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JUNETEENTH

CREATING INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

June 19th is Juneteenth, a federal holiday commemorating the emancipation of enslaved people in the United States and celebrating Black freedom, culture, and resilience.

Our mission has always been rooted in the belief that every child deserves access to play, to community, and to joy, regardless of ability, background, or circumstance. That belief doesn't exist in isolation. Building an inclusive community means actively working to ensure that all children and families feel welcomed, represented, and supported.

We are proud to serve a diverse community across New Mexico, and we remain committed to growing in our understanding of how race, disability, and access intersect in the lives of the families who trust us.

DISABILITY PRIDE MONTH



July is Disability Pride Month

Disability Pride Month is observed every July in honor of the Americans with Disabilities Act, signed into law on July 26, 1990. The ADA was a landmark moment, a declaration that people with disabilities have the right to full participation in public life, and that the barriers standing in the way of that participation are not acceptable. More than three decades later, that fight is very much ongoing, and Disability Pride Month is a reminder of how far we've come and how much further we still have to go.

Pride, in this context, means rejecting the idea that disability is something to overcome or hide. It means celebrating the whole person; the strength, creativity, humor, and resilience that our kids bring to every single program we run. It means recognizing that the world is richer, more interesting, and more complete because of the disability community.

To every child and family we serve: you are defined by who you are, and who you are is remarkable. We are honored to move forward in life alongside you!



CAMP ADVENTURE RECAP



And That's a Wrap!

Camp Adventure 2026 is in the books, and we haven't stopped celebrating! From the very first activity to the very last goodbye, this year's camp was filled with laughter, connection, and the kind of moments that remind us exactly why we do what we do.

To every camper who showed up with a smile, every guardian who supported during activities, and every volunteer who gave their time and heart, thank you! Camp Adventure exists because of this community, and you all made it truly unforgettable!

A heartfelt thank you is also extended to our guest facilitators who brought their time, talent, and enthusiasm to our campers. Your contributions made the week richer and more memorable for every child in attendance. We are also deeply grateful to everyone who helped keep our campers fed, energized and safe throughout the week.

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A Special Thank You...

A special thank you is extended to the following individuals and organizations for their involvement and support in making Camp Adventure 2026 a success. We cannot continue offering memorable experiences to these children and families without you!

AGC New Mexico

Explora

Keshet

Joni Micals

BJ's Brewhouse

Nate Bannister

Rudy's Country Store & Bar-B-Q

Gotham Security Enforcement

Dion's

Albertson's

Raising Canes

High Desert Therapy Dogs

Local Locas Facepainting

The Staff of Grant Middle School

The Somos Unidos Foundation &

the NM United Academy Team

LOOKING FORWARD TO 2027!



UPCOMING PROGRAMS & NOTES

Q2/Q3 Upcoming Programs

June

Kayaking*

July

Q3 Birthday Event
Water Games
Crafts
Virtual Camp

* external programs

August

Back to School Kickoff
Kayaking*
Museum Sensory Night*

ASP is hosting their annual Cattle Call Wall climbing & archery event in August - learn more and register at their website!

Advisory Committee

As a reminder, we are trying to kick off a large-scale meeting this summer for the start of our advisory committee. Learn more about the committee and apply to join by clicking [here!](#)

The People That Make it Happen

Thank you to the incredible volunteers who make Camp Adventure and every one of our year-round programs possible. We are so grateful for you!





INTRODUCING NEW STAFF



Christina Villa

Christina is a healthcare professional with extensive experience in the medical field, leadership, management, and human resources. She joins Carrie Tingley Hospital Foundation's team as our Operations Manager, and we are so glad to have her!

A Quick Word From Christina:

Throughout my career, I have been passionate about supporting teams, improving operations, and delivering exceptional service to patients, staff, and the communities we serve.

I take pride in building positive relationships, leading with integrity, and helping organizations achieve their goals through effective leadership and strategic support. I'm thrilled to join CTHF on their journey to support children with disabilities across New Mexico!