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HISTORY OF CAMP FOR KIDS WHO CAN'T

CAMP FOR KIDS WHO CAN'T is a charitable organization which was formed in 1972 when it was realized that the truly fine summer camps in our area were not being completely utilized and that many deserving underprivileged children did not have the opportunity of camping or, in fact, to experience being in the country, trees and the whole natural surroundings' scene.

Therefore, the program was initiated to provide funds to send deserving youngsters to summer camp which was established to take such underprivileged youngsters. Initially, the source of funding was individual contributors and a fall backyard party. Since that time, Camp For Kids Who Can't has been fortunate in some other diversified promotions, some of which offered a limited amount of money, but have been valuable publishing the great need for providing this experience to city youngsters. Among these programs were the Lou Emm Dawn Duffer's golf outings, Trash and Treasure Days in Kettering, Bike-A-Thons, and Affaires on Courthouse Square.

Over the past years, Camp For Kids Who Can't has raised thousands of dollars and sent thousands of youngsters to a wholesome camping experience and with the concern and help of the community, will continue to do so in the future.
Primary Functions of the Council include:

- providing quality resident camping opportunities for Camp For Kids sponsored campership youth.
- making recommendations regarding campership allocations and the overall campership program budget
- establishing procedures for awarding camperships, recruiting and preparing campers, follow-up activities
- keeping the Board of Directors appraised of the state of camping in the Greater Miami Valley Area.
- providing intra-agency training opportunities

Council membership meetings take place four times each year: January, March, May and September. In addition, other seminars, and training events are scheduled throughout the year.

A Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are elected by the Council membership to serve a two-year term. Elections take place during the January meeting of each even-numbered year.

It is recognized that Council member agencies generally fall into two broad classifications, those with national affiliation and those with local affiliation.

Each council member agency can have two representatives. Ideally an agency will be represented by both the person with administrative responsibility for the camping program and a key agency administrator who can speak for the agency on such matters as finance, philosophy and policy. Each member agency will have one vote.

Professional Staff

The professional staff member operationalizes the planning and recommendations of the Camp For Kids Board of Directors and coordinates the activities of the Metro Camp Council.

Responsibilities include:
- creating systems for allocating and monitoring campership funds
- maintaining contacts with funding sources
- prepare program budget
- working with public relations efforts
- developing systems for recruiting, placing and evaluating campers and their experiences
- reporting to constituent groups
- serving as an advocate for camping
- providing training, technical assistance, and consulting services to council members