



*a special place
for special families!*

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Scenes from Camp

By Shirley Thietje, Camp Manager

There are so many fantastic stories to tell about life at camp that at times it's difficult to decide on one. After the weekend of August 24, 2007, that decision became a little easier. We have a camper at Prime Time, Matt Britz, who also does duty, along with his brother and father, as a volunteer at camp. On August 24, 2007, Matt celebrated his 22nd birthday. He chose to do so volunteering for the weekend at Prime Time. Matt has an infectious smile and is a phenomenal dancer. He loves to entertain the campers by dancing for them and encourages them to dance with him as well. He likes to play music while he works and frequently stops to dance. On Sunday mornings, we have sack lunch fixings for the campers to make lunch to take with them. We put the food on a table in the middle of the dining room. On the Sunday Matt was at camp, the campers were making their sack lunches and Matt decided everyone was a little too serious. He started dancing among the campers and soon they were all dancing and smiling as they made their sandwiches. We even had a conga line circling the table. Moms, dads and kids were all dancing together. Families were talking about organizing volunteer groups to spend the weekend working at camp. One set of parents, who have been coming to camp for years, and are usually very serious, were flirting with each other like teenagers. It was the perfect end to a fun-filled weekend.

I don't know if Matt realizes how much joy he gives the campers, but it is immeasurable. After the weekend, I had occasion to call the group leader of the campers. She told me her family is still talking about how much fun they had at camp and what a fantastic person Matt is. Camp Prime Time is all about providing a relaxing, fun atmosphere for the entire family. Matt embodies that spirit and is a great asset to our family of volunteers. Thank you, Matt, for giving so freely of yourself to ensure the campers you serve at Prime Time enjoy themselves.



Accessible Treehouse



Treehouse construction as of October, 2007 (left) and January, 2008 (right). Plans are to complete the treehouse in time for the first Camp Session on May 30.

2008 Camp Schedule

May 30-June 1	To be decided
June 6-8	Children's Therapy Unit-Good Samaritan, Puyallup
June 13-15	Isodentric 15 Family Camp
June 20-22	Yakima Valley Friends and Family
June 27-29	Ft. Lewis-McCord Exceptional Family Member Program
June 30-July 2	Community Living
July 11-13	Parent to Parent, Lewis County
July 18-20	Parent to Parent, PUMS
July 25-27	Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation
August 1-3	Immune Deficiency Foundation
August 8-10	Pacific Angelman Syndrome Foundation
August 15-17	Northwest Exstrophy Support Group
August 22-24	ARC of King County
August 25-27	To be decided
Sept 5-7	Down Syndrome Community
Sept 12-14	Parent to Parent, Walla Walla
September 19-21	Boy Scouts of America, Troop 419
September 26-28	Parent to Parents, Pierce County & Dad's Supporting Dad's
Oct 3-5	MPS

Prime Time seeks to enrich the lives of families with children who are seriously ill or disabled by providing an outdoor wilderness experience where families can enjoy themselves in a supportive atmosphere without financial burden.



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CAMP PRIME TIME GOLF TOURNAMENT

Saturday, June 21, 2008
 River Ridge Golf Course, Selah
 1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start
 4 Man Scramble Format

All are invited to participate in the first annual Camp Prime Time Fundraiser Golf Tournament at River Ridge Golf Course in Selah on Saturday, June 21, 2008, beginning at 1:00 p.m. We will play a four man scramble format. Registrations include 18 holes of golf, lunch and automatic entry into the hole in one contest. You may enter an entire team or individually. If you enter as a single player, you will be assigned to a team. Entries may be sent to:

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ENTRY FORM

<u>Registration</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Total</u>
Player Entry	\$100	_____	_____
Team Entry	\$400	_____	_____
 <u>Sponsors</u>			
Hole Sponsor	\$100	_____	_____
Green Sponsor	\$100	_____	_____
Raffle Sponsor	\$500	_____	_____
Hole-In-One Sponsor	\$500	_____	_____
Closest To The Pin Sponsor	\$500	_____	_____
Lunch Sponsor	\$1,000	_____	_____
Beverage Cart Sponsor	\$1,000	_____	_____
Corporate Sponsor	\$5,000	_____	_____
Total			_____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

E-Mail _____

Team members' names _____

Camp Wish List

Below are some items you may want to consider donating to Camp Prime Time.

- Mattress protectors (plastic) - for single and double beds
- Air pump for balls, tires, and baby joggers
- Long fireplace matches
- Mosquito repellent
- Fish bait, lures, weights, snell hooks, line
- Flashlights
- Batteries (9 volt, AA, AAA)
- Volleyball net and volleyballs
- Journals for cabins
- Sturdy toys (trucks and blocks)
- Ping pong balls
- Drawing tablets, coloring books, finger paints, colored pencils, crayons
- Dump trucks and cars - sturdy and unbreakable
- Games - but none with small pieces
- Books
- Shelves for books and games
- Gently used stuffed animals



Great Friends!

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Ralph Berthon	Mike Burnam
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Diane Eilmes, Executive Director
Shirley Thietje, Camp Manager
Debbie Armstrong, Bookkeeper

Fundraising Event Results

The Board and Staff of Prime Time appreciate the continued support of the many businesses and individuals who help to raise funds and awareness for Camp Prime Time. Here are a few fundraising results that may be of interest to you:

Christmas Tree Recycling - 744 donated volunteer hours and \$13,564 raised

Yakima's Knights of Columbus breakfast - over 400 meals served and \$1,932.54 raised



Thanks to the family of Eliane Dufault for a significant donation to Camp Prime Time's Endowment Fund. Pictured are (L-R): Gale Benoit, Don Dufault, Dick Haapala, Dave Berthon.

"The greatest gift is a portion of thyself."

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

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