



"If a child is to keep his inborn sense of wonder, he needs the companionship of at least one adult, who can share it, rediscovering with him the joy, excitement, and mystery of the world we live in."—Rachel Carson



Dear Friend,

For years Camp Talooli has created a long-standing tradition of building *community* through its programs. In a society where "community" is continuing to take a backseat to individualism, it is more important than ever that youth take part in experiences that will help shape the kinds of adults they will become. With success they will become caring, confident, future leaders that will care about what happens not just to themselves, but to the community around them.

At camp this sense of building community is inherent to the program. Campers sleep in cabins together with their counselors and travel to activities each day in the same manner. Everyday before breakfast and dinner campers line up with the other groups outside of the dining hall and wait while another group sets the tables inside. They pass the time together by singing camp songs and talking with each other.

When the tables have been set and dinner is ready the camp joins together to sing grace and then campers enter the dining hall to sit with their counselors and fellow campers and enjoy their meals family-style. Campers are encouraged to say, "please" and "thank you" and to try "no thank you" helpings of everything. Counselors take this time to talk with their campers and discuss how the week is going and what they are most looking forward to as the week goes on.

At the end of each meal campers and staff give thanks to the kitchen staff by calling them into the dining hall and applauding their hard work and afterwards a group of campers cleans up the tables while another group carries the trash to the dumpsters. Campers are praised and recognized on a daily basis by the entire camp for their contributions to the camp community.

The tradition of having meals, sharing responsibility, and living as a family has come naturally to the staff and campers at Camp Talooli. Many campers are eager to lend a hand in the kitchen or to step in and help younger campers set up for dinner. Through camp tradition youth gain the skills and values of living as a community without realizing that they are learning something that will have great significance throughout their lives.

As you can probably imagine, *every child*—regardless of his or her background—would benefit from taking part in an experience that not only helps shape them on an individual basis, but helps shape who they will become within their community. Unfortunately not every child can afford to pay the fees to come to camp.

Your contribution can help us to continue the tradition of building community by giving back to *your* community and its less fortunate members. With your help more children will be given the chance to experience that which is quickly disappearing from today's society—a sense of community and a sense of belonging.

We hope that you will consider giving a gift to the Camp Talooli campership fund this year. It is apparent to us, and we hope to you as well, that camp is our one opportunity to take an active role in renewing a sense of community in our youth, and in ourselves.

For more information about Camp Fire USA CNY and Camp Talooli, or to invite someone to speak to your organization, contact us at (315) 463-8799. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jan Peneston
Executive Director

Damara Canery
Talooli Assistant Director



Camp Fire builds caring, confident youth and future leaders.



Other Ways You Can Help:

Item	Donation	Description
One week of Resident Camp	\$265.00	A donation in this amount will pay for a child that cannot afford camp fees to come to Camp Talooli for a week of overnight camp.
Art Supplies	\$250.00	A donation in this amount will pay for Art supplies at camp for a week.
Mega Dog Lunch	\$230.00	A donation in this amount will pay for Mega Dog lunch for the whole camp for one week.
One week of Day Camp	\$165.00	A donation in this amount will pay for a child that cannot afford camp fees to come to Camp Talooli for a week of day camp.
Waterfront Supplies	\$40.00	A donation in this amount will pay for supplies for Camp Talooli's waterfront for a week.
Medical Supplies	\$35.00	A donation in this amount will pay for medical supplies for a week.
Nature, Archery, Fishing (Other Program Supplies)	\$30.00	A donation in this amount will pay for Nature, Archery, and Fishing supplies for a week.

Yes! I would like to make a donation to Camp Talooli!

I wish to pledge: \$ _____

Make checks payable to: Camp Fire USA

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Resident Camp.....\$265
<input type="checkbox"/> Art Supplies.....\$250
<input type="checkbox"/> Mega Dog Lunch.....\$230
<input type="checkbox"/> Day Camp.....\$165 | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterfront Supplies.....\$40
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Supplies.....\$35
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Program Supplies.....\$30
<input type="checkbox"/> General Campership Fund |
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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Signature: _____

Thank You!