

November 2021 Newsletter Articles

CAMP QUALITY 2022 – We'll be back in person!

The big question: What will Camp Quality 2022 look like? We have been following all the CDC and State guidelines since the beginning of the COVID pandemic. Our goal is, and always has been, to be able to resume our camps and other events while keeping our families and volunteers safe.

Camp Quality USA will be moving forward to resume on-site camps and other camp events in 2022. Our National Medical Committee is meeting to discuss and develop policies and procedures to ensure the safety of our campers and volunteers.

We will resume our Teen Camp on Beaver Island, Sibling Camp at Lions Bear Lake Camp in Lapeer, South Camp at Camp Copneconic in Fenton, and North Camp at Camp Living Waters in Luther. We will also be hosting our very first Upper Peninsula Family Camp Weekend in April at Bay Cliff Health Camp in Big Bay, Michigan.

We are working on plans for our Winter Weekend at Otsego Club in Gaylord, Michigan...look for more information to come.

Applications for all our Summer Camps, Family Activities, and Volunteer Opportunities will be available after January 1st at <https://www.campdoc.com/>

Keep up with all of Camp Quality Michigan's activities on our website at <https://www.campqualityusa.org/mi/>, our Facebook page, or Instagram. Camp Quality Michigan is very excited to see all our previous campers, new campers, and volunteers in 2022.

Fall Family Weekend

This fall Camp Quality Michigan decided to change our Fall Family Weekend up a bit. Camp Quality USA is partnering with SUN RV Resorts who have developed vacation sites all over the country. Michigan is fortunate to have 5 SUN RV sites, 2 located in Petoskey, Michigan.

The weekend of Oct. 1st we were able to provide a family weekend for 18 of our Camp Quality families at the SUN RV Resort in Petoskey. Each family was provided a "tiny house" for the weekend with all the amenities of home. Along with the housing, each family was provided a gift card to help with groceries and gas for their weekend adventure. This set up gave our families the opportunity to be as active as they felt comfortable, or just have a relaxing weekend away from home.

Some of our families visited local sites around Michigan taking in the colors and cuisine, some went to the Mackinac Bridge for the first time, and others visited the local beaches. There was something for everyone. As one parent put it "Our family loved the tiny home and it provided us with a much-needed break. We are so thankful to everyone that helped make this weekend happen".

Camp Quality Michigan looks forward to working with SUN RV to provide these "getaway" opportunities for our CQ families.

Donor Profile – Jake Beaubien

When Jake and his wife, Margaret, were eating at a restaurant a couple of years ago, he had no idea it would lead him to making a monthly donation to people he never met. The restaurant had a plaque up

on the wall honoring the summer camp for children with cancer. After doing their research they decided they were impressed with the work of Camp Quality and decided to become a monthly donor.

When asked what struck him about Camp Quality, Jake says, "I imagine that kids who are diagnosed with cancer spend a lot of their time combating their illness. Camp Quality gives them an outlet where they put that aside for a little bit and just be kids. Finding treatment and cures for cancer is important, but I think that ensuring that kids can experience their childhood is equally as important." He feels that if more people knew about Camp Quality they would want to help too.

Jake acknowledges that they have been fortunate in their lives and they want to give back. As a firefighter and paramedic, Jake works every day to help people. He lives in Trenton with his wife and two-year-old daughter, Adeline. Donating monthly is an easy way to make a big difference for kids with cancer. Thank you, Jake and Margaret, for supporting us.

Camp Quality College Scholarship

We are very happy to announce that past camper Braeden Steiner has been awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship to further his post high school education. Braeden has attended our South Camp since 2011 and Teen camp for the past 4 years. Braeden is pursuing his education at the University of Toledo and plans to study Mechanical Engineering. He attributes his decision to study Mechanical Engineering to his years of interacting with others who faced the challenges of cancer, "it has inspired and given me confidence that I can endure any challenge that I face". He looks forward to using his engineering knowledge to help make our planet a "healthier" place for everyone. He says his years of support from the staff and volunteers while at camp helped to instill his enthusiasm to help others, "and mechanical engineering is a career that I will have more opportunities in which I can make a difference".

Camp Quality Michigan and all his fellow campers wish Braeden the best in his future endeavors. You never know, maybe we will see Braeden back at Camp Quality someday as a volunteer!

NSK – Childhood Cancer Awareness Month Office Auction

Kudos to NSK Americas for doing an office auction to benefit Camp Quality Michigan this past September, Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. The NSK Social Committee worked to acquire auction items and set up an online auction to deal with their office working from home. Through their hard work, they were able to raise over \$2,000 to help send children with cancer to camp in 2022.

Special thanks to Debra Dombrowski, Nadine Irodenko, Ali Molnar, Kristin Wessel, Kimberly Arnold, Michele Frendscho, and Erin Woldhuis for their work on this fundraiser. To do an office fundraiser yourself, please contact Amy Smmitter at amy.smmitter@campqualityusa.org or 517.231.7981.

The Holidays are Around the Corner – Let your shopping help Camp Quality Michigan with RaiseRight

Get gift cards on your phone for your holiday purchases! Gift card fundraising is a great way to raise money for our organization. Buy gift cards from your favorite brands to earn on your daily purchases.

It's never been easier to create opportunities for what matters most to you. Your support will bring laughter, companionship, joy and hope to children with cancer across Michigan.

No extra money spent. No extra time wasted.

How it works:

Raise money by purchasing gift cards at face value. Shop 750+ top brands and immediately earn up to 20% on every gift card you buy. You can easily raise \$1,000 or more every year for Camp Quality Michigan!

Use gift cards at full value for your daily purchases. Earnings come from brands, not from your pocket, so gift cards are worth every penny. Raise money simply by doing everyday things—like grabbing your morning coffee or ordering dinner for the family.

Gift cards can be loaded to your app and used from your phone or you can have them mailed directly to your home.

How to get started:

Create an account on the RaiseRight app or at ShopWithScrip.com using Camp Quality Michigan's enrollment code:

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