

# Camp Gives Back 2010...

## Make-A-Wish Foundation of Western New York

In the 2 years that our camp has done Camp Gives Back we have raised just under \$10,000 in cash and gifts! In just 2 short summers our rec family of campers, volunteers, staff, and this wonderful community have forever impacted the lives of two families who greatly deserved it. Even now it is hard to imagine all of this from our small town summer rec program but thanks to all of you we have!

Last year we began a partnership with the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Western New York to grant the wish of a child who truly deserves it and we did just that. We raised over \$3,000 and indeed made a wish happen. We did this in honor of Fahris Elyse Wyand, one of our rec family members who passed away on October 28, 2008 and had received her one true wish of a really awesome playground...and boy was it! Since 1980, Make-A-Wish Foundation has enriched the lives of children with life-threatening medical conditions through its wish-granting work. Its is now a world wide organization with over 25,000 volunteers and have granted over 210,000 wishes. In fact, one wish is granted every 40 minutes across the globe. Simply put, each wish kids one true wish brings HOPE for a brighter future, STRENGTH to get through the treatments, and JOY from the wish.

With our summer rec motto being "Its Magic", I can think of no better way to demonstrate the magic that our camp is than in sharing in the power of a wish for child. That is why we will once again be dedicating our Camp Gives Back to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Western New York with our goal being \$5,000...the average cost per wish and of which all money raised will stay right here. We will do this in honor and memory of Fahris, who represented all the best magic our little camp has within it and so much more.

Our fundraising will have many layers to it and start at registration night with the selling of bracelets and car magnets. We will be having our now famous coin collecting contest for each grade so start saving now. We will be selling wonderful prize filled calendars where each day of camp, prizes will be raffled off, this is a fresh idea in raffles that I know you will love. We are also working on one or two other events that are sure to both please and motivate to give...can't give all the fun away just yet! The main thing is that we will need all of your help once again if we are to succeed. When we do, you will be able to say that you helped to be a wish grantor, that in your short summer you granted a child's one true wish...that is awesome...in fact...Its Magic!