

Sickle Selections

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Summer Camp Established for Children with Sickle Cell

Camp Good Days and Special Times on Keuka Lake will host a summer program specifically for children with sickle cell disease between the ages of 8 and 17. The Rochester Sickle Cell Support Group and the New Africa Development Corporation has worked with Camp Good Days to create the program for July 5, 6 and 7, 2000.

The 13 acre camp site on more than 600 feet of lake front boasts an outdoor heated swimming pool, an indoor climbing wall, and a Project Adventure Ropes Course. Woodworking and arts-n-crafts are among the 11 daily activities from which to choose.

The camp is as yet unnamed and the children who attend the first camp will have the opportunity to name it themselves. "We are very pleased about introducing more children to Camp Good Days and all we do here," said Gary Mervis the founder and chairman, "It is very gratifying to be able to offer an opportunity of sheer fun for these kids, and everybody at Camp Good Days is looking forward to welcoming these new campers."

The campers, volunteers and staff sleep in cabins located on the edge of Keuka Lake. Breakfast is served in the main dining hall and lunch and dinner at the camp's picnic pavilion.

An infirmary is maintained on site and for this session Pat Lamarche, the pediatric nurse practitioner from the Pediatric Sickle Cell Clinic at Strong, will be on staff.

This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to make new friends and spend time with counselors who understand their needs.



We hope you will encourage your patients to take advantage of this special time made available for them.

You may give them this newsletter or cut out the coupon below that explains how to register for the camp. You may also call to obtain brochures for your office.

**CAMP GOOD DAYS
for Children with Sickle Cell
On Keuka Lake July 5-7, 2000**

A brochure which contains a registration form is available by contacting the Camp Good Days office at 716-624-5555 or 800-785-2135.

The registration and camp fee can be waived if a letter requesting a scholarship is enclosed with the registration form.

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