

# Pawprints



The Official Newsletter of the COCO Children's Cancer Fund • Fall 2011  
Sponsored by the Department of Pediatrics, Southern Illinois University School of Medicine

## What is Camp?

According to Merriam-Webster - Camp is...a place usually away from urban areas where tents or simple buildings (as cabins) are erected for shelter or for temporary residence (as for laborers, prisoners, or vacationers). As the definition is very appropriate, Camp COCO is so much more to its campers and staff. A cancer diagnosis at any age can be devastating, but when it occurs during childhood, it is destructive on their psychological growth and development. They are forced into quiet resilience and maturity that most children their age probably do not have. They face harsh treatments and difficult decisions to remove the cancer cells from their bodies. This is a limitation that prevents children from being children. Camp is not about their illness, but about retrieving some of their lost childhood and sharing experiences with their peers - other children affected by cancer. Camp is a support system that carries on beyond the week they spend in nature and sleeping in cabins. Friendships form, memories are shared, and they begin to see past their limitations under the watchful eyes of trained medical staff.

Gregory Brandt, MD  
Camp COCO Director



**Presenting Sponsor**

**COCO Golf Outing Kicked Off Countdown to Camp 2011**



After a week of rainy days, the sun rose on a perfect Friday, June 24, for the Camp COCO Golf Outing at Piper Glen Golf Club. Twenty volunteers, SIU staff, and Piper Glen staff got busy early. Sponsorship signs for 39 area businesses and civic organizations were posted on the course as golfers began their day on the driving range. Mark Forinash of downtown's Café Moxo generously sponsored lunch before 123 golfers were at the shotgun start. Several on-course contests made for friendly competition. Golfers at Hole 12 met camper Kaitlyn Paslay with her family and COCO activities director Bet Spence greeted golfers for a course game. There were several powerful drives at the three hole-in-one contest holes, but no golfers claimed the big prizes.

**Premier Sponsor**



**Double Eagle Sponsor**



Golfers returning to the club house at the end of the day were greeted by the smells of dinner grilling. Chef Kent Morris and Brian Aiello of Robert's Seafood Market prepared a mouthwatering dinner featuring shrimp, marlin, and carved pork tenderloin. Golfers and guests raved about the dinner. Robert's will be back to cater dinner in 2012.

*In partnership with the SIU School of Medicine*

**Eagle Sponsor**



As golfers enjoyed dinner, WICS-TV's Joe Crain introduced camper Kaitlyn Paslay and former camper Kelly Norris who explained why camp is one of the most anticipated weeks of the year for kids battling cancer. Bet Spence talked about what was in store for campers during camp week themed "Survivor: Heroes and Warriors". Joe then announced the winners of on-course games, the winners of the top three flights, and silent auction winners.

**Birdie Sponsors**

Levi, Ray & Shoup, Inc

Beautiful weather at the start of summer, good friends, generous sponsors, and outstanding food made this one of the most memorable and successful Camp COCO Golf Outings ever. Thanks to the generosity of sponsors and golfers, proceeds of this year's outing, nearly \$32,000, provided about a third of the cost of camp week.

The Noon Group at Merrill Lynch

Pathology Associates of Central Illinois, LTD

Thank you to the members of the COCO Golf Committee, the golf day volunteers, the SIU Foundation and the members of SIU Department of Pediatrics for a very successful event.

**Lunch Sponsor**



Alex Harkins of Illiopolis explains what he likes best about Camp COCO with Sam Madonia, host of "AM Springfield" on Sportsradio WFMB-AM. Alex was joined by phone from Decatur by camper Kaitlyn Paslay and her mom Kim.



