



CAMPER PACKET

We can't wait for you to join us for a week without limits!



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HELLO!

FROM THE PA VENT CAMP FAMILY

Thank you for considering PA Vent Camp. Hosted on the grounds of Camp Victory in Millville, Pennsylvania, and managed by medical professionals with decades of experience in caring for those with complex respiratory needs, campers at PA Vent Camp are encouraged to explore their independence and grow in a safe environment (while families can experience a bit of respite for themselves).

Campers who attend PA Vent Camp can count on an experience that will shape their friendships and independence. We hope to welcome you to camp! Read on for more information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M Dettorre, DO". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Mike Dettorre
Medical Director

LEADERSHIP



Tonya Miller PT, DPT, Ph.D. | Executive Director | Tonya is a founding member of PA Vent Camp and has served the organization in many capacities including, Activities Director, Fundraising Chair, Board member, and most recently Executive Director. Outside of camp, Tonya is a faculty member in the graduate school of physical therapy at Lebanon Valley College and is the Owner/Founder of TYM Coaching, a professional development and leadership coaching program.



Dr. Michael Dettorre | Medical Director & President of the Board | Dr. Mike has served as the Medical Director for PA Vent Camp since the mid 1990s. In his role as director, he oversees all of the camp's organizational structure as well as the medical status of each camper. Outside of camp, Dr. Mike is the Director of the Home Ventilator Program for Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center and is currently an Associate Professor in Pediatric Critical Care. Additionally, he also serves as a Pediatric Intensivist at Shriners Hospital for Children in Philadelphia.



Robin Kingston MSN, CRNP | Staffing Coordinator | Robin has been attending PA Vent Camp since the mid 1990s. She has served as a team leader and is presently the staffing coordinator. In her role as staffing coordinator, Robin recruits and coordinates all staffing for the camp. Robin is a pediatric nurse practitioner with the Pediatric Home Ventilator Program at Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center.



Noelle Smith M.S., CCC-SLP | Activities Director | Noelle has been volunteering as a partner and Activities staff member at PA Vent Camp since 2000 but has been an active supporter of the camp since her parents helped start PA Vent Camp in 1993. In her role as Activities Director, Noelle oversees a group of Activities staff volunteers who develop the theme for camp and design and implement activities to entertain the campers throughout the week. Outside of camp, Noelle is a licensed speech-language pathologist. She has earned specialized competencies required to provide high quality Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) services to children with complex communication needs and their families.

VOLUNTEERS

Our volunteers are both medical and non-medical team members dedicated to helping campers have a fun (and safe) time at camp. PA Vent Camp volunteers have a positive, can-do attitude and love camp just as much as any camper. Every camper cabin has at least one assigned licensed practitioner (nurse or physician) as well as a respiratory therapist. Other physicians, physical/speech/respiratory therapists, nurses, and nurse practitioners are available at all times in case of emergency.

PA VENT CAMP & HORIZONS

PA Vent Camp was founded in 1993 with just a handful of campers and has since grown to serve nearly 60 campers each year between the two camps it offers. Though camp is based in Pennsylvania, we welcome campers from any geographical location.



PA VENT CAMP

for campers
5-18 years old

Held in late-June
5 days | 4 nights
Arrive Sunday afternoon
Depart Thursday morning
FREE for campers



HORIZONS

for campers
21+ years old

Held in mid-September
3 days | 2 nights
Arrive Friday afternoon
Depart Sunday morning
FREE for campers

PA Vent Camp and Horizons are held at Camp Victory in Millville, PA.



Camp Victory
58 Camp Victory Road
Millville, PA 17846
www.campvictory.org

Camp Victory's grounds are designed to host a variety of camps for special needs children throughout the year. Because of this, the campgrounds are well-equipped with accessible buildings, paved walkways, indoor plumbing (running hot/cold water), air-conditioned cabins with bunk beds and hospital beds, a medical shed, and a cafeteria that serves three delicious meals every day we're there.

The campgrounds also include accessible activities, including a zip-line, rock wall, craft pavilion, archery range, nature center, treehouse, outdoor stage, and pond.

"When I was four years old, I started going to this awesome place called PA Vent Camp... and I have only missed two years since then! Words cannot describe what this camp has meant to me."

- Sara



CAMPER ELIGIBILITY

There is NO COST for a camper to attend camp. Thanks to the support of Children's Miracle Network and a variety of other sponsors, campers can attend camp for free (average cost = \$2,500 per camper).

For a camper to be eligible for PA Vent Camp or Horizons, they must be:

- Within the designated age range
- Dependent on ventilator, CPAP, or Bi-PAP for all or part of the day
- Able to enjoy camp activities
- Able to be cared for in a camp setting
- Able to get to and from camp without help from PA Vent Camp

Applying for camp:

Complete the camper pre-approval packet and mail back to PA Vent Camp. Mailing address is located on the form.

1. Visit www.paventcamp.org/campers
2. Click the "Apply Here" button
3. Print and complete the form
4. Return by mail to PA Vent Camp at the address listed on the application

Once accepted, it's time for camp:

Each camper is assigned an arrival / check-in time. During the check-in:

- Camper undergoes a physical
- Medications are checked-in with the cabin nurse and respiratory team leaders
- Equipment is checked-in and labeled at camper's cabin
 - Please provide a full checklist of equipment
- Parents / Guardians set up bedside equipment and ensure that equipment is accounted for and correctly configured. Guardians are also responsible for packing bedside equipment on departure day.

Check out the packing list on the next page!

Questions?

Contact campers@paventcamp.org

PACKING LIST

It is very important to pack all items and equipment that your camper normally uses. PA Vent Camp may not have extra equipment to supplement your camper's supplies, so PLEASE make sure you bring everything for a week, plus a few extras!

MEDICAL SUPPLIES

- Ventilators (bring two if you have two with electrical cords)
- Circuits for vents (please pack extra)
- External batteries and chargers for vent
- CPAP or BiPAP if used
- Oxygen concentrator and portable tanks
- Portable and stationary suction machines plus charger
- Suction catheters
- Saline vials for suctioning
- Tube feeding supplies -- feeding pump, cord, formula, g-tube and extensions, feeding bags, IV Pole
- Pulse-oximeter – cords, chargers - Extra trach tube that is same size and downsize trach tube
- Heater/humidifier for vent with cord
- Thermovents
- Passy-Muir valve
- Box of gloves
- Trach ties
- 2x2 sponges if you use them (or 4x4 – whatever your child uses)
- Diapers/blue pads
- Straight cath equipment if needed
- Potty chair if needed
- Shower chair if needed
- Syringes – whatever is needed for meds, g-tube flushes, feeds, etc.
- Hydrogen peroxide or whatever you use to clean trach/g-tube sites
- Wheelchair battery
- Other batteries needed
- Battery chargers
- Go bag
- Ambu bag

PERSONAL ITEMS

- Clothing for a week plus extras – include shorts, pants, sweatshirt/jacket (the weather varies)
- Bedding -- pillow, blanket or sleeping bag, sheets. etc.
- Toiletries -- soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Water gun
- Swimsuit
- Floating device for pool (if needed)

MEDICATIONS

Please remember to bring all of your child's daily medications – enough to last for the week and any additional “as needed” medications that you think they might use.

The medications will need to be checked and documented in when your child is checked into camp.

