

News Release

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Camp Amigo and Florida firefighters provide summer fun for young burn victims

Tallahassee, Fla. – July 21, 2011 - The Children's Burn Camp of North Florida, Inc. and Camp Amigo provides children ages 6 to 18 who have physical and emotional scars with a place to be themselves, build a network of support throughout their lives and bond with their peers. This summer, Camp Amigo held a week of fun, food and educational activities from July 10 until July 16 for children from North and Central Florida.

The camp is fully funded by private donations and the campers stay free of charge. Camp Amigo is a 501 (c)(3) charity and activities are supported by firefighters throughout the state of Florida who volunteer their time and expertise to work with children and help them to improve their lives as young burn victims. The firefighters also participate in year-round fundraisers to help operate the camp and its many programs. For more information, visit the website at www.campamigo.com.

Camp Amigo is located at William J. (Billy Joe) Rish Recreational Park, 4773 Cape San Blas Road in Port Saint Joe, Fla. The park is owned and operated by The State of Florida's Agency for Persons with Disabilities (APD).

The organization was founded by Rusty Roberts, a Lieutenant for the Tallahassee Fire Department. After he attended similar burn camps for children run by the Southeast Burn Foundation in Florida, Rusty decided that the north Florida area also needed to have a camp. With help from several of his fellow firefighters, the first camp was established at Billy Jo Rish State Park in 2001.

The campers had such a great time at the summer retreat, that Rusty decided it should be an annual event, and that the group should incorporate, and become a formal, non-profit organization. After a couple years of successful camp experiences, The Children's Burn Camp of North Florida, Inc. was incorporated and issued 501(c)(3) status by the IRS. The non-profit is also a charitable organization registered with the State of Florida.

One of the corporate sponsors for Camp Amigo is Paul Davis Restoration which provides funding and volunteers for the camp and youth events. The 24 locally owned restoration and remodeling offices provide sponsorships for the Camp, an annual golf outing and fishing tournament, among other activities. Recently, the offices donated \$2,600 for the summer camp in July and company volunteers helped the campers with boat rides, fishing, meals, photographs, and more. For more information about Paul Davis and Camp Amigo, contact Lisa Keeton, Paul Davis' Florida Business Development Manager at 813.394.5746 or email lkeeton@pdr-usa.net.

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