



A worry-free camp for kids with food allergies

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Dear Friends,
You are amazing! You are stepping up to Connie DeMerrell's challenge in honor of Dr. Dan DeMerrell to raise \$12,500. If you have not already donated, please join in.

**Can you help raise another
\$12,500 to match her
donation and meet our
December goal of \$25,000?**

Donate



Our children have never needed the social and emotional support that our programs offer more than they do now. The power and magic of camp and connections will help them recover from these difficult times. Our programs will be the light at the end of the tunnel that returns joy to many lonely hearts. They will again be able to sing songs, share secrets, be silly, and make new friends, without worry.

Camp Blue Spruce has never needed to lean into our extended family more than we do now. The strength of our food allergy community will help us overcome the significant strain on camp finances that we experienced in 2020. Your financial support is essential to sustain and expand our child-centered programming. Your help will bring joy to even more children in 2021, as we add an additional week of camping, host two virtual camps and offer many opportunities throughout the year for kids to gather together.






If Camp Blue Spruce is to make it over this immediate hump, we need your help. Our team is working hard to find additional sources of funding from grants, sponsors, and fundraising. We have reduced many expenses and decreased staffing to just a little over one full-time employee. Our amazing Executive Director, who continues to work nonstop, generously deferred her salary until next year. Even so, we expect to have a budget shortage of approximately \$75,000.

Please join with Connie and her kids to be sure these important programs can grow and continue. As Connie says,

"Now more than ever, Camp Blue Spruce walks alongside children and helps them navigate through a sometimes difficult world. The many programs offered give children the tools, independence and confidence they need to protect both their physical and emotional well-being."



We know that many of you have been impacted financially by the pandemic. If you are fortunate enough to be in a position to give, please join Connie, and others, and protect the future of Camp Blue Spruce for generations of children.

- **Donate directly at www.campbluespruce.org, or click anywhere on this newsletter**
- **Donate through our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/CampBlueSpruce**
- **Mail donation to: 3519 NE 15th Ave., #225, Portland, OR 97212**
- **Ask your employer about matching donation options, our Tax ID is 45-4619990**
- **Contact us to volunteer, info@campbluespruce.org**
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Warmest wishes for a safe and healthy new year!

Louise Tippens, Founding Director, and the Camp Blue Spruce Board

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