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# CAMP SUNSHINE



# POSTCARDS

## Sibling Camp: A Time and Place for Siblings to Shine

*Childhood cancer affects the whole family. After a diagnosis, life is turned upside down for everyone – including brothers and sisters. Camp Sunshine Sibling Camp Weekend was started in 1997 to give brothers and sisters of children with cancer a chance to experience Camp Sunshine and have a weekend that is “all about them.” Two families share how Camp Sunshine helps siblings realize they are not alone in this uncertain world of childhood cancer.*

### THE DAVIS FAMILY



After Grace Lawton Davis returned from a week at Camp Sunshine, she insisted that her sister, Sarah Faith, had to go.

The 16-year-old identical twins share everything, including being born with cerebral palsy. Grace Lawton – who was diagnosed with acute

lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) in 2012 – had so much fun at camp that she wanted Sarah Faith to have the same experience.

Since both girls are in wheelchairs, their mother, Wyman, never thought camp was a possibility. But because Camp Sunshine at Camp Twin Lakes is wheelchair accessible, both girls could get around. And she marvels at the fact that camp took extra steps to accommodate Sarah Faith's cerebral palsy, even finding nurses to volunteer specifically to help her.

“Sarah Faith came back with such joy,” Wyman remembers. “She had been on the zip line, and for a child with a disability to be able to experience that was amazing!” She says that

Sarah Faith has now been to camp three times, most recently in January.

Wyman is also grateful for the support Sarah Faith received from being with other siblings. “They learn that they’re not alone in this,” Wyman says. “Camp is a safe place where they’re not different. It’s a fun, welcoming weekend where kids can put aside their worries about their siblings.”

### THE MAGUIRE FAMILY

A wall inside the Maguire house features a display of handmade picture frames, paintings and collages that Charlotte, 8, and Sadie, 10, have made at Camp Sunshine during their visits to Family Camp, Sibling Camp and summer camp.





DEAR CAMP SUNSHINE FRIENDS,

When a child is diagnosed with cancer, the whole family is deeply affected. The experience can be overwhelming for everyone – including the siblings. That’s why Camp Sunshine supports the entire family throughout their journey.

One way we do that is through Sibling Camp. Since 1997, the brothers and sisters of children with cancer can enjoy a weekend of camp that is focused solely on them. It’s become so fundamentally important to our families, we added a winter weekend to the schedule in 2014.

In this issue of *Postcards*, you’ll read about two children who have found their own community of friends and support at Sibling Camp. One is Sarah Faith; the camp gave her an opportunity her mother never thought

she’d have. The other is Sadie, who discovered her adventurous side on the climbing wall and zip line.

Many of our summer camp counselors also volunteer at Sibling Camp. One of those volunteers, Kathy Keye Skinner, is our featured profile in *Then & Now*. Kathy first came to Camp Sunshine at age seven and has been a tireless volunteer throughout the years at most of our camps. I have known Kathy since she was a camper – she shares her story and why it is important to her to continuously give back.

The Newberg brothers – Eric, Dan and Todd – are well known counselors at summer camp as their dedication to Camp Sunshine spans over 20 years. Our Volunteer Spotlight features this trio, who wouldn’t trade their camp experience for anything. We are deeply grateful for their commitment to Camp Sunshine, which goes far beyond their roles as a counselors at summer camp.

Finally, we salute community partner Ferrari Maserati of Atlanta for giving children with cancer and their siblings the thrill of a lifetime: a few spins around a racetrack in the exotic car of their choice. Read more about that in “Rides to Remember.”

We’re so grateful for our volunteers and our supporters who help bring sunshine and hope to children with cancer – and their siblings.

- Sally Hale, Executive Director

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Camp Sunshine enriches the lives of Georgia’s children with cancer and their families through recreational, educational and support programs.

Summer Camp 2015 Start planning now!

