

# Camp Vol d'été



## The Leucan-CSN Summer Camp: Providing Relief to Families since 1985!

In 1985, Leucan observed that families with a cancer-stricken child were at risk of both physical and psychological exhaustion. Indeed, a pediatric cancer diagnosis involves heavy new responsibilities for parents and other family members. Parents expressed the need to rest and recharge.

To meet those needs, Leucan established the only family summer camp in Quebec dedicated to cancer-stricken children and their families: the Leucan Summer Camp.

In 2001, the camp was renamed the Leucan-CSN Summer Camp, thanks to a partnership established in 1996 with the Confédération des syndicats nationaux (CSN), which funds the camp via various fundraising activities.

## Who takes part in the Leucan-CSN Summer Camp?

Year after year, the camp welcomes children with cancer aged 0-20 and members of Leucan. Camp participants include children who are newly diagnosed, undergoing treatment, in remission, in recurrence, or in post-treatment. Their siblings and parents are also welcome. Additionally, bereaved families are invited to take part in the camp activities. Camp participants come from across the province. Two one-week stays are offered to families at the end of July and the beginning of August. Each year, the camp welcomes some 100 families and a total of more than 400 participants over those two weeks.

## A camp designed to meet the needs of families!

The camp takes place at Centre de plein air Le Saisonnier, an outdoor activity centre located in the town of Lac-Beauport. A new theme is selected every year from which a varied and exciting program is developed with activities for all age groups. For families of Leucan, the camp is an opportunity to enjoy a real vacation and forget about cancer for a little while. Suited to their reality and needs, the camp includes a medical team available throughout the two weeks. This team can administer treatments and cancer care to children who need them.

The Leucan-CSN Summer Camp is made possible thanks to the involvement of more than 120 volunteers who contribute their time and talents to give families magical and unforgettable moments.



## What are the activities available at the Camp?

- Hill climbing
- Archery
- Beach volleyball
- Kayak
- Longboat
- Outdoor pool
- Adventure trails
- Canoe
- And so much more!

## A certified and recognized camp

The camp is organized in accordance with strict and specific standards. The Leucan-CSN Summer Camp is recognized by the Association des camps certifiés du Québec (ACQ), in addition to being certified by the Children's Oncology Camp Association International (COCA-I), an organization based in Atlanta, Georgia, bringing together the main camps dedicated to childhood cancer patients, and by the Canadian Association of Pediatric Oncology Camps (ACCPO/CAPOC).

The camp is incredibly dear to all of us. It's the highlight of the year for many families. It brings joy, hope, relief, and tenderness, and spreads love by creating bonds between families. At camp, everyone feels like they truly belong.

**Isabelle and Alain, parents of Gabriel, Daniel, Justine, Alexianne, and Louis, family member of Leucan**



To this day, we still get emotional whenever we sift through the pictures from our stay at the Leucan-CSN Summer Camp! Then, all together, we sing the songs from the camp loudly and proudly to remember this fabulous experience you created to bring some relief to parents of cancer-stricken children and to give moments of pure happiness to our little ones who only aspire to live life... in all its simplicity

**Sonia, mother of Mathis**