



Making a difference in children's lives by sending kids to camp.

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When we set out nine years ago at the Max and Marion Caldwell Foundation to fund camperships, our goal was to raise an endowment of \$300,000. The interest on this endowment was to be used to fund our already established camperships. We are thrilled to announce that we have reached our \$300,000 goal! Over the past nine years the MMCF board has witnessed the life changing experience that camperships have provided to children who would otherwise not have this opportunity. When discussing the endowment, the board decided that we so enjoy this organization and our mission that we will continue to raise funds and increase the number of camperships we are able to award. The positive feedback we receive from our campership recipients about their time at camp has encouraged us to continue our fundraising goals and ability to send more and more children to camp each summer.

A Real Success Story

Here at MMCF we really do believe that camp can make a difference in children's lives. We've all heard the benefits of camp, including increased independence, a place to forge new lifelong friendships, and to be exposed to new activities and adventures. However, as MMCF board members, we don't get the chance to see the post-camp, actual results. These benefits of camp are made all the more convincing when we receive positive feedback from actual campership recipients and families in regards to how camp has changed their lives for the better.

Late last summer we received a feedback letter concerning one of our campership recipients. The letter, which came from a camper parent, made some very specific points about how camp, particularly the year-after-year experience, has had a positive influence on one particular campership recipient.

Camp Encourages Inclusion – As the letter writer listened to some camp stories on the car ride home and asked questions about the time at camp, the girls (his daughter and our campership recipient) talked about their own cabin experience and the fun and challenges of living with other girls who bring different experiences to camp life. They agreed that being "cool" was not so important at camp. It wasn't like school where there is pressure to be part of the "in group" and to be "cool." That's not what camp is about, they said. Camp is about accepting and respecting others and their differences, about being inclusive with all kinds of people and recognizing the special things that each camper contributes.

Camp Teaches Responsibility

The girls also talked about the shared responsibility they had to complete camp chores, and the importance to them about working together as a team to keep their cabin clean and be at their morning activities on time. While some of their bunkmates did not take this responsibility seriously, the girls expressed their belief in the importance of working as a team to be responsible towards their cabin and camp.



Camp Provides Skills for the Future – As the conversation continued, they spoke about the campership application process. They all agreed that completing the involved application and associated forms and references had been a new experience. They decided that the process would be similar to the requirements of applying to college and for college scholarships and that the experience would be helpful for later.

Other MMCF Supported Camps

In past volumes of the MMCF newsletter, we have highlighted camps where we have sent our campership recipients. In this issue we will present the two recipient camps of the Kennolyn Campership: Camp Krem and Camp Harmon. The Kennolyn Campership, which is funded by an endowment from Kennolyn Camps, sends a different child each year to an ACA-accredited camp in Santa Cruz County.

Camp Harmon – This camp is owned and operated by Easter Seals as a residential camp for both children and adults with disabilities. The camp was built in 1963 and specifically designed to accommodate individuals with varying disabilities. They offer a wide range of activities including swimming, archery, horseback riding, arts and crafts, and hiking. Camp Harmon has an excellent counselor to camper ratio of 3:1, which allows the individual attention needed to ensure a fun, life-changing experience for campers. In 2010, Raven Oxidean of Aptos, CA, was awarded the Kennolyn Campership.

Camp Krem – Similar to Camp Harmon, Camp Krem is also a residential camp for both children and adults with developmental disabilities and is also located in Boulder Creek. They offer a similar wide range of camp activities, offering the equipment and facilities required by their unique campers.

Both camps follow a similar philosophy to mainstream camps of wanting to both foster independence and provide new experiences for their campers. At MMCF we have decided to support these two camps as we feel that all people should have access to camp knowing that opportunity is limited for people with disabilities.

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Making a difference in children's lives....

Quotes

Jillian had an amazing time and made many new friends. She went to camp not knowing anyone and instantly feels like she has life-long friends.

- *Mother of Jillian Sherlock*

Some people say they get homesick going away to overnight camp, but honestly I never got that feeling. When I thought of my family, I thought of my new family there at Kennolyn. It was amazing to have so many activities to choose from. I did so many new things, like horseback riding, high ropes and outdoor cooking. I truly loved my two weeks at Kennolyn. I hope to come back next year, and bring all my friends along too.

- *Cooper Young*

I think that this experience made her stronger and more independent.