Teen Week at Camp Twin Lakes – Rutledge June 14-19

Junior Week at Camp Twin Lakes – Rutledge June 21-26

Register online at www.mycampsunshine.com

Give the Gift of Summer Camp

Your gift to Camp Sunshine can help a child with cancer experience an unforgettable week at camp. Gifts of any size are welcome, acknowledged and gratefully received. Simply fill out the enclosed donor envelope and return it with your check today. Or donate online at mycampsunshine.com



- Provide arts & craft supplies for a cabin.....\$ 50
- Provide snacks for one day .....\$ 100
- Provide cabin welcome gifts – T-shirts, water bottles & more .....\$ 250
- Provide an evening program.....\$ 500
- Sponsor a camper for a week.....\$ 800
- Sponsor one camper EACH week.....\$1,600
- Provide bus rides to camp for 200 campers ...\$2,500
- Sponsor a full cabin of campers!.....\$5,000



## THEN &amp; NOW



Kathy Keye Skinner has a big scar on her stomach where doctors removed her kidney when she was two years old. And she is happy to have that scar.

"Scars tell stories, and I have a story to tell," Kathy says.

Kathy's story starts with a Wilm's tumor that was on her right kidney. Doctors removed her entire kidney and she underwent chemotherapy and radiation. By age four she was in remission. Her family heard about Camp Sunshine and she went to summer camp in 1987 when she was seven years old. She has gathered stories throughout 19 summers at Camp Sunshine – nine as a

camper and 10 as a counselor.

"Being involved with Camp Sunshine is my way of giving back," Kathy says. "Because of that camp, I am the person I am today."

Her favorite memory is of being eight years old and in the talent show. Kathy loved singing, and sang an a cappella version of "God Bless the USA."

"It was the first time I'd sung anything in front of a big group," Kathy recalls. "When I finished, I looked up

## Kathy's Story

**"There's no other place on earth that gives you the kind of hope, love, inspiration, strength, and guidance you will need when you face struggles in your life, and also prepare you for the successes in your life like Camp Sunshine will!"**

– Kathy

and everyone was clapping and had tears in their eyes. They treated me as if I sang like an angel. That is what camp is all about, a feeling of acceptance, love, and belonging. I knew no one could take that away from me."

Kathy sometimes gets to relive those memories with her fellow counselors. Some of them are longtime volunteers that were there when Kathy was a camper. Her co-counselor in her cabin is a friend and also a former Camp Sunshine camper, and she uses that as an example to show her campers the lasting friendships that can form at camp.

Aside from being a summer camp counselor, Kathy also volunteers at Sibling Camp, Teen Retreat, and Family Camp. She also helps with Camp Sunshine outings such as Shrek and James and the Giant Peach performances.

Kathy, who got married in May 2013, works as a human resources representative, office manager and culture ambassador manager at Stericycle Environmental Solutions, a waste management company in Norcross. The company supports her love of Camp Sunshine by sponsoring a cabin during Summer Camp and donating items to the Sunshine 2 U program.

To Kathy, Camp Sunshine is not only a calling; it's a passion.✱



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

## Brotherly Bonds Extend to Camp Sunshine

Todd Newberg loves when people ask about the “interesting” bracelet on his wrist. It’s a friendship bracelet, made of fishing swivels, that he received the last time he was a counselor at Camp Sunshine.

“The bracelet allows me to open up and tell them about something very important to both me and my family,” Todd says. “It continues to be my active connection to the camp.”

The Newberg’s connection to Camp Sunshine is a sort of family tradition that spans over 20 years in which the three brothers – Todd and his older brothers Eric and Dan – have all volunteered as counselors at the camp. Their involvement began in 1993, when Eric, the oldest, had just moved to Atlanta from Florida and was looking for a way to get involved in the community. His aunt suggested he volunteer for a week at Camp Sunshine.

A self-proclaimed “camp person,” Eric jumped right on board. “It seemed like a perfect fit,” he says. He went that first year, saw what an amazing experience it was and has continued to go every year since. His commitment is so deep that when he accepted his position as chief financial officer for Diaz Foods 18 years ago, he told his new employer he would always need a week off during the summer.

