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Dear Friends of California Fireman's Muster Association:

It is hard to believe that Champ Camp was almost three months ago! Fall has officially begun, our campers are back in school and things are finally settling down with the Alisa Ann Ruch Burn Foundation enough that I am able to write this letter.

Champ Camp 2008 was a success! It was a fantastic week with 143 campers from throughout California and surrounding states. Twenty-nine of these campers attended for the first time and we had our largest increase in our Buckaroo Unit, (our youngest campers) which means a significant number of kids will have the opportunity to grow up attending Champ Camp.

Champ Camp would not be possible without the financial support California Fireman's Muster Association provided. Thank you for your commitment to providing a week of camp for a child with a severe burn injury to experience a supportive environment, to be a child and have fun. Campers put on swimsuits sometimes for the first time in public, laughed, played games, met peers and much more.

Providing a supportive, fun and safe environment is our goal and Champ Camp. All of our volunteers can tell you story after story of what follows from providing an enriching camp environment. There are two I would like to share with you today:

Megan, age 7 was introduced to the Burn Foundation when her Girl Scout troop volunteered at our Holiday Party last December. At a young age, Megan experienced a burn injury that was so severe she had her left arm and leg amputated. She is a vivacious young girl who does not let anything stop her, but it was not until this party that she had ever met another burn survivor. Her parents quickly got her involved with AARBF and she came to camp. At camp, Megan met Raven, a former camper, now counselor who has the exact same injuries! For Megan meeting a successful, active adult that can ski, snowboard, ride his bicycle around Lake Tahoe was powerful. Her parents have shared that it has helped her to strive for new things, including being a camp counselor when she grows up!

AJ, age 13 started attending Champ Camp immediately following his burn injury and has grown as part of the "Champ Camp Family". As part of his recovery process AJ had to

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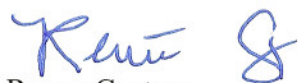
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wear a pressure garment face mask 23 hours out of the day for a year. Unlike most campers who cannot wait to stop wearing their pressure garments, AJ found comfort in this mask. Even though medically he did not need to wear it, he came every year to camp with the mask on. In 2007, it was deteriorating and AJ shared with his counselors that he struggled without it. After a lot of encouragement AJ decided to take his mask off for the dance but then quickly put it back on. This year when the campers arrived some of his counselors wondered that the condition of his face mask but when he got off the bus he didn't have it. After asking him, AJ shared it was through his experience the previous year at the dance that he realized he didn't need it anymore. AJ enjoyed the entire week of camp as a camper and has not put his mask on since returning home.

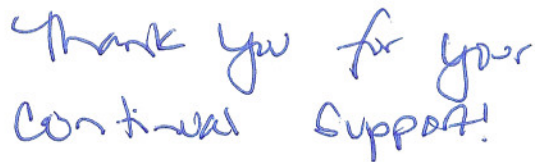
These are just two of the many touching stories that happen at Champ Camp. Thank you for providing this life altering experiences for our campers! Enclosed is a picture of campers enjoying Champ Camp and a sponsor letter from one of the campers. I hope you enjoy hearing from the kids you sponsored about their time at Champ Camp.

Thank you for your support. AARBF could not host this camp without your financial support.

Sincerely,



Renee Croteau
Camp Director



P.S. If you enjoyed the picture enclosed in this packet, I encourage if to go to our website (www.AARBF.org) to see over 200 pictures from Champ Camp 2008. The smiles on our kids' faces tell it all!