<u>Camp Sunshine Info – Get All the Details</u>



short weeks away! We wish everyone could attend. With the limited space at Camp, the distance to travel, and personal budgets, we understand that not everyone can make it, and you will surely be missed. This year will be the first year we have a full house! We are

so excited to see all the new faces and reconnect with returning families. Attending Camp Sunshine gives you the opportunity to meet other families with a member with SDS. A unique quality of the SDS session is the opportunity to listen to specialists' presentations and have a chance to chat over a meal. The medical presentations take place Monday-Wednesday. With the amount of adult patients expected, we felt that they needed private group sessions which have been included in the schedule.

Family free time and evening entertainment is a wonderful way to leave SDS behind for a short time. There is a costume party, a talent show, and a parent only dinner to name a few. Feel free to bring your own costumes, or search the costume closet for your unique get up. The talent show is a big hit. From the little ones singing a nursery rhyme to a boy chasing a hula-hoop, anything goes. Some perform as a family or a group; it always something to look forward to.

Upon arrival you will be greeted with smiles from volunteers that are eager to help. You might be lucky and meet one of the Camp mascots. Members of the SDSF Board of Directors will be in the area of the front desk. Stop by and say hello. Personnel from the SDS Registry will be ready to register or update patients' information starting at 2 pm on Sunday. If you have any updates, please bring them with you.

This year, families driving to Camp Sunshine will need to bring their own towels and sheets. Each suite has 4 twin mattresses and the futon is a full. There is an indoor pool. Everyone must bring their pool towels, they will not be provided. Time in the pool is scheduled in the kids' groups except those 5 and under. No swim diapers are allowed and children must be potty trained. The waterfront has kayaks, canoes and paddle boats. Your feet are likely to get wet. Check out the camp website www.campsunshine.org for more packing suggestions, a campus map, and photos. Also, check the weather forecast for Casco, Maine to be prepared for rain, or cool nights. Don't forget your bug spray, sunscreen and snacks. Click Here to read Christian Del Re's camp experience from last camp.

The Presenters This Year Are as Follows:

- Blanche Alter, MD, MPH, Hematology, National Cancer Institute
- Lauri Burroughs, MD, BMT Seattle Children's Hospital
- Seth Corey, Richmond's Children's Hospital
- Peter Kannu, MBChB, PhD. Pediatician & Clinical Geneticist, Hospital for Sick Children
- Elizabeth Kerr, PhD. Health Psychology, Neuropsychology, Hospital for Sick Children
- Jenelle Leighton, BSN, RN Communicable Disease Control Services, Saint Louis County
 Department of Public Health
- Johnson Liu, MD, Hematology, Northwell Health Medical Center
- Kasiani Myers, MD, Hematology, Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
- Johanna Rommens, PhD, Genetics, University of Toronto
- Sabina Sabharwal, MD. MPH, Gastroenterology, Boston Children's Hospital
- Garry Tobin, MD, Endocrinology, Washington University of St. Louis
- And a thank you to Maura Donohue, MA PSP-SC, School Psychologist, Santa Rosa, CA helping with IEPs.

Please travel safely! See you in Maine!