Kaitlyn Paslay explains hole contest rules to golfers at the 2011 Camp COCO Golf Outing



## Thanks to our Sponsors

### **Par Sponsors**

Associated Pathologists, Ltd.  
Brown, Hay, & Stephens, LLP  
Evans Construction  
Gronemeier Concrete  
Nicoud Insurance Services  
R.W. Troxell & Company  
Friends of Camp COCO  
Zara's Collision Center

### **Exclusive Hole Sponsors**

The Bleeding & Clotting  
Disorders Institute  
B.J. Grand Salon & Spa  
Cintas Document Management  
Comprehensive Bleeding  
Disorders Center  
Illini Bank  
Reid Chiropractic &  
The Nutrition Center  
Richardson Manufacturing  
Marine Bank  
Tuthmvr, LLC  
McDaniel, Sternstein, &  
Aleman Orthodontics  
Physicians of Springfield Clinic  
Division of Rheumatology  
Dr. Jeffrey Horvath  
Dr. Mark Stern  
Dr. Michael Pick  
Dr. Jason Guthrie  
ILAAHAM Illinois American  
Association of Healthcare  
Administration Management

### **Shared Hole Sponsors**

Bank of Springfield  
Brandt Consolidated, Inc.  
Cancer Care Specialists of  
Central Illinois, S.C.  
Plumbers & Steamfitters Union  
Local #137  
Recycled Records  
Saints Flight owned & operated  
by Air Methods  
Spoor & Associates LLC  
Springfield Police Benevolent &  
Protective Assoc. Unit #5

### **Putting Green Sponsor**

Green Toyota

### **Hole in One Sponsors**

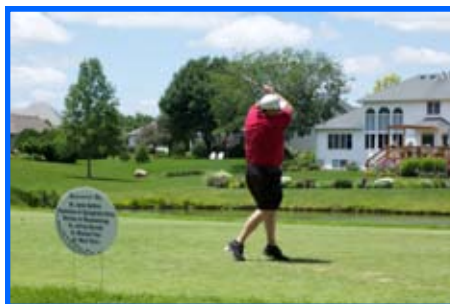
Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc  
Campbell & Popovich With  
ProCom Services of Illinois, Inc.

### **Thanks to**

Lisa Weitzel Photography  
Emcee Mr. Joe Crain

### **Prize Sponsors**

Jimmy B's Super Salsa/Jim Besjak  
Body Perfect Medical Spa/  
Dr. Sherry Simmons  
Brookhills Golf Club  
Capitol Radio Group  
Golf Discount of Springfield  
HD Smith/Bob Pemberton  
Illinois Grape Growers &  
Vinter's Association  
Jos. A. Bank Clothiers  
Warren Kelly Painting Services  
Scentsy/Anne Kiddle  
Connie Klutnick  
Rich Payne  
Peerless Cleaning &  
Restoration Services  
Dennis Powell  
Jim Herron Ltd./Marc Maslauski  
Sparkling Clean Carwash/Alan Boyd  
Mario's Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria  
Neuhoff Media/Kevin O'Dea  
Piper Glen Golf Club  
Shamblee Golf Club  
Lacy Stark  
Medi-Fun-Art/Roberta Hahn  
Sue Tin



## 2011 Golf Outing Winners

### **Flight 1**

Prize: Each receives a \$75 Piper Glen  
Pro Shop gift certificate  
Winning Team: Score 58  
Wolfe, Campbell, Zettck & Hanselman

### **Flight 2**

Prize: Each receives a \$50 Piper Glen  
Pro Shop gift certificate  
Winning Team: Score 64  
Guest, Barnes, Rambo & Flukenstein

### **Flight 3**

Prize: Each receives a \$25 Piper Glen  
Pro Shop gift certificate  
Winning Team: Score 69  
Redington, Wesly, Admunson &  
Rustemeyer

### **Team in Greatest Need of Golf Lessons**

Prize: Each receives Studio 59 driving  
range passes  
Winning Team: Score 77  
Spaulding, Kelly & Goetz

### **On-Course Contest Winners**

#### **Hole 4 Closest to the Hole**

Prize: Dinner for two at Chesapeake  
Seafood House, provided by  
Neuhoff Communications

Winner: Jamie Simmons

#### **Hole 12 Closest to the Hole**

Prize: Free round of golf at Piper Glen  
Winner: Jay Smith

#### **Hole 14 Men's/Ladies' Longest Drive**

Prize: Camp COCO Golf Bags,  
Lakeshore foursome with cart  
donated by Piper Glen

