

Middle Tennessee Camp Bluebird

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Dear Friend,

It is time once again for Camp Bluebird, the first camp in the Middle Tennessee Area designed for adult cancer patients. Camp Bluebird is not an ordinary camp - it offers campers a "holiday away from families and an opportunity to build self-esteem."

Campers can relax by viewing the natural beauty of the outdoors and participating in:

- Formal and informal education of medical and psychological concerns
- Arts and crafts
- An opportunity to share common experiences with other cancer survivors
- A variety of other recreation and activities

Most importantly, campers learn how to live with their cancer.

Camp Bluebird offers time for listening and learning. It is designed to help reduce the isolation felt by many cancer patients. It is a time for being with friends and a time for caring and sharing. As one camper reflected on her Bluebird experience, "There is a whole lot of love out here, and I don't think anyone can get too much love."

Enclosed is a two-page health information form. Please complete the form and return with your \$45 registration fee as soon as possible to:

Irene Bradford, Camp Director
521 Westward Winds Drive
Nashville, TN 37221

All forms must be completed in order for you to be considered for camp. If you are a previous camper, please complete a new form and return to me.

Our policy for selection of attendees is as follows:

- Eighteen years or older and you have been diagnosed with cancer
- First time campers and newly diagnosed campers will have priority
- Previous campers still in treatment are next on the list
- Everyone else is placed on the list and selection is made according to bed availability, years of survivorship and number of times you have attended camp. It is not based on when your application is received.
- Attendees must be able to **perform all activities of daily living independently, including, waking, feeding, dressing, bathing. Must be able to utilize wheelchair without assistance.**

When your application is received, it will be reviewed, and if an opening is available at camp, you will receive an acceptance letter with information about what you need to bring and arrival times. If you have any questions about the camp, please contact me at: ibradfor@bellsouth.net or 615-477-4439. Please do not contact me via Facebook.

Camp dates are April 21 – 23, 2017. Our theme is "Under the Sea." Camp is being held at YMCA's Camp Widjiwagan, 3088 Smith Springs Road, Nashville, TN 37013.

Sincerely,

Irene Bradford
Middle Tennessee Camp Bluebird

Middle Tennessee Camp Bluebird is funded through the Saint Thomas Health Foundation.

Camp Bluebird

2017 Dates

Spring Camp

April 20-23

Fall Camp

Sept. 29-Oct. 1



Middle Tennessee Camp Bluebird Information Sheet
2017 Spring Camp, April 21 - 23

Personal Information:

First Name: _____ MI: _____ Last Name: _____
Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Email Address: _____ Occupation: _____
Is this your first camp: Yes No
If no, list your counselors/cabin #: _____

Medical Information:

Type of Cancer: _____ Year Diagnosed: _____
Oncologist: _____ Surgeon: _____ Radiologist: _____
Primary Care Physician: _____ Phone: _____
Name any known allergies: _____

Diet: We offer a variety of food options for you to choose from. If you need specific types of food, you will need to bring them with you. Any refrigerated foods can be stored in the dining hall refrigerator by the staff. We will not be able to honor specific dietary needs.

Current Treatment: Are you presently receiving treatment for your cancer? Yes No

If yes, **check the box(es) below indicating the type of treatment you are receiving NOW:**

Radiation Surgery Bone Marrow Transplant Stem Cell Biotherapies

Chemotherapy (List) _____

Other treatment you are currently receiving: _____

Do you need help with any medications? Yes No

Is refrigeration needed? Yes No

Past Treatment: What type of treatment have you received in the **PAST?**

If yes, **check the box(es) below indicating the type of treatment you are receiving NOW:**

Chemotherapy (List) _____

Radiation Surgery Bone Marrow Transplant Stem Cell Other:

Physical Limitations: Must be able to function independently

Walker Oxygen Assistance with climbing stairs Other _____

Hospital Preference: _____

Family & Miscellaneous Information:

Hobbies/Interests/Clubs: _____

Children's Ages: Under 5 5 to 13 13 to 18 Over 18

Emergency Contact #1: _____ Relationship: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact #2: _____ Relationship: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

I have completed the above information and will assume the responsibility for myself.

I understand that reasonable measures will be taken to safeguard the health and safety of all participants and that my next of kin will be notified as soon as possible in case of any emergency. In the event that they cannot be reached in any emergency, I hereby authorize the camp to acquire medical treatment for me.

Signature _____

Date _____

The undersigned hereby transfers and grants to STHS the exclusive right to use and authorizes others to use all or any part of my interview/photograph/video in related media such as books, magazines, journals, pamphlets, electronic, news releases, news-letters, and other written and video formats. The undersigned hereby releases STHS and its directors, its members, trustees, officers, employees and agents, from any and all claims, demands, causes of action and suits, including, but not limited to, claims for invasion of privacy, defamation, breach of contract, or other breach of duty arising out of or in connection with the use of this interview, photograph or video. This authorization will expire at any time I submit a written request to Irene Bradford.

Signature _____

Date _____

Middle Tennessee Camp Bluebird was founded in 1985 through the generous philanthropic support from individuals, organizations and corporations who had a vision to provide holistic care for cancer patients in Middle Tennessee. Their vision continues to be realized today through Camp Bluebird's twice annual 3-day camp weekends.

The average cost to attend one weekend of Camp Bluebird is \$500 per person. Thanks to charitable donations from individuals like you, this expense is offset allowing cancer patients the opportunity to attend Camp Bluebird for a nominal fee.

Please consider adding a tax-deductible donation to the Camp Bluebird Fund along with your camp registration fee. Or donate online at stthomas.ejoinme.org/Donate.

Donations to the Camp Bluebird Fund can be made in honor or memory of a loved one.

Registration: \$45.00

Optional Donation to Camp Bluebird**: _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

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