of 12 individuals from all over the world. Our Program Staff were in charge of running various activities as well as lifeguarding for not only the Make Promises Happen groups, but other groups that utilized our camp over the summer. Program staff consisted of (in no particular order): Karen Hendren, Hope Harbaugh, Beth Helm, Brookelyne Cooper, and Austin Hula.

Trevor Lovelace worked throughout the summer as one of the groundskeepers, helping to keep the grass cut and the areas around the cabins nice and clean.

This year we were blessed

to have with 3 ladies from Poland; Ada, Magda and Nicole, and 1 gentleman from Mexico, Jorge. The 4 of them made up our house-keeping crew and were in charge of keeping the cabins, bathhouses and conference center clean for each group utilizing our camp. We also hired one of our MPH campers, Jordan Dunkin (not pictured), as a kitchen assistant. He helped our cook, Joni, keep our kitchen clean throughout the summer.

Our Medical staff consisted of our brand new Registered Nurse (Not Pic-

tured), Cindy Richardson, and our Medical Technician, Kelsey Brooks. Together, they worked together to insure the health and safety of the campers was top notch over the summer!

We want to thank each and everyone of these individuals for making this summer a very successful and exciting summer!



From left to right: Karen , Beth , James , Elisha , Jorge, Brookelyne, Trevor, Hope, Austin, Kelsey, Duain, Nicole, Magda, and Ada. Not Pictured: Nurse Cindy and Jordan Dunkin



Make Promises Happen



This summer was OUT OF THIS WORLD! Make Promises Happen had an amazing summer with a Space Camp theme. MPH had over 300 campers attend at least 1 summer camp. Campers created their own Flying Saucers and Planets to help decorate the walls of the Conference Center. Campers also created Light Sabers made from pool noodles and duct tape. Towards the end of each camp, campers dressed up for the space themed dance that was decorated with black lights and glow sticks! Campers also enjoyed getting their face painted in black light paint so they would glow during the dance. The food was also out of this world as each MPH camp had a special meal of rocket dogs (hotdogs, pigs in a blanket style, with a cheese block on top making it look like a space ship), moon rings (onion rings) and space



jello!

Camp Horizon started off the summer season, June, 2-6, 2014 with our space theme camp. Camp Horizon is a specialized camp for youth and adults with Prader-Willi Syndrome. Returning camper Greg states "Camp is where we come to relax and enjoy the friendly environment made by the campers and counselors". The campers utilized the Camp Tanglewood cabins (rustic side) nestled in the woods, overlooking Grotto Spring Lake.



Throughout Camp Horizon, Young Adult, Youth, Adult with Volunteer and Adult with Caregiver camps, campers participated in classic camp activities such as the talent show, bounce house, hay ride, swimming pool, challenge course, paintball and archery. During the Adult with Caregiver camp, at the end of the summer, MPH saw its first ever use of the Rock Climbing Wall. The

campers were able to successfully strap in and climb the rock wall reaching the top. The excitement on each campers face, as they all were able to complete the element, was PRICELESS!



MPH campers and counselors were able to fully participate in the camp`s newest universally accessible activities such as Human Foosball, Ga-Ga Pit, 9-Square in the Air, 9-Square from a Chair, Box Hockey, Giant Jenga, Paddle Boards, Tetherball and what has become the biggest hit, the Hammock Lounge.

Camp has been a great success this year and we look forward to all the camps in 2015 including an ALL NEW Culinary Camp and Theater Camp!

MPH has been so successful in part by the 1:1 volunteer counselor to camper ratio we strive for during each camp. We are always looking for new individuals, ages 15+, that would be great volunteers for our MPH camps. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Duain in the office at (405) 282-2811 or via email at duain@centralchristiancamp.org



Christmas Craft Camp



Christmas Craft Camp is in its 2nd year with the MPH program. This camp is amazing! Director Emily Boyett heads up a full weekend of arts and crafts helping 30 campers make Christmas and other Holiday gifts for their friends and loved ones.

While watching Christmas movies, each camper makes 10+ gifts to give to friends, family, caregivers etc. for Christmas. Throughout the weekend, cider and hot cocoa is flowing while Christmas Carols are blasting and a fire is roaring. A friendly rivalry watch party of the OSU vs. OU Bedlam football game takes place while campers write and address their Christmas cards. Campers also string popcorn and cranberry garlands. On Sunday

morning, everyone heads to Memory Forest to hang the garland as a way to remember loved ones they have lost and to also feed the birds and other wildlife on camp. Sunday is also busy as everyone takes part in making their own candy and cookies.

A wrapping station allows for each of the campers gifts to be wrapped and ready for delivery upon departure from camp. In addition to the amazing volunteer counselors that are paired up 1:1 with the campers, several individuals and small groups come to volunteer a few hours running various craft stations, wrapping stations and candy making stations.

"I started the event because I wanted to offer our adult friends

with disabilities a chance to create surprise gifts for their loved ones and caregivers. Those are the exact people who usually have to help them shop for Christmas and it`s hard to surprise someone you have to rely on like that" -Emily Boyett.