Winner: Lee Bressan

Winner: Stephanie Bussey

#### **Hole 18 Longest Putt**

Prize: Putter provided by Brookhills  
Golf Club

Winner: Mike Hundley

#### **Skins Game Winners**

**Hole 2 Winners:**

Team 17A Bretz, Curtis, Knoll & Butler

**Hole 11 Winners:**

Team 10A

Wolfe, Campbell, Zettck & Hanselman

#### **50/50 Drawing Winner**

Winner: Melissa Kemmis - \$1066

#### **Early Bird Drawing Winner**

Paid registration postmarked  
by June 12

Prize: Rolling tool box donated by Nick  
Vespa, Sherwin Williams, Dirksen  
Parkway store

Winner: Bill Spoor



## We Survived Camp COCO 2011!



### Survivor: Heroes & Warriors

Echoes of cabin cheers, mascots and flags disappearing, canoeing, swimming, hiking, target sports, horseback riding, outdoor nature, basketball, pool time, outcamp and movies filled a wonderful week at Camp COCO. We ate seeds (popcorn), tree bark (chips), worms (gummy worms), vines (licorice), dried leaves (pretzels), ants (chocolate covered raisins) and we drank berry juice (juice boxes), bug juice (soda), and lake water (punch).

“CAMP COCO 2011, SURVIVOR, RETURN TO THE AMAZON, HEROES & WARRIORS” began with the registration of campers at a building located in the heart of the Amazon jungle. Parents and campers made their way through the jungle vines, hanging moss and jungle animals to register and begin the week of survivor.

Every evening we had tribal council with a survivor challenge. Each cabin carried its flag and cabin mascot and did a cabin cheer. Awards and tokens were given for cleanest cabin, best spirit, helping out another tribe, and winning challenges. These tokens were traded in during the week for breakfast in bed, throwing someone in the lake, or a cabin pizza party.

As we made our way to and from different activities we experienced the fun and excitement of camp. The woods were filled with echoes of happy campers building memories that will stay with them forever. We shared laughter, tears, and tried new experiences.

I don't know how it happens but each year is more fun than the last! See you next year at “Camp COCO 2012, Wild, Wild, West” where cowboys & cowgirls, campfires, rodeos, bulls & coyotes and tumbleweeds will be seen. I also heard that “Billy the Bandit” plans on making an appearance sometime during camp. He was last seen around camp in 2003 when he was caught and thrown in the lake...so keep your eyes and ears open and we will see you at camp.



Elizabeth “Bet” Spence  
Camp COCO Activities Director



## Words of Appreciation from St. Jude Midwest Affiliate

The St. Jude Midwest Affiliate has been honored to be a part of Camp COCO for approximately 22 years. In 1989, Dr. Mike Trieger came to the clinic to invite children from all over Central Illinois to join St. John's Hospital and Southern Illinois University School of Medicine for what was at that point a small camp just getting started. A few of our patients had already heard about and attended Camp COCO. I was a new Child Life Specialist at the time, but after hearing how wonderful Camp COCO was from one of the attendees, I was excited to be a part of and to light the "campfire" in the St. Jude kids for years to come. I am not sure how many kids we took that year, but about 60 kids attended camp - the biggest year yet! After that year, I was hooked. Once camp is in your blood, you are forever changed. From that moment on Camp COCO was the highlight of the year at our clinic. We talk about camp all year long. I already have next year's date on my calendar, and I can't wait to recruit all the new kids and the little kids who are finally old enough to come. There is nothing like camp. Campers make connections that last a lifetime, and they make memories that "normal" kids make - good memories to overshadow the nightmares they have from being sick. From the bottom of my heart - thank you to each every one of you who believes in camp!

