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THANK YOU for Sticking By Us!

Thank you for launching our tenth year with strong support!! We are so grateful to everyone who donated during our matching funds campaign. With donations large and small, our community exceeded Connie DeMerrell's generous matching donation of \$15,000! Because of you, we are kicking off the new year

with a solid start to our 2022 fundraising. We're more than half-way there, and it's only January. We are very grateful to you! THANK YOU!



Introducing Jake, Our New Registrar

Pssst.....also known as Snake, if you share this with your campers!



Camper Jake in 2013



Counselor Snake and campers in 2021

We are pleased to introduce our new Registrar, Jake Prodzinski. Jake is one of the original 27 Blue Spruce campers, and now, ten years later, he is our latest year-round employee! This marks an important moment in Camp Blue Spruce history when one of our own campers becomes summer staff and now works in a year-round position. Jake will be working with Rudy and Rain to coordinate and engage campers and staff, manage our office, and assist with development work. For the past few years, Jake has been a counselor at overnight camp, and he remains very active with our year-round virtual gatherings. We are fortunate that Jake honed his administrative and organizational skills while serving as the President of his fraternity at Linfield College.

Jake LOVES all things soccer, so feel free to call our office if you want to chat about the Sounders, the Timbers or the European Leagues!

The best part about hiring Jake is that he loves the community that the staff, campers and parents at Camp Blue Spruce have created. He is eager to be involved for more than just a couple of weeks out of the year, and we are happy to make that possible!

Welcome, Jake! We are so excited to have you on board!

Camp Blue Spruce has some great programs this winter!

Allergy Pals

[Allergy Pals](#) kicks off January 23. During this research-based online support program, participants make new friends from across the country, play fun games, and



learn new skills with others who “get” living with allergies! The guided curriculum is led by teens and young adults who also live with food allergies. What a wonderful way to know you are not alone!

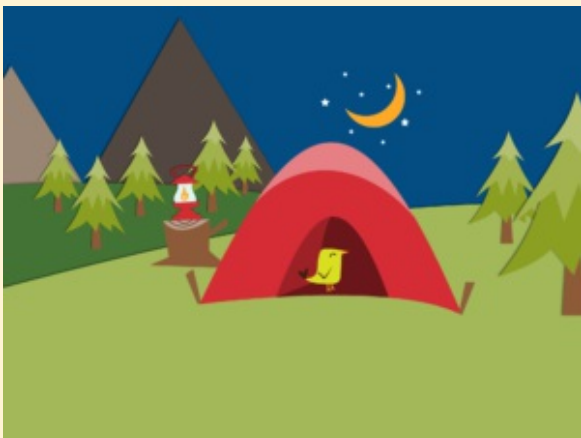
Teen Book Club

The [Teen Book Club](#) creates a space for teens to enjoy a great read and find great company and meaningful conversation. This session we'll be reading *Peanut* by Ayun Halliday. This Young Adult fiction will give you plenty to talk about!



[Register for All our Programs Here!](#)

Overnight Camp Registration Is Open for 2022



Registration is open for Camp Blue Spruce! For the past ten years, Camp Blue Spruce has been providing an authentic and fun overnight camp experience for children with food allergies in an environment free from the top-9 food allergens plus all gluten. With qualified medical staff on site, campers feel safe and are released from the worry and anxiety they face

daily while navigating their allergies. This year, we are offering two separate sessions of camp. [Learn more about overnight camp](#) on our website.

Based on our success safely running camp in 2021, we are optimistic about next summer. For 2022, we intend to implement many of the same precautions we used in 2021 and will continue to adjust as things shift. Learn more about 2022 on our [Camp Chat blog](#).

Please call or email us if you are considering applying but are hesitant or have questions. We would love to talk with you!

Bunks are filling quickly, so we encourage you to register soon.

[Register for Camp](#)

[Camp Blue Spruce's](#) vision is that all children and families living with food allergies have a sense of belonging, trust, and community.

Camp Blue Spruce provides children with food allergies experiences where they can be independent, confident, and worry-free

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