He began as a cabin counselor, but for the last 18 years has been a unit head. He first recruited Todd, who at the time was applying to medical school. He thought it would be a good experience for him. Then he asked middle brother Dan to cover for him one summer when he couldn’t go at the last minute. Dan, who was living in New York City working in futures and option trading, agreed.

Dan says the experience also allowed him to participate in something that his two brothers shared. “When we were together over the holidays, Eric and Todd would be looking at pictures and comparing stories,” Dan says. “I never knew what they were talking about. But it was an incredible week. Being with those kids was an amazing experience.”

When Dan had a chance to relocate from New York, he chose Atlanta to be closer to Eric and his family and Camp Sunshine. He has returned almost every year since

1997 as a cabin counselor for 7 to 9 year olds.

“It’s an amazing opportunity to see children who are battling physically and emotionally from the cancer just be a regular camper, like I was,” Eric says. “The camp allows children to be children rather than being a child with cancer.”

By volunteering for so many years, both Eric and Dan say they have enjoyed watching some of the campers grow up. “You get

to see a kid who was sick at age seven graduate from Georgia Tech,” says Eric.

“Or a kid who was homesick and keeps coming back and then becomes a Leader In Training,” adds Dan.

Eric has taken his commitment to Camp Sunshine beyond a week in the summer, serving on the board for the last 10 years, including six of them as treasurer. He has also volunteered at Teen Retreats, Remember the Sunshine, the Washington, D.C. Excursion, Lock-Ins, and many other activities throughout the years.

As for Todd, who is now a doctor, he says every year of his service at Camp Sunshine “is a different experience that stays with me.” Just like the friendship bracelet he continues to wear. ✨



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– Eric Newberg





**UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Ricky's Run  
May 9, 2015**

[www.rickysrun.org](http://www.rickysrun.org)

Join Bells Ferry Learning Center in Woodstock, GA for their 5k run/1k walk in memory of camper Ricky James. Registration is just \$25 or \$40 mother/child team and partially benefits Camp Sunshine!

**Roopville Ramble  
May 16, 2015**

[www.roopvilleramble.org](http://www.roopvilleramble.org)

The Roopville Ramble is a century ride in beautiful rolling West Georgia, benefiting Camp Sunshine. Distances of 15, 37, 50, 67 (Metric Century), and 104 miles are offered. A variety of distances are offered; registration is just \$35 for adults and \$25 for children 12 and under and can be done online. Register by May 6 to save \$5!

**Keencheefoonee Road Race  
June 16 and June 23**

[campsunshine.kintera.org/roadrace2015](http://campsunshine.kintera.org/roadrace2015)

Camp Sunshine's volunteer-driven annual fundraiser! Support your favorite volunteer or join us as a virtual runner to help send more kids with cancer to Summer Camp.

**Pirates of Lanier Poker Run  
July 17-18**

[www.piratesoflanier.com](http://www.piratesoflanier.com)

Join the Pirates of Lanier for their annual poker run benefiting Camp Sunshine – a wild weekend of pirates and parties! Details and registration can be found on the event's website.



Connect with Camp Sunshine online to stay up to date on the latest news and happenings! Join us at [www.facebook.com/campsunshine](http://www.facebook.com/campsunshine) and on Twitter @mycampsunshine.

For any House programs, we ask that you RSVP to 404-325-7979

**M A Y 2 0 1 5**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			Washington DC Trip For Teens →		1	2
3 →	4	5 Sunshine 2 U at Aflac Cancer Center/Egleston	6 Sunshine 2 U at Aflac Cancer Center/Scottish Rite	7 Remembering the Sunshine Family Night	8	9
10	11	12	13 Preschool Music Class	14	15	16 Staff Orientation for Summer Camp
17	18	19 Seasonal Sunshine at Camp Sunshine House	20	21	22	23
24	25 Office Closed	26	27 Preschool Music Class	28	29	30
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**J U N E 2 0 1 5**