Shelley Lee, Child Life Specialist  
St. Jude Midwest Affiliate



### 2011 Fourth Annual Natalie Goebel Memorial Poker Run Raised \$9,753 for Camp COCO

Approximately 204 members of Natalie's family, friends and community members gathered in organizing a Poker Run of 86 motorcycles and 21 vehicles that began and ended at "The Other Bar" in Morrisonville with food, a 50/50 drawing, silent and live auctions, and a live band. They celebrated Natalie's life and they gave the gift of camp to other children affected by cancer.





Mark Mifflin, David Herman, and Jennifer Hughes Giffin, of **Winning, Cohen & Bodewes, P.C.** present \$700 check sponsoring "100 smiles for campers" in honor of the law firm's 100 years in Springfield.



Alex Harkins and Bet Spence were among dignitaries at the June 14 ribbon cutting ceremony opening the **Midwest Charity Horseshow** at the Illinois State Fairground Coliseum. The horseshow association donates a portion of the show proceeds to the COCO Children's Cancer Fund.



Organizers of the **Fat Ass 5K & Street Party for Charity** gifted Camp COCO \$7,500. We are grateful to benefit from this popular race held annually in downtown Springfield.

**The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 207 of Coles County** represented by Deputy Thomas Williamson gifted Camp COCO with a contribution of \$5,591.33. (No photo available.)

## HONOR ROLL

We are grateful to the following list of donors who have contributed to the COCO Children's Cancer Fund. Some of our donors honor a loved one by making a memorial gift or celebrate a friend's special occasion with a special tribute. All gifts to support Camp COCO express your love for our campers. We depend on the generosity of all of our supporters.

*(Gifts received from March 1, 2011 to August 31, 2011)*

- Gerald J. & Tami Altadonna
- Jill A. Alters
- American Sewing Guild,  
Lincoln Land Chapter
- Carol J. Angell
- James H. & Marilyn J. Anson
- Nancy Bahre
- David A. & Laurel D. Bailie
- James P. Besjak
- Bloomington Policeman's Benevolent  
& Protective Association
- Karen M. & William T. Bodin
- Jeremy D. & Sarah A. Briggs
- Matthew J. & Stella M. Burger
- Cachet Club
- Judith A. & Peter R. Cadwell
- Champaign-Urbana Optimist Club
- Chatham Prairie Quilters
- Clark County Optimist Club
- Malissa N. Correll
- Joseph J. & Michelle L. Crifasi
- Justin & Sue Dammerman
- Robert M. Denta
- David O. Edwards
- Employees of Forsyth & Prairie State  
Insurance Agencies
- Employees of H. D. Smith
- Employees of Meyer Capel
- Employees of Security Bank
- Employees Of Town & Country Bank
- Judy A. Fleming
- Diana L. Fortney
- Fraternal Order Of Police Lodge 207  
Giffin, Winning, Cohen &  
Bodewes, P.C.
- Jason L. & Megan M. Golden
- Perry G. & Roberta R. Greene
- Linda Gruenweald
- Amy Gurnitz
- H. D. Smith Wholesale Drug Co.
- Kathryn M. & Larry D. Hamblin
- Ann M. & Keith Hamilton
- April K. & Mark E. Hannant
- Valerie J. Hay, MD &  
Donald T. Hay, MD
- Jane M. Henderson
- Rose M. & William E. Hergenrother
- David A. Herman
- Valerie Holden
- Holy Family School
- Dean Horn
- Alexa J. Horton
- Illinois Alpha Pi Master
- Diane J. & Frederick J. Jarosz
- Linda L. & Richard C. Johnson
- Marsha J. Kent
- Kathleen H. Kenyon
- George P. & Mary J. Koch
- Craig E. & Deborah K. Ladage
- Eric & Tonya Lancaster
- Margaret G. Madden
- Michael J. & Michele L. Mannion
- Anthony F. & Donna J. Mast
- Janet E. Mauzy
- Sharon T. & Thomas G. McSwiggin
- Emily A. Mills
- J D. Monnett
- Patricia A. Monyok
- Cynthia L. Moreno
- Optimist Club of Oak Park
- Gale & Robert W. Pemberton
- Shaun Plummer
- Elizabeth W. Roberson
- Karen K. Roberts
- Rock Island Optimist Club
- Charles J. & Holly A. Schmadeke
- Rebecca J. Sears
- Frances M. Sehring
- Tara Selinger
- Amy E. Simpson
- Ernest A. & Ruth A. Slottag
- Springfield Luncheon Optimist  
Youth Account
- SRYC Charities
- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran  
Church
- Lacy M. Stark
- Barbara L. Sullivan
- Deborah K. & John L. Swartz
- Adrienne A. Sweet
- Sonya Taylor
- Daniel L. & Kathryn M. Tebrugge
- The Gold Center
- The Lowery Muller Group of Wells  
Fargo
- Janet B. & William H. Thomas
- Susan Thompson
- Cara A. & Tyler F. Tripp
- Kathryn I. Tucker &  
William A. Tucker, Sr.
- Terri L. Walker
- Andrea M. Walter
- Angela & Kenny Wicks
- Williamsfield National Honor Society
- Kimberly A. & Richard J. Wilshusen
- Douglas A. & Teresa M. Worth

