"Why fit in when you were born to stand out?"

Dr. Seuss

2024
MS BURN CAMP



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# Mississippi Burn Camp Foundation

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email staff.mbcf@gmail.com The Mississippi Burn Camp
Foundation offers a free camp for young
burn survivors ages 6—16; age 17 and
above must be recommended for CIT
program. Camp is staffed by volunteers
and funded by donations and grants. All
proceeds go directly to the camp
operations & activities;
there are no paid personnel.

A scheduled "tour & fun day" is available for children under 6 and their parents to experience camp. Please contact us to sign up.

We are staffed entirely by volunteers that include firefighters, nurses, healthcare workers, teachers and others. The camp is offered at no charge to the participants and includes food, lodging, activity supplies, camp T-shirts and a week of fun, friendship and entertainment.

#### **MS Burn Camp Foundation Mission Statement:**

The mission of the Mississippi Burn Camp Foundation is to provide campers a safe, supportive, life changing experience that encourages comradery while developing self-worth and overcoming anxieties thus helping them to be happy and healthy young people

## **Activities**

Activities typically include: canoeing, swimming, handicrafts, fishing, skits, competitive activities, nature hikes, horseback riding, and a ropes course (a confidence building activity). There are also presentations and visits by special guests.

The camp program is designed to offer special summer camp opportunity to young people who have survived injuries from burns. Bringing survivors together, allows them to share common experiences through playing and exploring life together while not feeling self-conscious about what others may be thinking of their scars. The camp will give these young people an opportunity to make new friends and realize they are not the only ones with burn injuries.

# **Camper Qualifications**

The fundamental requirement for application and approval for camp attendance is that the child has suffered a burn that has required a Doctors care; overnight hospital stay is not a requirement. All applicants must have medical approval by a doctor prior to camp attendance and participation.



