



Calling The Shots August 2019

Diabetes Camp – Family, Friendship, Growth, Perseverance and Resilience

Dear Friends,

As the end of summer draws near, the sites that are a part of diabetes camps grow quiet. The sounds of singing, laughter, captivating conversations and exciting activities have left. The boundless energy of the children no longer fills the camp. The magic seems to have ended.

But wait - something took place at diabetes camp that transcends time. Life changes occurred that will be a blessing to all who are a part of our camp family for the rest of their lives. New friendships were made and old friendships were rekindled. Learning took place that is helping children more effectively live well with diabetes. Personal growth occurred as they became more independent in diabetes care. Children became more compassionate as they observed, and often helped, others also living with this difficult health condition. Children became more disciplined as they accepted their diabetes and recognized that through perseverance they can, and will, successfully manage their diabetes rather than it control them. Children become resilient as they realized that they do bounce back from the difficulties they sometimes encounter living with the ongoing challenges of diabetes.

Diabetes camp is a vital lifeline to children with diabetes. My heartfelt thanks to those who made camp possible this year. For all them - as well as you and me - the magic never ends!

Terry Ackley, Executive Director



A Long and Winding Road Leads to Camp Hendon

By Megan Cooper-Bibelhauser

Running a summer camp for children with Type 1 Diabetes is often a long and winding road, as many of our fellow diabetes camps can attest. This summer Camp Hendon – the Kentucky Diabetes Camp for Children



– welcomed a record-high 166 campers to two summer sessions, with the help of over 100 volunteers. Getting to this monumental place in time has been nothing if not exciting... and stressful, terrifying, and full of the unexpected...

To fully appreciate where we are today, it is important to know how far Camp Hendon has come. Dating back to 1965, Camp Hendon began as a small program initiated by Kentucky's first endocrinologist, Dr. James Robert Hendon. Somewhere along the way, Camp Hendon became an ADA-sponsored camp with local volunteers on the ground in Kentucky implementing programming. In 2010, the ADA announced a consolidation of the region's diabetes camps. Desiring to continue having a local camp, a group of committed volunteers rallied together to form a new nonprofit, the Kentucky Diabetes Camp for Children, while continuing under the Camp Hendon name.

From 2011 – 2014 Camp Hendon was 100% volunteer-run, until hiring Lori O'Bryant in 2015 to manage back-office operations and camper and volunteer registrations. Lori was the sole employee for several years before Megan Cooper joined the team as Executive Director in 2017. At that time, Camp Hendon operated one week of summer camp for children ages 8 to 17. The fall of 2017 ushered in a brand new Family Camp program, open to children with T1D as young as 6 years old as well as parents, siblings, and other caregivers. In 2018, Camp Hendon expanded our summer programs to offer a second week of camp in the eastern region of the state to be more accessible to the desperately underserved families of Appalachia.

Since 2011, Camp Hendon attendance has increased over 175%, and we have hired two full-time staff. Camp Hendon's program offerings have grown from just one week of summer camp to two weeks of summer camp, one family camp, monthly support groups, bi-annual camper reunion and introduction events, and we hope to add a teen weekend retreat to the mix very soon. Our road may be long and winding, but it has brought our campers and families so much joy and empowerment to be a part of the Best Place on Earth.

Introducing DECA Board Member Bill Vierbuchen, Executive Director - Camp Nejedra Foundation

By Bill Vierbuchen

Bill joined the staff as the Executive Director of Camp Nejedra in 2012 after serving on the Camp Nejedra Board of Trustees for almost 10 years, most recently as Vice President. His responsibilities include implementing strategic plans as directed by the Board of Trustees, developing the organization's annual budget, directing the camp's scholarship program, as well as advocating for and promoting Camp Nejedra within the diabetes community and beyond.



Bill began his career in diabetes device sales working with MiniMed during the 90's when pumps were not the norm. When Camp Nejedra had their first pumper at camp, Bill was asked/told he had to stay overnight at the camp to "keep an eye on things". Turns out, new technology was intimidating in the old days too. Of course, visiting camp led to his passion for working with children with diabetes in a camp environment. After leaving Medtronic MiniMed his career included many years in the Operating Room selling laparoscopic instrumentation and video equipment in the New Jersey/New York area. Simultaneously, he joined the Board of Trustees and continued that path, serving most recently as Vice President.