James W. & Linda K. Young  
 Susan R. Young  
 Gloria M. & James A. Yuncker  
 SIU School of Medicine  
 Department of Pediatrics  
 Department of Surgery  
**In Honor Of . . .**  
*Mr. Philip W. Collins*  
 Patricia K. & Thomas W. Reynolds  
*Mr. Collin J. Gomez*  
 Ann & Patrick H. Monahan  
*Mrs. Lucinda S. Oehmke*  
 Anna N. & Thomas C. Evans  
*Mr. Jerry S. Schwartz*  
 E. Z. & Katrina M. Dinardo  
*Mr. Austin Wickenhauser*  
 Jennifer Morrow  
**In Memory of . . .**  
*Mrs. Doris M. Archer*  
 George M. & Yvonne M. Perks  
*Mrs. Mary L. Bartlett*  
 Dorothy M. Miller  
*Mr. Charles R. Bohles*  
 David L. & Prima M. Daniels  
 Steven D. & Kathryn A. Graben  
*Mr. Robin J. Bothwell*  
 Judy A. & Raymond D. Bothwell  
*Ms. Katlyn E. Brewer*  
 Henry D. Cronister, Sr. &  
 Susan K. Cronister  
*Mrs. Mary K. Brown*  
 Clark County Optimist Club  
*Mr. John C. Casson, Jr.*  
 George M. & Yvonne M. Perks  
*Ms. Dorothy E. Cheney Jess*  
 Lawrence P. & Sandra L. Jennings  
*Mr. Brooks Cronister*  
 Henry D. Cronister, Sr. &  
 Susan K. Cronister  
*The Honorable Timothy J. Davlin*  
 Carol A. Thomas  
*Mr. Sidney Feller*  
 Ann L. Hosteny  
 Alan W. & Harriet S. Josephson

*Mrs. Patricia Hofman*  
 Henry D. Cronister, Sr. &  
 Susan K. Cronister  
*Mr. Billie D. Joyner*  
 George R. & Gloria A. Byers  
 Beverly Chilovich  
 Doris H. Combs  
 Friends Of Billie Joyner  
 Addalein C. & Roland E. Hawk  
 Mary F. Joyner  
 Pat & Wayne Ladage  
 Mary C. Lewis  
 Park Place Homeowners Assoc  
 Jo Ann Satterfield  
 Eugene W. & Lora J. Shepherd  
 Betty L. Wilson  
*Mrs. Rita D. Layendecker*  
 Gomer & Margaret A. Mabie  
*Mr. Ronald C. Melcher*  
 Gregory L. Bennett, MD &  
 Tara Z. Bennett, MD  
 Barbara A. & Chad W. Cloninger  
*Mr. Jerome A. Osmoe*  
 Robert L. & Shirley C. Viehweg  
*Mr. George C. Piazza, Jr.*  
 Josephine G. Piazza  
*Richard A. Roberts*  
 Polly Thurman  
*Mrs. Linda D. Satterlee*  
 Robert L. & Shirley C. Viehweg  
*Ms. Margaret Smith*  
 George M. & Yvonne M. Perks  
*Mr. Gerald Tatarek*  
 Carol A. Thomas  
*Mrs. Ida M. Warner*  
 Carol A. Thomas  
*Ms. Kathryn D. Wilmarth*  
 Gregory L. Bennett, MD &  
 Tara Z. Bennett, MD  
 Glenwood Middle School Cross  
 Country Coaches  
 Marcus L. & Tammi Kuhn



