
Calling The Shots

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Perseverance, Faith, Courage

Diabetes camping started when Leonard Wendt, MD founded the first camp in Michigan in 1925, Dr. Wendt made the following comments about diabetes camping in the early years:

- The aim of all camps has been to get the child outdoors for a time and away from the parents, who may also need a respite from the constant watchfulness so necessary in the treatment of these diabetic children. The child is likewise entitled to a vacation such as is given others more fortunate.
- We made our appeal to the child from the standpoint of spending a pleasant summer vacation, but we meant to give him something else more permanently beneficial to carry home with him.
- For these reasons we have made a special effort to give these children not merely a vacation in the country but also a period of expert supervision and training in mental hygiene, which might otherwise be denied them.
- Their minds are directed into proper channels by trained recreation workers. Not a minute of the day is idle or unaccounted for. The results have been most encouraging; in fact, we believe that the psychologic effects produced by the recreation workers have been just as important as the diabetic management.¹

Diabetes camping has persevered through several tremendous challenges during its history including the great depression, devastating wars and disease outbreaks. At this time the diabetes camping community is cautiously watching COVID 19 and carefully studying what impact it may have on their ability to hold camps this summer. We will share periodic updates from our camps as information becomes available.

Although diabetes care has changed a lot since the beginning, they still are very much like the first camp. They still foster friendship, independence, personal responsibility, a sense of family and community and knowledge of how to live well with diabetes.

Our friends at Camp Sweeney often repeat "Perseverance, Faith, Courage" as words of strength when talking to their campers. We need to remember this as we live through this difficult time. Diabetes camps have a bright future and will soon return to encouraging, motivating and educating our children!

Terry Ackley
Executive Director

1THE SUMER CAMP AS A FACTOR IN CONTROL OF DIABETIC CHILDREN, LEONARD F. C. WENDT, M.D. AND FRANKLIN B. PECK, M.D, JAMA Network, April 1931, <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/253317>

We Are All In This Together - Let's Share Words of Encouragement!

Does your camp have a chant or mantra that you often repeat? Please share it on the DECA Facebook page.

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"The Power of Connecting" DECA's 2020 International Diabetes Camping Conference

DECA's 2020 International Diabetes Camping Conference was an exciting and informative event! Dr. Bruce Buckingham excited us when talking about emerging technologies in diabetes care. Dr. William Polonsky emboldened us to providing compassionate and supportive care to others. Eric Tozer inspired us to set and reach goals for an active and healthy life.

We were fortunate to have outstanding speakers address a multitude of topics important to diabetes camping in the areas of camper programming, medical care and organization operations.

Friends from Dexcom, Omnipod®, Medtronic and Tandem delivered superb training on diabetes care devices during the technology forum.

Friends from Lilly and Xeris provide timely and informative updates on their products for the treatment of severe hypoglycemia, BAQSIMI™ and Gvoke™ respectively.

Sincere Thanks to our Conference Sponsors

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Kelly Mueller
Valued DECA Board Member

Kelly Mueller is the Vice President of Community Impact at the American Diabetes Association. She knows that innovation and speed are critical to success. She works to make things happen and achieve results through partnership and teamwork. Throughout a progressive career providing the internal support necessary to meet the bold goals of a strategic architecture, she has demonstrated initiative and leadership and has been successful in a strategic business management role. She connects well with people, has good listening skills, and is able to develop plans for achieving common goals. Kelly played an important role in the conceptualization, launch, leadership, and ongoing evolution of the



Diabetes Disaster Response Coalition which enables it to meet the needs of people with diabetes impacted by hurricanes and other emergencies. This partnership has grown into a collaborative that includes industry partners, peer organizations, and disaster response leaders.

Kelly is responsible for the ADA summer camp program. They have increased the standards of the programmatic delivery, made the programs sustainable through innovative partnerships and are constantly developing ways to reach more people and provide more life-changing connections.

Kelly has the ability to "connect the dots" and see the way that teams and strategic alignment can make things happen. She says that the most thrilling part of her work is working with others and maximizing everyone's skills to achieve outstanding results.

Donnelly Scholarship Application Reminder - Due April 1st

Applications for the 2020 Novo Nordisk Donnelly Awards are currently being accepted and must be received by April 1, 2020, along with two letters of recommendation and a short essay explaining the significance of diabetes in the applicant's life. The awards are to be used for education, tennis development and/or medical care.



The scholarship program was established by Billie Jean King, through WTT Charities, in 1998 to encourage children with diabetes to lead an active life and compete in tennis.

The Novo Nordisk Donnelly Awards are named after two long-time World Team Tennis executives and tennis champions, Diane Donnelly Stone and Tracey Donnelly Maltby, who are sisters. Stone was an All-American and NCAA doubles champion at Northwestern University, and Maltby earned All-Big Ten honors at the University of Iowa. Both women have lived successfully with diabetes since childhood.

Novo Nordisk, a world leader in diabetes care, has been the title sponsor of the award since 2002. For more details on the Novo Nordisk Donnelly Awards and to download/submit an application, go to www.donnelyawards.com or contact Diane Donnelly Stone at dmdstone@comcast.net.

Novo Nordisk launched additional US insulin affordability offerings in January 2020

Novo Nordisk expanded the company's affordability offering in the US beginning January 2, 2020. People with diabetes experience different issues and complexities that can't be covered by one solution. That's why the

company continues to bring forth programs that will directly benefit even more people with diabetes – including those with insurance and those without – as we work toward much needed longer-term systemic reform.

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Real People. Real Solutions.

The nurses and pharmacists at the Lilly Diabetes Solution Center are here for one reason: helping people. People with diabetes who are struggling to afford their Lilly insulin can call us at 833-808-1234 to speak with someone who understands. Based on their individual circumstances, we may be able to help people meaningfully lower the amount they pay for Lilly insulin. We're standing by Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., ET.

[Learn more.](#)



Lilly expands affordability options with two new lower-priced versions of insulin

Lilly announced plans in January to introduce two additional lower-priced versions of our mealtime insulins. Both insulins will have 50 percent lower list prices compared to the branded versions and will be available by mid-April. They have been working with partners in the supply chain to make these additional lower-priced insulins available as quickly as possible. You can find the full press release at this link: <https://investor.lilly.com/news-releases/news-release-details/lilly-expands-insulin-affordability-options-lower-priced>.

Sanofi Patient Assistance Connection



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