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## KIDS GET ARTHRITIS TOO!

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## TESTIMONIAL

*I loved camp JAM! We did lots of fun activities! We swam every day. One day on the lake we did a banana boat. It's like blown up and you sit on top of it, there are no sides. You are attached to a boat in front of you and the guy driving it goes fast and you fall into the lake! It was super fun!*

*We ate in a dining room in the basement. The Gluten Free food was really good and they had a wide variety of foods. One night we had a campfire which was really fun. One of the activities we did outside was the giant swing. I can't wait to do that next year! Another thing some kids did was a climbing wall and after you climbed to the top you got to go on a zip line. We also did games or karaoke down in the basement every night. We had to be in our rooms by 11:00 PM, but you could stay up as late as you wanted in your rooms after which was awesome! One day we wrote letters to members of Congress and I got Aaron Schock who I met at the Arthritis Walk! Overall I really liked the camp and I really want to go back next year! It was nice to go to a camp where everyone knew about arthritis. ... Emma (6th grade)*

## About Camp JAM

Summer camp is one of the highest, positive-impact activities in which a child can participate. Camp JAM is a 4-day, 3 night experience for boys and girls aged 8-17 living with juvenile arthritis and other rheumatic conditions. Campers are separated into gender neutral cabins by age/grade level. Camp staff and volunteers strive to provide campers with a camping experience that includes a campfire, archery, arts and crafts, theme nights, swimming, sports and other activities in an environment that takes into account the campers strengths and not the limitations of the campers disease. Getting to know others who live with the same disease that they have allows campers to build friendships that last a lifetime.



## How do I get ahold of my child while he/she is at camp?

Personal cell phones are highly discouraged at camp and only available in the evenings. Camp is designed for kids to really enjoy what the outdoors and fun activities have to offer for four days of fun filled memory making. Cell phones are available to the campers in the evening after all camp activities have ended. In case of emergency, parents are encouraged to call/text the camp director 24/7. A phone number for the camp will be distributed to parents at the beginning of camp in the event that campers need to be reached.

## How much are campers supervised?

Campers are supervised 24 hours a day by counselors made up of volunteers that apply for counselor positions and undergo a background and screening process. Additionally, Arthritis Foundation staff and medical professionals serve onsite for the duration of camp.

## What is the cost to attend Camp JAM?

There is a \$125 registration fee for each camper. Scholarships are available. For more information please contact (312) 880-4739.

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