

Host Your Own Fundraiser

Enlist the help of family and friends and have your own fundraiser. Suggestions might include a candy/bake sale, car wash, breakfast, bottle and can drive, yard sale/flea market, or a neighborhood party/cookout. Be sure to check with your local town officials for any and all license requirements.

You can participate in the DYS Swim and Stride for Diabetes to raise money for your child's camp with camp currency. A portion of the money you or your team raises will be credited back to your camp account for the 2009 camp season. Call DYS for more details



DYS provides a variety of services including two educational summer camps, education of school personnel, a family retreat, community education, and much more.

Several fundraisers are held each year to support our programs including the *Swim & Stride for Diabetes*, *Sweet Success Gala*, and *Best Shot for Kids Golf Benefit*.

For more information on Diabetes Youth Services and campership assistance, please contact us at

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*Teaching local children how
to manage their diabetes every day
until there is a cure.
Supporting families,
preventing complications,
and improving lives.*

How to Fund Your Child's Diabetes Youth Services Summer Camp Session



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Want to send your child who has diabetes to camp but concerned about the expense? This brochure is designed to help you find ways to fund your child's summer camp session. We hope you find these suggestions helpful.

Step One: Camperships

Diabetes Youth Services makes every effort to award camperships to those campers who qualify for financial assistance. Thanks to the generosity of our friends and supporters, we are able to offer assistance to more than 25 percent of our campers. Be sure to call our office at 419-887-8739 for a reduced-fee application. Scholarships are awarded on a sliding scale based on income.

It costs DYS more than \$700 to send a camper to our Big Shots resident camp. Because of our many fundraising efforts, DYS is able to keep the fees low and provide this invaluable learning opportunity for your child at the lowest possible cost.



Check with your Insurance Carrier

It has been our experience that some insurance carriers will cover a portion of your Diabetes Youth Services camp fee. Call your carrier's customer service department to find out if your insurance policy will cover this. It never hurts to ask.

Ask Businesses & Organizations for Help

Many service clubs and organizations are willing to assist families who want to help their children effectively manage their diabetes. Contact your local Chamber of Commerce to help you get started by identifying the groups in your area. Diabetes awareness is a long-term commitment of the Lion's International Association. Find your local Lion's Club by visiting www.lionnet.com. You can also check with your local Kiwanis, Rotary, American Legion, Knights of Columbus, and VFW. You might also approach church/religious groups, trade or labor unions, local diabetes support groups, and area women's clubs. Schools are often willing to start a collection for a child in need.

On the business side, be sure to check with your diabetes suppliers. This includes both pharmaceutical companies as well as your local pharmacy. Some of the larger corporations have summer camp monies available on their

web sites. Visit your local pharmacy and ask them about sponsoring your child's camp experience. Check with the human resource department where you work to see if they might be able to help with a collection taken up for your son or daughter.

When approaching a service club, church, school, or business, ask family and friends if they know anyone in the organization you should contact. Begin your approach with a letter, in which you share information about diabetes and camp. Personalize your letter so that your potential donors will feel like they know your family's story.

Follow up your letter by visiting the organization in person if possible. Offer to speak to their group and bring your child to share his or her story. When meeting with the group, share how camp will make a difference in your child's life. You can also bring information on Diabetes Youth Services and photos from previous DYS camps your child may have attended.

