

Support Camp Big Heart!

We are proud to offer one of the most affordable special needs overnight camps in the entire Southeast, providing programming for both kids and adults with ID/DD. Due to generous community donations and small administrative costs, a week of camp costs only \$600. We know it's important for families to budget for the future, so this cost will not increase through 2023. Many of our families struggle to afford even a portion of the fee. To assure no camper is ever turned away due to financial need, we have established a **Campership Fund**. Families may apply for partial camperships when funding is available.

Financial support from the community is vital for us to conduct a fast-paced, fun, unforgettable experience, leaving no campers behind! Our staff is skilled at creating engaging activities, all adaptable for those with varying abilities, stretching every dollar donated as far as it will go. Camp cannot happen without donations, and we want all of our supporters to know - there is no contribution too small to have an impact on the experience of a camper.

We're making donating easier than ever! To support camp, visit www.campbigheart.org/donate or complete and tear off this panel and either mail it in or give it to a board member. We will be sure to follow up soon!

Name: _____

Pledge amount: _____

Phone or email: _____

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Applications are available online after January 15th, 2023 at www.campbigheart.org/joinus

Why Camp Big Heart?

For all the fun! Camp Big Heart also provides a sense of community and belonging to individuals who often feel isolated, different, and without a peer group facing similar medical and lifestyle challenges. At Camp Big Heart, campers know they are not alone.

Camp Big Heart serves participants who fall between the cracks of other medical and special needs camping programs - either because their unique diagnosis renders them ineligible, the family fee required is unaffordable or they simply live too far to travel to a camping program that meets their needs. Additionally, camp is designed to provide much needed respite for parents who desperately need time to rest and recharge from the stress of caring for their child.

“ Eric loved it, especially the swimming. He cannot get enough time with his friends in the water! We appreciated knowing he was safe and happy while we took time for ourselves for the first time in a long time!
-Vickey, aunt and caregiver to Eric, 40”



2023 Summer Camp Programs

Session One
Adults Only
(18 to 60)

Session Two
Children
(8 to 17)

June 10 - June 16

June 18 - June 23

Campers make memories that last a lifetime, whether they are age 8 or 60!

Arts & Crafts, Music, Cooking, Swimming
Obstacle Courses, Archery, Theater, Science,
Cheerleading, Talent Shows, Dance ...and so much more!



All campers must be toilet trained, ambulatory, and able to attend to their own personal needs with supervision and minimal assistance.

During the summer of 2023, Camp Big Heart will be at Camp John Hope FFA-FCCLA Center in Fort Valley, Georgia, overlooking Lake Lassiter. The camping center is 100 miles from Atlanta, 80 miles from Columbus or Albany, 45 miles from Americus and 30 miles from Macon.



About Camp Big Heart

A tax exempt, nonprofit organization, Camp Big Heart's mission is to provide the highest quality summer recreational camping experience for Georgia's children and adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (ID/DD). For nearly 40 years, campers from Georgia have experienced fun, friendship and recreational opportunities while their caregivers receive much needed respite - assured their child is safe, engaged and happy at camp. Our team of volunteers are caring professionals with experience in special education, therapeutic, social services and healthcare, all dedicated to making sure each camper's unique needs are met.



Join Our Community

Camp Big Heart began in 1984 with the support of Civitan Clubs across Georgia and members of Civitan International. Financial and volunteer support from Civitan Clubs around the state continues to this day, yet to meet the needs of the growing number of applicants each year, we must increase the size of the Big Heart Family of Supporters - our most valuable resource is YOU! Help create the magic of a true overnight summer camp for Georgia's children and adults with special needs. It's easy:

Donate - CBH is an IRS tax exempt 501©3 charity!

Volunteer -You will have the best summer ever!

Spread the News - Follow us on social media and share with Family and Friends!



Fun Facts!

- ◆ Each summer we host about 300 campers over 2 one-week sessions. The only thing stopping us from doubling that number is funding! More Donations = More Campers!
- ◆ CBH took home the big prize in 2018 for "Outstanding Service to People with Disabilities" from Civitan International!
- ◆ Camp doesn't happen without seasoned medical staff on duty: there is always a "doctor in the house!"
- ◆ Since 1984, Big Heart campers have caught over 1,500 fish, made over 18,500 pieces of art, and eaten upwards of 22,000 hot dogs!



A Little Camp with a Big Heart!

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