

Central Virginia Burn Camp

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Dear Hooper,

On behalf of the Central Virginia Burn Camp, I would like to thank you so very much for your part in organizing and running the Annual Burn Survivors Golf Tournament again this year. I know how much work you put into making this awesome event a success and truly, we cannot thank you enough. I know that you felt disappointed that the amount of money raised this year was not more, or as much as last year. But, please know that the amount of \$20,000 is a fortune to us and to the children that benefit year after year from burn camp ~ you are OUR hero!

This past summer was our 16th of burn camp! It is truly hard to believe that 16 years ago camp started with 6 campers and a handful of committed but inexperienced volunteers. This summer we had 40 campers and an experienced, volunteer staff of almost 40, committed to providing a wonderful experience for these young campers for an entire week! We also had a large number of junior counselors this past summer ~ long-time campers that turned 18 year's old and wanted to "give back" to camp, supervising and mentoring the younger campers. We also remain committed to providing a volunteer experience for those in the public service, health care, and firefighting professions to be able to interact with these children in a "non-life or death", fun environment.

Our theme this summer was "Music" and our activities included sports, arts and crafts, swimming, fishing, canoeing, musical entertainment, trips to an amusement park and to a lake, campfires, a carnival, a dance, educational opportunities, and much more. Thanks to numerous state firefighter locals, we also ate very well for the entire week.

While we are busy having fun all week, the camp staff does not lose sight of the issues that these special kids are coping with. While the extent of each child's physical scars and deformities vary, they all share a special need and that is to be accepted and loved for whom they are. We try to meet that need at Burn Camp. We provide a safe, fun camp experience for these kids, so they can increase their self-esteem and self-confidence without having to deal with the questions and stares they encounter in their daily life. We are grateful for your support so that we may continue to provide this special camp for the children in Virginia. **As you know, the donation from your golf tournament provides almost three-quarters of the camp's summer operating expenses!**

Camp 2010 dates are June 13 – 19th. We would love to have you visit on visitor's day the 18th, or any time during the week. Thank you, again, so very much.

With warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leslie & Tim". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed names of the directors.

Leslie Baruch and Tim Wright
Central Virginia Burn Camp Directors