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2 New Camper Orientation at Camp Sunshine House	3	4 Remembering the Sunshine Family Night	5	6 Rides to Remember
7	8 Sunshine 2 U at Aflac Cancer Center/Egleston	9	10	11 →	12	13
14 Teen Summer Camp at Camp Twin Lakes-Rutledge →	15 Sunshine 2 U at Aflac Cancer Center/Scottish Rite	16 Keencheefoonee Road Race	17	18 →	19 →	20
21 Junior Summer Camp at Camp Twin Lakes-Rutledge →	22	23 Keencheefoonee Road Race	24 Preschool Music Class	25 →	26 →	27
28	29	30				

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## JULY 2015

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3 Office Closed	4
5	6	7 Sunshine 2 U at Aflac Cancer Center/Egleston	8 Sunshine 2 U at Aflac Cancer Center/ Scottish Rite Preschool Music Class	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Teen Leadership Challenge →
19	20	21	22 Preschool Music Class	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

## AUGUST 2015

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4 Sunshine 2 U at Aflac Cancer Center/Egleston	5 Sunshine 2 U at Aflac Cancer Center/Scottish Rite	6 Remembering the Sunshine Family Night	7	8
9	10	11	12 Preschool Music Class	13	14 Sibling Camp at Camp Twin Lakes-Rutledge	15
16 → Hit a Home Run at Turner Field	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Seasonal Sunshine at Camp Sunshine House	26 Preschool Music Class	27	28	29
30	31					

### SAVE THESE DATES

**September 12, 2015**

Preschool Apple Orchard Excursion  
Hillcrest Orchards, Elijah, GA

**September 14, 2015**

Spa SydeII Night at Camp  
Sunshine House

**September 2015**

Wild Adventures for South  
Georgia families

**October 2-4, 2015**

Family Camp at Camp Twin Lakes –  
Rutledge

**October 9-11, 2015**

Family Camp at Camp Twin Lakes –  
Rutledge

**October 16-18, 2015**

Remember the Sunshine Weekend  
at Camp Twin Lakes – Rutledge

**October 25, 2015**

Fall Festival at Camp Sunshine House

**November 3, 2015**

Seasonal Sunshine Thanksgiving  
Dinner at Camp Sunshine House

**November 13-15, 2015**

Teen Retreat at Camp Twin Lakes –  
Rutledge

**December 13, 2015**

Holiday Party

### REGIONAL PROGRAMMING

Camp Sunshine continues to provide regional programming. We now provide programs in all areas of the state in addition to programs in the metro Atlanta area. Check our website [www.mycampsunshine.com](http://www.mycampsunshine.com), the newsletter and your mail for programs coming to your area.

### PRESCHOOL MUSIC CLASS

**2nd and 4th Wednesday each month**

**10:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

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For campers birth – 6 years of age  
and their preschool age siblings.



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**Sibling Camp: A Time and Place for Siblings to Shine,** continued from page 1

"The wall probably has 10 or 12 pieces of art on it, all from Camp Sunshine," says Kevin Maguire, the girls' father. "They're all great memories of camp."

The Maguires starting making those memories back in 2011, when they attended their first Family Camp. Charlotte, just four years old at the time, had been diagnosed with ALL in September 2010.

"It was a great opportunity for us to be around other families going through the same experience," Kevin says. "It also helped Charlotte to see other children who were experiencing the same thing as her, such as losing their hair."

Sadie loved Family Camp, so it was no surprise that she

wanted to attend Sibling Camp on her own. Because she was only seven, Kevin says they were a little nervous to let her go on her own, "but she was ready, and we had a level of trust with the Camp Sunshine people."

Sadie has now attended five Sibling Camps, and she especially loves doing crafts, climbing the rock wall and zip lining. She also enjoys visiting with the friends she's made over the years.

"It's an excellent opportunity for siblings to get away, experience a normal weekend, let loose and have fun," Kevin says. "Sadie feels special at the camp, because not a lot of kids get to do this. It has pushed her to try new things, and she has so much fun. We are grateful she has the opportunity to go to Camp Sunshine."\*

