



LITTLE HEROES PRESCHOOL BURN CAMP

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Dear Parent(s) or Guardian,

The Firefighters Burn Institute, Shriners Hospital for Children, and the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation are very pleased to invite your family to attend a new pilot program for burn survivor children up to 6 years old. **Little Heroes Preschool Burn Camp** is a three day program designed to empower children with their families to understand and cope with physical and emotional challenges associated with burn recovery. The program will also provide parent(s) and guardians with education, counseling and support for their child. The camp dates are **Friday, October 10th thru Sunday, October 12th**.

Located at Camp Arroyo in Livermore, California, this new burn recovery camp was created specifically for preschool aged burn survivors accompanied by their parent(s) or legal guardian. Camp Arroyo is equipped with family style cabins, each housing up to four families. Sleeping accommodations at camp are cabins furnished with bunk beds. The dining hall is set up cafeteria-style with the emphasis on family dining. The use of this wonderful camp facility is being graciously donated by the Taylor Family Foundation. You can view the camp online at www.tfff.org.

For a child to attend this camp program at least one parent or legal guardian must attend the three day long camp together with their child. A separate educational program will be held on site for adults, as well as additional programs for siblings. While the children's camp program will focus on healthy emotional and physical recovery, the adult program will assist parents and guardians with caring for and nurturing a child who has suffered a severe burn injury. Little Heroes Preschool Burn Camp will be conducted by well trained and supportive volunteer staff, including burn care professionals, recovery support personnel and firefighters. The program will also provide a camp nurse and physical therapist for those children who need to continue their therapy. No recovery program of this kind is being offered anywhere at this time.

Each family's participation is fully funded by the Firefighters Burn Institute and generous grant funding.

Attached, you will find an application to participate in Little Heroes Preschool Burn Camp. Please complete all questions to the best of your ability and return to the Firefighters Burn Institute no later than **June 1st, 2008**. Applications will be reviewed by our Preschool Camp Committee and medical staff. Transportation will be offered to and from camp from pre-designated departure points. Each child must be accompanied by at least one parent or legal guardian and all participants must commit to the entire weekend program. Applications will be accepted on a space available basis. Please note Camp Arroyo is a smoke free facility.

In addition to English, this program will offer Spanish language translators.

We hope that the above information has provided you with the general information about the camp program. Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact us. **Come play and grow together!**

Sincerely,

Patty Neifer
Camp Co-Director

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Camp Co-Director