



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MEDIA CONTACT:

Ashleigh Ostermann

813.344.4846

Ashleigh.Ostermann@andBarr.co

CAMP BOGGY CREEK KICKS OFF SUMMER WITH CAMP SEND OFF

Free camp for seriously-ill children empowers tens of thousands over 20 years

TAMPA, FL – June 8, 2016 – Camp Boggy Creek kicks off its 20th summer session with the traditional camp send off. The Camp opened two decades ago as a place for kids with a range of serious medical conditions to attend a week of Camp in the summer. This Camp experience is filled with empowering opportunities despite their medical restrictions. For the campers, their families and the community, the fun starts at the Camp send off on Friday, June 17.

The hour-long send-off event is where campers and their families check in, mingle with other camper families, eat breakfast and receive their Camp gear while enjoying arts and crafts activities.

For children with cancer, the send-off gathering signals summer has arrived, the buses are ready and it's time to head for Camp. While at Camp Boggy Creek, they can forget about their illnesses and just be kids. Their days are filled with positive energy and they'll participate in a variety of camp activities, such as horseback riding, swimming, zip lining and archery. "We're thankful for the doctors, nurses and staff at all of the hospitals and treatment centers throughout Florida who support our efforts to ensure children with serious illnesses get to go to summer camp," said Camp Boggy Creek president and CEO, June Clark.

Members of the community will be joining the fun in addition to hundreds of Camp Boggy Creek volunteers.

Please contact us from the pick-up locations on the way to Camp and is sure to keep the excitement going as the campers travel towards an unforgettable week of summer camp.

Camp Boggy Creek serves children ages 7 to 16 with illnesses including cancer, immune deficiency, severe asthma, sickle cell, spina bifida, epilepsy and several other disorders. Programs are offered year-round and families are never charged to participate.

Operating Camp requires a devoted staff, about 2000 volunteers and an annual budget of almost \$5 million dollars funded by donations from individuals, corporations, foundations and healthcare partners. Camp Boggy Creek is a

U.S. 501(c) (3) tax-exempt organization. Additional information is available at campboggycreek.org or by following Camp Boggy Creek on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#).

###