ADAM'S CAMP
1986 - 2026

LETTERS FROM CAMP



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A MESSAGE FROM JUSTIN GARRARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2026 was a milestone year at Adam's Camp! We served more campers than ever, celebrated our 40th anniversary, and watched campers achieve incredible breakthroughs. Families continue to tell us Adam's Camp is life-changing, helping campers build skills and friendships while giving families respite and support.

As we close our 40th year, we are looking ahead. More than 99% of surveyed families want to return in 2027, while over 100 families are waiting for their first Adam's Camp experience. We are working to raise over $1 million to create more opportunities for campers and families. Will you join us? This newsletter shares many ways to get involved. Thank you for helping Adam's Camp develop the strengths and potential of every camper!

MOUNTAIN THERAPY CAMP

We are stoked to reflect on an incredible Summer 2026. This year we served 155 therapy campers and 128 sibling campers, while parents enjoyed some much-deserved time to relax, reconnect and reinvent. From our youngest campers to returning families who have made Adam's Camp part of their summers for years, each week brought something different to celebrate.

None of this magic would have happened without our amazing 132 therapy staff and 56 volunteers along with the 10 sibling staff and 34 volunteers! We are so grateful for each one of them.

Our campers make big and little strides while at camp-from spending the night away from parents to getting on the back of the horse for the first time (in 3 years 😊). At Adam's Camp, every accomplishment is worth celebrating! Those moments are what make six weeks of camp so much more than just a summer experience.









ADVENTURE CAMP

The 2026 Adventure Camp season has come to an end and as we reflect on the 335 campers we served, we cannot be anything but grateful.
Through the tireless commitment of Adventure Camp's 190 staff members, we observed our campers build meaningful friendships, gain independence in activities of daily living, grow in their ability to adapt and be more resilient to new challenges as well as learn how to more effectively communicate and advocate for themselves.

From one camper needing to utilize their service dog less and less throughout their camp week to other campers being able to take more initiative in getting themselves ready for the day, Adventure Camp is a place where personal growth is achieved, safety is priority and so much fun is had. We look forward to the 2027 camp season expecting great things!

CAMPER SPOTLIGHTS

SARAH

The McConnell family has been part of Adam's Camp since 2009, when Sarah attended Adventure Camp at age 12. Mark and Jane were looking for opportunities for Sarah to connect with peers and build independence. After meeting the staff, they knew they had found something special.

Now age 29, Sarah looks forward to camp each summer. Over the years, she has grown in independence and agency, while doing something she has always loved: helping others. As a Falcon at Adventure Camp, Sarah supports campers while enjoying camp herself. For Mark, Jane, Ryan, and Sarah, Adam's Camp has become a meaningful part of their family for 17 summers and counting.





RIVER

After attending Therapy Camp in previous years, River was ready for a new adventure! He made the move to Adventure Camp, quickly bonding with his counselors and diving into favorites like kayaking, rafting, campfire s'mores, and the Winter Park concert.

When his family picked him up, they noticed more than great stories from the week. River came home with new skills and greater emotional maturity. Camp also gave his mom and older sister time to relax, reconnect, and enjoy time together. For their small family, Adam's Camp has become a highlight of the summer for everyone.

WHAT PARENTS HAVE TO SAY:

"We know each child is getting the care they need to participate fully in the camp experience."

"Our school district leans heavily on the Adam's Camp recommendations for his IEP and BIP because we get access to the best of the best at Adams camp!"

"Adam's Camp is my only reliable respite for longer than one day during the year. It is HUGELY important for my own mental health and to get a longer break."







ADAM`S CAMP EVENTS 2027

- January 2027: Winter Dance
- April 22, 2027 Making S'more Memories Annual Fundraising Dinner
- May 2027: YBP Kickball Event
- August 2027: 22nd Annual Golf Classic
- October 2027: NEW Fall Fundraiser

MAKING S'MORE MEMORIES

The 2026 Adam's Camp Annual Dinner brought 175 guests together for an evening centered on community, connection, and the impact of Adam's Camp. Campers, families, longtime supporters, and new friends filled the room, celebrating the people and programs that have made Adam's Camp so special for 40 years.

The generosity throughout the evening was incredible. Together, our community raised more than $70,000 to support Adam's Camp programs and help create opportunities for children, teens, and adults with IDD and their families. From those who joined us in the room to our sponsors, donors, volunteers, and everyone who helped make the evening possible, this support helps ensure Adam's Camp can continue making an impact for years to come.

