



Kevin enjoying camp festivities.

Our Camp Inspiration at Double H Ranch Experience

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Our son, Kevin, has attended the Double H Ranch, Lake Luzerne, New York, each June for the last four years and has thoroughly enjoyed the Camp Inspiration experience. Kevin is 11 years old and has both a tracheostomy and feeding tube; he needs ventilator-assisted breathing at times. My wife Kim found out about the Double H Ranch camp via a trach website, and we decided to give it a try. It is now one of Kevin's favorite annual events that he looks forward to attending.

Camp Inspiration at Double H Ranch June 9-13, 2010

Application deadline: April 15.
Submit to Tara Bogucki,
Admissions Director, Double H
Ranch, 97 Hidden Valley Rd.,
Lake Luzerne NY 12846,
518-696-5676, ext. 222,
theranch@doublehbranch.org.

Upon arrival at the camp, campers are greeted with cheers and clapping by the enthusiastic counselors. A team effort is behind everything that goes on. The positive energy by the counselors is amazing. In the morning, they come in early to our son's room, music is playing, and there are lots of hugs and playing around to make the kids feel really special.

Each day is full of many activity offerings. Some past activities include arts and crafts, fishing, Pinewood Derby races, talent show, discovery, nature trail, animal petting at the farm, dance, baseball, zip-line rope rides, and much more.

Swimming in the indoor pool is a favorite activity. (Yes, kids with a trach can swim!)

Each year a few new activities are introduced based on input from the parents.

Behind the scenes, but always closely shadowing the counselors, are the



Kevin swimming with his mom.

many doctors, nurses and respiratory therapists who have generously volunteered their time. The administration staff does an outstanding job at also providing parents with nice dinners and other leisure activities. The last day of camp is always the hardest because all involved become very much attached to the kids who now must go home until next year.

For Kevin, June can never come too soon! ▲

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