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Wonderland Camp for Kids with Disabilities receives \$4915



Pictured above... Katie Karr, Kiwanis Treasurer and CFK cmte member, Jason Hynson, Kiwanis Pres and WC Exec Director, Bob White, Kiwanis VP, Mark Sigel, WC Camp Director



To learn more about Wonderland Camp go to <u>http://www.wonderlandcamp.org/index.asp</u> Also, please come visit us in Rocky Mount. We'd love to show you around, maybe even put you to work. Kiwanis & Christmas for Kids presented checks totaling \$4,915 to Wonderland Camp

Hidden away in Rocky Mount 10 minutes from Lake Ozark, is a very special camp that was founded in 1970. Each summer more than 1,000 campers with disabilities spend a week's vacation learning about the outdoors and learning independence from their day-today lives.

Executive Director, Jason Hynson (also the current president of Kiwanis) shared some updates to Wonderland Camp's staff, facilities and fund raising with Kiwanis members this week....i.e. where the money goes.

Wonderland Camp has **wheelchair accessible buildings** – easy access pool. ...even a tree house.

Uniquely trained staff that understand physical and emotional disabilities. Nurses, Doctors, experienced counselors,

Activities at Wonderland Camp?....

Tree house, BB Guns, Boats, Fishing, Swimming, Splash Pad, Singing, Arts and Crafts, Music, Recreation, Fire Pit, Hiking, Bird Blind, Horseshoes, Swings, Miniature Golf, Hayrides, and more!

In the evenings... Talent Show, Karaoke, Carnival, Scavenger Hunt, Swim Party, Dances!

What Campers say...."I had an awesome time and my parents wished we had found this camp much sooner! I feel so "normal" when I'm at Wonderland! Staff are great! I hope your daughter goes back next year! I loved the boat ride - first time I had ridden in a boat!" Ozark Coast Kiwanis is one of the largest service organizations at the Lake. All funds raised go back to the Lake Community to support dozens of children focused programs that depend on Kiwanis to fund and run their programs.

Kiwanis fundraisers that you might recognize as sponsored by Kiwanis include :

Annual Peanut Day Duck Drop & Duck Drop Golf Tournament 2nd Chance Bikes Christmas for Kids 5K Run/Walk to the Beach over the Community Bridge

Plus we provide volunteer support to many community wide events.

Some of the groups that we support/sponsor include: Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boy & Girl Scouts, CADV, Feed The Children, Hope House, Lake Regional Hospital, Parents as Teachers, Share The Harvest, Wonderland Camp, YMCA...Key Club, Key Leader, Builder's Club, College Scholarships.

Kiwanis Club of Ozark Coast was organized in 1988. We have proudly served Lake Community children for 26 years.

We are a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charitable foundation. Our club members are service-minded men and women from all segments of the community. We meet every Thursday, at **Ozark Yacht Club**, 12 noon to 1:00 pm for lunch, fellowship, discussion of club business, and a program presented by community business people on topics of interest such as community issues, public affairs, service, or entertainment. (Members do not have to attend every week...just when you can and be willing to help volunteer).

We'd love for you to join us for good times as we work together to better the lives of the children in our community. Please join us at our next meeting or contact our Club President for more information.