21ST ANNUAL ADAM'S CAMP CLASSIC

The 21st Annual Adam's Camp Classic returned to Sanctuary Golf Course for another unforgettable day on one of Colorado's most spectacular courses. A total of 120 golfers joined us for a day packed with great golf, friendly competition, plenty of laughs, and a shared commitment to Adam's Camp.

Once the clubs were put away, the celebration continued with dinner, a lively auction, and the always-popular bourbon pull. The day was a tremendous success, netting $267,462 to support Adam's Camp programs. More than two decades after the first Classic, this event continues to combine an incredible golf experience with meaningful impact for Adam's Camp.





WHAT`S THE IMPACT OF ADAM`S CAMP?

SCHOLARSHIPS

More than $145,000 in scholarships helped make Adam's Camp possible for families in 2026. We are incredibly grateful to our scholarship partners for helping open the door to camp for so many.

- $97,000 awarded to Mountain Therapy camp families
- $43,000 awarded to Adventure camp families
- $5,500 awarded to Early Start camp families

As our community of supporters continues to grow, we're ready to make an even bigger impact in 2027. By supporting Adam's Camp, you help ensure cost is never the reason a child or family misses out on the camp experience. Your generosity creates more possibilities, opens doors, and gives campers the chance to learn, connect, grow, and discover what they can do. Be part of what's possible!

SCAN ME

506
Adventure, Therapy and Early Start campers in 2026

450
Staff and volunteers made camp possible over 6 weeks this summer

$145,500
Scholarships Awarded to
128
Families in 2026

1,968
Campers, families and staff served at Adam's Camp 2026!

CORPORATE SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT: EMPOWER

This year, we were proud to welcome Empower as Adam's Camp's first corporate sponsor. Their commitment extends beyond sponsorship through active Board of Directors membership and volunteering at our 21st Annual Adam's Camp Classic. We are grateful for the many ways Empower has embraced our mission and are excited to see this partnership continue to grow.

Thank you, Empower!

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EASILY THE BEST DAY TO GIVE. DECEMBER 8, 2026

Your gift can do a little extra this giving season! From November 2 through December 8, every donation to Adam's Camp through Colorado Gives helps us earn a share of the Incentive Fund, stretching the impact of your generosity even further.

More camp. More opportunities. More moments that have families cheering from the sidelines. Your gift helps make it all possible while keeping Adam's Camp within reach for more families. If Adam's Camp is part of what you love about our community, this is a great time to show it!

SCAN THE QR CODE AND DONATE TO ADAM'S CAMP TODAY!

Or visit our COGives Page at:
www.coloradogives.org/organization/adamscamp

COLORADO GIVES END OF YEAR MATCHING GRANT

We are thrilled to announce a special opportunity to double your impact this giving season. Thanks to the incredible generosity of Bill & Marilyn Plummer, all donations made to Adam's Camp will be matched dollar for dollar, up to a total of $10,000, through 12/31/26.

This matching grant means your gift will go twice as far in supporting our campers and families through therapy, adventure, and connection. Join us in helping reach the full $10,000 match and make an even greater difference!



MORE WAYS TO SUPPORT ADAM'S CAMP

AUCTION ITEMS & IN-KIND DONATIONS

There are plenty of ways to support Adam's Camp beyond making a financial gift. Donated goods, services, experiences, and professional expertise can help us stretch resources further and add something special to our events.

Our Annual Dinner and Adam's Camp Classic are made even better by unique auction items and experiences contributed by our community. Have access to a vacation stay, tickets, an unforgettable experience, a professional service, or something completely unexpected? We'd love to hear about it! Reach out to Julie at finance@adamscamp.org to explore how your in-kind gift can support Adam's Camp.



Ideas Include:

Time Shares	Exclusive Lessons	Airline Miles
Vacation Rentals	Event Tickets	Gift Cards/Certificates

KING SOOPERS COMMUNITY REWARDS

Your grocery run can give back to Adam's Camp! Log in or create an account at www.kingsoopers.com, go to "My Account," scroll to "Community Rewards," and choose Adam's Camp as your nonprofit using code GJ687. Then, King Soopers donates a percentage of eligible purchases to Adam's Camp at no extra cost to you!



MAKE YOUR GIFT GO TWICE AS FAR

Your gift to Adam's Camp could go twice as far! Many employers offer matching gift programs that add a company contribution to your donation, making your support go further for campers and families.

After you donate, check with your HR department to see if your employer offers a matching gift program. A few extra steps can double the impact of your gift and bring more support to Adam's Camp. Contact Julie at finance@adamscamp.org.



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