

ECHO HILL CAMPERSHIP FUND

The official newsletter of EHCF



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What is EHCF?

In the mid-1980's, a small, dedicated group of Echo Hill counselors pondered the dramatic impact of Echo Hill's close-knit community on campers of all ages and backgrounds. Wanting to share this "Echo Hill Magic" with those in greatest need, the group set out to raise funds and build a vehicle to advance their goals. A non-profit was born, consisting of an all-volunteer board of directors with no paid staff. With difficulty at first, enough money was raised to send a child to camp. After a while, we were thrilled when we were able to send two children to camp in one summer. We then began dreaming of serving even more children, and Echo Hill Camp enthusiastically supported this goal.

More than 30 years later, the commitment to our mission is stronger than ever. The community that supports EHCF is rightly proud of the organization and our collective accomplishments. We now send 15-20 kids to camp per summer for a total of 40-60 weeks of camp. Our ability to do this depends entirely on the amazingly supportive Echo Hill community who share our passion for Echo Hill and for giving this experience to those who cannot afford it themselves. Thank you again for your support, without you none of this would be possible.



To our dedicated Friends of the Echo Hill Campership Fund...

We are honored that you have stuck with us through such a trying time for everyone. While we missed a summer during our break away from normal activities in 2020 due to COVID-19, your Board of Directors worked tirelessly to find ways to fund experiences for our kids one way or another that would enrich their lives and make things just a bit easier for families in need.

Last summer, although camps were not back their typical capacity, we were lucky to be able to send 12 kids to camp. And, we are happy to report that, as recounted to us by the families and Echo Hill Camp, the camperships were a resounding success! We could not have done this without the continued support of each and every one of our donors, our all-volunteer Board members and so many others that strive to make these experiences come to fruition.

This winter as we start to put together a plan for the coming summer and dream about “Christmas in July,” we take stock in all that has gone right this year, build upon the positives and focus on the all the good things to come in 2022. This summer, we are very hopeful that camp will be back to full capacity and normal operations. We are actively recruiting for new campership applicants and looking forward to our current campership kids rising up to their next level as campers.

Finally, as this year comes to a close, I would like to thank you in advance for any donation, big or small, that you might be able to make to the Echo Hill Campership Fund. A donation can be made online at www.ehcf.org or sent to Echo Hill Campership Fund, P.O. Box 5923, Bethesda, MD 20824.

Sending you “peaceful, easy feelings” for the holiday season.

Sincerely,

Echo Hill Campership Fund Board



**Your
contribution
makes all the
difference.**

Parent Testimonial

WRITTEN BY "AN ETERNALLY GRATEFUL MOTHER"

I've tried to write this email a number of times and the words are hard to find to thank you enough for my daughters campership to Echo Hill. I just picked her up this past weekend after her two weeks. Honestly, tears come to my eyes when I see how happy she is and how free and excited she is. She loves camp and she spent this past school year hoping to attend again this past summer. The activities, the staff, the counselors have done so much for her.

She is constantly telling such fun stories of camp with such joy on her face. She loves spending the morning in the water sailing, bageliing and swimming. I can't believe she can sail!! She loves it. She has hung her awards up in her room. She has such stories about the night time activities, her lunch table, all the people she has met. Her tent counselors were wonderful and so good for her. Camp has done so much for her self confidence, self esteem, general happiness and I thank you. She could not have all these things and all these experiences without your support. I hope in the future my circumstances will improve and I will be able to give back in some way for all my child has received.



**A HUGE thank you
to our donors!**

**Thank you for
making our Giving
Tuesday
fundraiser such a
success.**

**We raised over
\$3,500, which will
be matched by
TWO generous
donors.**

Thank you 2019, 2020, and 2021 donors!

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We need your help.

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We send kids to camp

Call for Board Members

This year the Board is actively looking for additional volunteers. We know that each of you have a special place in your heart for the summers you and/or your children have spent at camp. Now is the time to pay it forward and join us in our mission. Whether you have experience in fundraising, social media, accounting, or just want to bring a good idea and some additional energy to the Board, we'd love to hear from you. You can email us at info@ehcf.org.

2022 Campership Application is available **here** - Please share!

Stay in touch with us!

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