Cachet Club Spring Geranium Sale  
 Co-Chairs Nancy Siders and Barb  
 Bolin gifted Camp COCO with \$4,800  
 this year. **The Cachet Club** sold over  
 22,600 geraniums during their annual  
 spring sale supporting COCO and  
 other area charities.



**THANKS TO EVERYONE THAT DONATED EITHER TIME OR SERVICES**

- The COCO Golf Committee who worked diligently on the golf outing fundraiser and the sponsors for their support.
- To Town & Country Bank for your volunteer program and camp support throughout the year.  
 Indra & Janine were very appreciated for their hard work helping with first day activities.
- To John Spalding, a local DJ at WFMB and his friend Josh, for the music at our final survival challenge.
- To carpenters, Darrin Muller & his gang for their wonderful craftsmanship of mascots at camp.
- Craig Sim, George Murphy, Kent Brunzman, John Taylor & Doug Sim from the Hicks Fishing Group.
- Rod Morgan, Bob Polley & Kevin Sizemore for taking their day to assist with fishing.
- Illinois District Optimist Clubs from Springfield, Decatur, Vandalia, Oak Park & Chillicothe for planning & running the Optimist morning activities.
- Jim Hausman at The Gold Center for all of the drinks, snacks, popcorn & ice cream.
- Sherry & Rick Semonis from Peoria for the wonderful pizza party.
- Project Linus for the wonderful blankets that make the cabins warm & cozy.
- Primo Designs for their wonderful art on our tshirts and buffs.
- Trailer Masters for the loan of the trailer for the week to haul all of our supplies.



## Camp COCO Calendar

**Donations** to Camp COCO's Children's Cancer Fund go toward sponsoring campers and providing them with other hematology/oncology services. We suggest these levels of giving:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$700 to send 1 child to camp for a week

\_\_\_\_\_ \$450 to pay for 3 days of camp

\_\_\_\_\_ \$150 to pay for 1 day of camp

\_\_\_\_\_ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to support camp services

For more information about the Camp COCO's Children's Cancer Fund or to make a contribution, please complete this form and return it to:

**SIU Foundation—Springfield Office**  
**P.O. Box 19666 • Springfield, IL 62794-9666**  
**217-545-2955 or 877-435-7766 (toll free)**  
**[www.siumed.edu/foundation](http://www.siumed.edu/foundation)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

*Your contributions are deductible to the extent allowed by law, in furtherance of the goals of Southern at 150, SIUC and the SIU Foundation will retain six percent of all gifts to strengthen the advancement program.*

10243101001 G 33313

Annual Fat Ass 5K & Street Party  
Saturday, May 12, 2012  
Downtown historic Springfield  
[www.fatass5k.com](http://www.fatass5k.com) for more information

Annual Camp COCO Charity Golf Outing  
Friday, June 22, 2012  
12:30 p.m.-6 p.m.  
The Rail Golf Course  
Springfield  
Sponsors and golfers can register online at [www.cocogolf.org](http://www.cocogolf.org) or call the SIU Foundation, 217-545-2955 or 1-877-435-7666 (toll free)

Camp COCO 2012  
"Wild, Wild West"  
July 8-13, 2012  
Timber Pointe Outdoor Center  
Bloomington



*Pawprints* is prepared by the Pediatrics Department of the SIU School of Medicine.

*Return service requested*

SIU Foundation - Springfield Office  
SIU School of Medicine  
P.O. Box 19666  
Springfield, IL 62794-9666