



Meet a Champion – Bella



"Camp is my Neverland." - Bella Aquilar

After being diagnosed with epilepsy in 2007, Bella didn't feel comfortable talking about her illness to anyone, not even her doctor or her parents. After attending Camp Boggy Creek, Bella didn't feel "different" anymore because for the first time she met children just like her. "Camp has been the thing missing for Bella," said Bella's Mom. She went on to say how Boggy Creek has really brought Bella out of her shell and changed her life. She is confident and embodies the Camp spirit when she is at home. Bella even did a presentation in front of her class to share about her illness. "I told them not to be scared because I was not scared," said Bella.

"I love everything about Camp Boggy Creek!! But, my favorite activities while at Camp are swimming, arts & crafts, wood shop, archery, and horseback riding. Well pretty much anything I get to do with my Camp Sisters!"

Bella has attended three Summer Camp sessions now and two Family Retreats. "I am not sure I can thank everyone enough who donates to Camp (time & monetary)."





Meet a Champion – Ethan



On a Friday Ethan's mom found out that just like Bella, Ethan's sister, he was recently diagnosed with epilepsy.

"How did my baby have to fight this too? How did he have epilepsy? It wasn't fair. I cried and was angry and so sad for both my kids, but Ethan has shown so much fight! He amazes me everyday" – Ethan's Mom

While Ethan has attended Family Retreat before, 2018 will be his first Summer at Camp. When his mom asked him how Camp Boggy Creek has helped him with his illness Ethan replied "I don't know, you haven't let me go alone yet. But I think it will be fun. Do boys talk about epilepsy?"

We are so excited to know that Ethan will be embarking on a new adventure soon and he will come out with so many memories and friends

"Camp has been this safe place for all of us, not just the kids. We have met other parents who are walking through what we are and the kids have bonded but so have we. We are forever grateful for the bonds that have formed because of the opportunities at Camp!" – Ethan's Mom





Meet a Champion - Evie



"I felt that I was not as different as I feel in school."-Evie on how Camp has helped with her illness.

This is Evie's sixth consecutive summer with Camp Boggy Creek, and it was a long road to get to camp. Shortly before her third birthday, Evie was diagnosed with cancer. Medical treatments included brain surgery, a bone marrow transplant and chemotherapy. She was left unable to speak for four months and unable to walk for a year. Another tumor was detected and she underwent a full radiation treatment just after turning six. We are so happy to have her here where she feels comfortable with her friends, rescues hurt butterflies, and has a sense of belonging.

According to Evie's parents, "Camp has been wonderful for our family, but for Evie it has brought healing and joy like nothing else in her life. We love Boggy Creek and are so grateful to be a part!"

