

# **Welcome Summertime!**

It's time to welcome summer with arms wide open! A time to do fun activities, go swimming, camping, fishing, family vacations, have more time for hobbies and try new things!

Welcome to your new Kids Club newsletter! I want to thank everyone who has chosen to be a member and I will do my best to make it fun and educational. When I get to know all of you better, I can custom design things to make sure you enjoy being a member. So, please feel free to send me an email or write me a letter and let me know who you are, what you like and dislike, hobbies, likes, dislikes, pets, what your condition is and how you cope, include a picture if can, and don't be afraid to share your ideas about the Kids Club. You can tell me anything about yourself that you want.

I am excited to see the changes for the newsletter and I hope you are too! There will be games, contests, puzzles, articles, and of course we will be printing things you write and draw! We are proud to have all of you as members and hope that your summer is as fantastic as all of you are!

((Gentle hugs))

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### SUMMER CONTEST

I would like for everyone to get out your pens, paper, crayons, pencils, paints, etc...I want to see what you do for summer fun! You can write me a story about what you like to do, your vacations, and/or you can also draw me a picture of your vacation or fun activity.

Be creative and make it reflect you! You are in control of the rules on this one, I'm only looking for your fun and creative sides to emerge.

If you do have questions, please feel free to contact me and I promise to get right back with you. I want you to have fun with this contest and the winners will have their picture / story printed in the next Kids Club newsletter.



"this is your joyful, hope raising, story of how one girl is living close to pain free and happy." ~Sami Robbins

## FUN FAMILY GAME IDEA: THE ANIMAL NAME GAME

One person names an animal. Then each person, in order, has to name another animal (no repeating!) that starts with the last letter of the previous animal named. For example, the first person says dog, the next person could say giraffe, then maybe elephant. There are no winners or losers in this game. With older children try this game with tv shows or geographical categories, such as cities or countries. Have fun!

## **PERSONAL STORIES**

Sami Robbins, seen swimming in the picture on the left, is a member of our club and has written a wonderful story about herself and has agreed to share it with everyone. I hope you find her story inspirational.

You can read "One of Those Happy Stories" on our website, asap.org/index.php/personalstories/one-of-those-happystories/

You will also find several other stories to read. If you want to share your story and have it posted to our website, please send it to me.

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Also, if you would like to make cards for your Kids Club friends, please mail them to me and I will be happy to send them out for birthdays and get wells. Thank you.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

We would like to let everyone know that we have decided to lower the acceptance age into the Kids Club For a Cure, to five years old. So, you can invite your friends and family to join with you.

Please remember that you do not need to be diagnosed with these conditions to be a member, this club is for anyone who wants to help bring awareness to Chiari, syringomyelia, and related disorders.

#### LOOKING BEYOND CM/SM

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### **TOP 20 CAMPS IN THE US**

- Cheley Colorado Camp (303)377-3616 cheley.com
- Four Winds Westward Ho camp, Washington State (360)376-2277 fourwindscamp.org
- Virginia State Parks YCC, Virginia (**703**)583-5497 dcr.virginia.gov/stateparks
- Camp Wicosuta, New Hampshire (800)8-GO-WICO campwicosuta.com
- Thrill Coaster Tours (888)542-4842 thrillcoastertours.com
- Sanborn Western Camps, Colorado (719)748-3341 Sanbornwestercamps.com
- Camp Chief Ouray, Colorado (970)887-2648 campchiefouray.org
- New York Film Academy Camps (818)733-4074 nyfa.com/summer\_camp
- Camp in Medomak, Maine (207)845-6001 medomakcamp.com
- Rockin' C Ranch, Texas (877)294-2267 rockincranch.org
- JCC Camp Chi, Wisconsin (608)253-1687 campchi.com
- Camp Mesorah (845)362-7778 campmesorah.com
- Plantation Farm Camp, California (510)849-1084 plantationcamp.com
- Camp Shane New York and Arizona (914)271-4141 campshane.com
- The French Woods Festival of the Performing Arts, New York (845)887-5600 frenchwoods.com
- Surf Diva's All-Girls Overnight Surf Camp, California (858) 454-8273 surfdiva.com/summer-camps/girl- overnight-surf-camp
- The Appalachian Mountain Club's Teen Wilderness Adventures (603)466-2727 outdoors.org/teenwilderness
- Campus Kids NJ and Minisink (800)633-7350 campuskids.com
- Westcoast Connection/360 degree Student Travel (800)767-0227 westcoastconnection.com
- Forest Acres Camp for Girls and Indian Acres Camp for Boys (978)405-0286 indianacres.com

Anniversary Asap Awareness Birthday Camping Chiari Dreams Family Friends Fun Fundraising Games Kids Club Love Membership Music Racing Rare Reading Research Summer Support Swimming Syringomyelia Twenty five

#### **REMINDER:**

Please ask your parents to check our facebook page for updates on Kids Club events.



Q: What starts with a 'P', ends with an 'E', and has thousands of letters?