After taking some time off to travel to places like Bali, Thailand, Spain,

Nicaragua, Belize and more, he pursued his passion to manage a non-profit. In late 2018, he joined the board of DECA and hopes to continue to serve children with diabetes. He has joined the Nominating Committee in order to recruit even more talent to the board, and the Development Committee to help raise the funds to fulfill the mission.

2020 International Diabetes Camping Conference February 9 & 10, 2020



Join us in San Diego at the Town and Country Resort and Convention Center for DECA's 2020 International Diabetes Camping Conference. Distinguished keynote speakers will inspire you. Knowledgeable breakout session presenters will inform you. Round table discussions will give you great new ideas. Networking opportunities will connect you with leaders and sponsors of diabetes camps.

[Learn More](#)

Call for Conference Presentation Proposals

DECA invites session proposals from those having interest in speaking at its conference. The symposium will feature keynote sessions and three general information areas applicable to diabetes camping: Healthcare, Programming, and Management. We suggest you consider these categories when submitting your abstract, although other innovative & creative alternative sessions will also be considered.

[Conference Presentation Proposal Form](#)

DECA 2020 Camp Training Needs Survey

DECA's Program Committee requests your input regarding the training needs of your staff and volunteers in the coming year. Please answer the questions in a brief survey at the link below to help DECA prepare its 2020 programs.

[Camp Training Needs Survey](#)

Change for Kids!

Have you ever checked out at the grocery store, or any store, and the clerk asked you to round your change up to benefit a charity of the store's choice? Little by little these tiny donations add up to be a lot of change!

DECA has found a way for you to invest your small change to help inspire, motivate and educate children living with diabetes! With [Change for Kids](#) your secure credit and debit card transactions round up to the next dollar. Set-up is very easy and takes less than two minutes. Then you spend like normal. Let's say tonight you go and fill your car up with gas. It costs \$15.99. You swipe your card like normal, your receipt from the gas station will show \$15.99, but you can smile behind the scenes because you know that you just donated one penny to DECA! Also, we realize that



many people have a budget. So let's say you want to join us today, but know you can't afford to do more than \$20/month. You can set up a monthly max. So that way you can make a difference but make sure it fits in your budget. On the last day of the month, your card will donate the rounded up change in one donation, to DECA.

Your Change for Kids will make a wonderful difference in the health and happiness of children living with diabetes!

Donate [Change for Kids](#) now!

College Move-In Is Officially This Month!

We know there is so much to think about before the big day - packing, accommodations, supplies, and so much more. The College Diabetes Network's (CDN) Off to College booklets have great information on these topics and everything else college and T1D.

Whether you have T1D, care for someone who does, or work with young adults with T1D, these booklets are for you.



[Download Off To College Booklets](#)

BAQSIMI™ (glucagon) Nasal Powder 3mg Is Now Approved

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved BAQSIMI™ (glucagon) nasal powder 3 mg for the treatment of severe hypoglycemia in people with diabetes ages four years and above, Eli Lilly and Company announced recently. BAQSIMI is the first and only nasally administered glucagon, and it was designed with severe hypoglycemia rescue in mind. It is compact, portable and ready to use (no reconstitution required) in a single, fixed, 3 mg dose.



Acquired by Lilly from Locemia Solutions in 2015, BAQSIMI is a new formulation of rescue glucagon that builds upon Lilly's diabetes heritage. Dr. Claude Piche, CEO and co-founder of Locemia Solutions, credits co-founder Robert Oringer as the original inspiration behind BAQSIMI.

"With two sons diagnosed with type 1 diabetes, he understood the importance of having a rescue treatment that could be used by a broad network of people...one that would be different from other low blood sugar emergency treatments, because it is delivered as a puff in the nose, instead of as an injection," said Dr. Piche.

Patients and healthcare professionals with questions about BAQSIMI can visit www.BAQSIMI.com or call The Lilly Answers Center at 1-800-LillyRx (1-800-545-5979).

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Insulet Launches New Educational Self-Advocacy Tool



Our friends at Insulet have launched a new microsite, with a focus on educating, empowering, and mobilizing the diabetes community to drive affordable access to medical devices and medications. This unique educational resource is intended to empower people with diabetes to become self-advocates by providing them with tips, helpful tools, customizable templates, and testimonials from others who have become successful self-advocates.

Bret Christensen, Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer of Insulet writes: "Technology is evolving faster than ever and everyone living with diabetes should have affordable access to care, treatments, tools, and information needed to successfully manage their diabetes, stay healthy and achieve positive outcomes. This microsite arms people to collectively advocate for their health and quality of life."

www.advocacyforaccess.com

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