- *Mother to Emma Menefee*



Mission Statement

The Mission of the non-profit Max and Marion Caldwell Foundation is to perpetuate the Caldwell's legacy of providing a wholesome and fun, often life changing, summer camp experience. To accomplish this, the Foundation offers camperships to deserving youth at Kennolyn and other accredited Northern California camps as well as awarding college scholarships to qualified camp counselors.



**Meet the 2010 Campers Touched by Your Donations to
The Max and Marion Caldwell Foundation**

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AUNT MARION AND UNCLE MAX RESIDENT CAMPERSHIPS

Nicolas Fischer-Barcelo of Menlo Park, CA, was awarded the Aunt Marion and Uncle Max Resident Campership to attend Kennolyn Camps' Resident Camp for a two-week session in summers 2010-2012.



Nicolas



Ivan

Ivan Lenkov of Stanford, CA, attended Kennolyn for his final summer of his three-summer Aunt Marion and Uncle Max Resident Campership.

AUNT MARION AND UNCLE MAX DAY CAMPERSHIPS

Julian DeLong of Santa Cruz, CA, was awarded the Aunt Marion and Uncle Max Day Campership to attend Kennolyn Camps' Day Camp for a two-week session in summers for 2010-2012.



Julian



Sage

KENNOLYN'S DAY CAMP PRE-CAMP CAMPERSHIP

Sage Moore of Santa Cruz, CA, was awarded a campership to attend Kennolyn's Day Camp Pre-Camp.

KIRKWOOD FAMILY CAMPERSHIP

Cooper Young of Santa Cruz, CA, was awarded the endowed Kirkwood Family Campership. He attended a two-week session at Kennolyn's Resident Camp for 2010.



Cooper



Emma

LUPITA BYRNES MEMORIAL CAMPERSHIP

Emma Menefee of Los Banos, CA, attended a two-week session at Kennolyn's Resident Camp for 2010, funded by donations made in Lupita Byrnes' memory.

ANONYMOUSLY FUNDED CAMPERSHIPS



Lisa

Kennolyn Resident Camp (2 weeks)

Lisa Rogge of Palo Alto, CA, was awarded a two-week campership made possible by an anonymous donor to attend a two-week session at Kennolyn's Resident Camp for 2010.

Kennolyn Day Camp (2 weeks)

Austin Krusee of Ben Lomond, CA, was awarded a campership made possible by an anonymous donor to attend Kennolyn's Day Camp for a two-week session.



Austin



Ella

Kennolyn Day Camp (1 week)

Ella Borsodi of Santa Cruz, CA, was awarded a campership made possible by an anonymous donor to attend a one-week session at Kennolyn's Day Camp for 2010.

MANNY VEZIE CAMPERSHIPS

Jillian Sherlock of Clyde, CA, Jessica Van Allman of Kentfield, CA, and Morgan McCloskey of Fresno, CA, were awarded Manny Vezie Camperships. Manny Vezie founded Gold Arrow Camp, located in the Sierras outside of Fresno, and operated it for over 50 years. This campership was created to celebrate his legacy.



Jillian



Jessica



Morgan

KENNOLYN CAMPERSHIP

Raven Oxidean of Aptos, CA, was awarded the Kennolyn Campership for 2010. She attended Camp Harmon, an Easter Seals camp in Santa Cruz County that provides a camp experience to children with developmental disabilities.



Raven



Justiss

CALDWELL FAMILY CAMPERSHIP

Justiss Roque of South Lake Tahoe, CA, was awarded the Caldwell Family Campership for 2010. She attended a two-week session at Camp Nejedly at Hawley Lake - a camp for wheelchair bound children and part of the Stephen J. Wampler Foundation.

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- Double your donation with matching gifts. Many companies will match their employees' donations which is an excellent way to increase the size of the gift and benefit the Foundation.
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- Grants from a family or community foundation.

Please contact us at foundation@caldwellfoundation.org with any questions or for more information on donating.

Campership Candidates: Do you know a child who would be eligible for a campership? We hope to continue increasing the number of camperships awarded each year and are always looking for qualified applicants. Please direct all potential candidates to our website, www.caldwellfoundation.org.

Gifting: Not sure what gift to give the person who has everything? Consider donating to the Foundation in honor of that special person. The Foundation will send a letter to the named person recognizing the donation.