



B'NAI B'RITH CAMP

Building Friendships For Life

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B'NAI BRITH CAMP PARTNERS WITH THE NATIONAL INCLUSION PROJECT TO ENHANCE THEIR INCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Portland, OR - The National Inclusion Project has once again partnered with B'nai B'rith Camp to create an inclusive environment where children with and without disabilities can play, learn and laugh TOGETHER. As part of the partnership, the National Inclusion Project provides the Let's ALL Play program model, training, expertise, annual Power of Play Conference and a wide network of inclusion experts ready to problem solve and share best practices on ensuring that no child sits on the sidelines.

B'nai B'rith Camp is one of the select organizations that the National Inclusion Project has chosen to partner with for a third year. "We are excited to continue our work with B'nai B'rith Camp to enhance the inclusive opportunities for the children in this community," says Nick Leisey, National Inclusion Project Executive Director.

In 2009 BB Camp developed the Kehila summer camp program to rectify a lack of programming for campers with special needs on the west coast and to serve children with special needs locally in its Lincoln City day camp program. Kehila is Hebrew for the word "community." BB Camp follows a full inclusion model for the Kehila program, led by a trained Inclusion Specialist, who specializes in children with special needs. Kehila campers are fully integrated into cabins and activities with additional counselors for increased supervision and support. Several campers have graduated from the one-week session to attending multiple weeks and even the 15 day wilderness camping outdoor teen adventure in subsequent summers very successfully.



Research shows overwhelming evidence that the Let's ALL Play model helps children with disabilities improve self-esteem, social skills and confidence, while those without disabilities improved their leadership, problem solving and empathy skills. The model makes it possible for all children to come together, and participate in recreational activities such as swimming, arts and crafts, community service, physical fitness and more. More importantly, it allows children with and without disabilities to create friendships that may have not been possible in other parts of their lives.



Please consider a Legacy gift to B'nai B'rith Camp

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About B'nai B'rith Camp: Located on a lakeside campus on the scenic Oregon coast, BB Camp is the premier Jewish resident camp in the Pacific Northwest. Since 1921, the camp has been dedicated to providing the best summer experience for today's campers while preparing them to be tomorrow's community leaders. BB Camp strives to teach the values and ethics of Jewish living by example, experience and creative expression. B'nai B'rith Camp has consistently proven to be a great place for youth to learn about themselves, their Jewish identity, their environment and how to relate to others.



About the National Inclusion Project: The National Inclusion Project was co-founded in 2003 by entertainer Clay Aiken and serves to bridge the gap that exists between young people with disabilities and the world around them. By driving the movement for social inclusion in after school programs, summer camps, and community based activities, children of all abilities learn, play and laugh together. Over the last twelve years, the Project has provided training, curriculum, and support to YMCAs, JCCs, Boys & Girls Clubs, 4H, CampFire USA, Kids Museums, Zoos and other community organizations looking to become inclusive or enhance their inclusive programs. For more information on the National Inclusion Project and to help ensure no child sits on the sidelines, visit their website at www.inclusionproject.org.