

# Camper Life

## Cozy Cabins

Campers live on Cabin Row with 8-10 friends, grouped by age and gender.

Each cabin has heating, air conditioning, and bathrooms with showers. Linens and towels are provided. Each bed is topped with a unique handmade quilt and a turtle pillow for campers to take home as a reminder of Camp all year long!



## Nutritious Meals

To ensure campers stay fueled for fun, meals are enjoyed together in the Dining Hall. The menu is healthy, kid-friendly, and delicious. Snacks are available as needed, and filtered water is provided in every area of Camp. Special diets are accommodated: staff work with parents prior to each session to assure dietary needs and restrictions are met.

## Dedicated Counselors

Staff and volunteers come from all over the world for one reason: to provide an amazing experience for campers. Each staff member and volunteer must complete an intensive interview process, a background check, and a thorough orientation. Some counselors may even have a serious illness themselves.



**The Painted Turtle** is a medical specialty camp that serves 90+ conditions, free of charge to families, including:

- metabolic conditions
- orthopedic conditions
- muscular dystrophy
- rheumatic conditions
- Crohn's Disease
- ulcerative colitis
- IBD
- cerebral palsy
- cystic fibrosis
- epilepsy
- spina bifida
- ataxia
- skeletal dysplasia
- hemophilia/Von Willebrand disease
- kidney disease
- liver disease
- neuromuscular conditions

## Year-round Programming

**Summer sessions** allow campers ages 7-16 to experience the fun of Camp independently. Spring and Fall **Family Weekends** are designed for Campers ages 6-17 and their families to spend quality time together, while bonding with other families who share similar medical challenges. During all programs, medical staff are on-site to support children's medical needs and ensure safety.

# The Painted Turtle

a serious fun camp  
founded by paul newman



## Let's Go to Camp!

If your child or family would like to attend The Painted Turtle, apply online or contact our Camper Admissions Office to obtain an application. **Camper applications must be completed and reviewed to attend Camp.**

### Camp Office

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## Where children are not defined by their illnesses.

Since opening in 2004, **The Painted Turtle** has provided more than 68,000 camp experiences to children with serious medical conditions and their families through year-round programming. We're a proud member of the **SeriousFun Children's Network, founded by Paul Newman**. Comprised of the finest medical camps and programs, the network serves hundreds of thousands of children and families around the world.

# Welcome to The Painted Turtle

Our mission is to provide a therapeutic, recreational, and medically safe camp experience filled with fun, laughter, and friendship to children with serious illnesses. Summer Sessions and Family Weekends are designed to encourage children to try new things through intentionally programmed activities. From traditional favorites to exciting new adventures, there's no shortage of fun! All activities are adaptive and conducted with close supervision and the utmost regard for safety.

♥ Archery ♥ Arts & Crafts ♥ Boating ♥ Fishing ♥ Horseback Riding  
♥ Rock Climbing ♥ Ropes Course ♥ Silly Olympics ♥ Stage Night  
♥ Swimming ♥ Woodshop ♥ & More Adventures!



## The Magic of Camp is Free.

The Painted Turtle does not have a billing department. Camp is absolutely free of charge for campers and families. Because of the generosity of countless donors and supporters, we are able to offer the opportunity to experience intentional and exciting camp activities while receiving top-notch medical care — at no expense. We believe that every child should have a chance to just be a kid in a safe and empowering camp environment, without worrying about the price.

## The Well in the Shell: Our Medical Center

The Well Shell is our 24-hour, state-of-the-art medical center. Disguised as a tropical paradise, our facility is equipped for everything from routine first-aid to dialysis treatments to emergency procedures. When campers visit the Well Shell, they aren't isolated from Camp fun — the walls are painted with murals, games are always on hand, and staff are trained to put smiles on campers' faces! Around the clock, physicians and specialized medical professionals are ready to care for campers. The Painted Turtle employs a full-time medical staff led by our Health Center Director and

supported by our Medical Director. Nearly 200 physicians and nurses volunteer their time to support the full-time medical staff throughout the year, after completing a thorough application process. Each cabin is assigned a nurse to provide care, and they deliver medications and treatments during meals and/or to cabins to accommodate each camper's personal medical plan. Parents can rest assured their children will receive the finest medical care while at Camp!