



Avalon Campground Inc.



Whether it's looking for bugs in a field of flowers, hitting a golf ball off a mat into a wide open area, making and painting a birdhouse or swimming in the cool water of a pool until your thumbs start to wrinkle Avalon Campground Inc. will be there for so many children. We will be there for thousands of children making a difference one child at a time and making positive memories that will last a lifetime.

These foster children have returned from their week at Royal Family Kids' Camp. They will be rejoining with their care givers shortly, to return to their "homes". They have been asked to write down their good memories and positive experiences, most of which come from their week at camp. Each of these memories are then planted with a tree for all to see. The tree is planted in a prominent place, where these kids can come see their tree grow, along with their experiences. Because of the nourishment of hope, the tree, and these kids now have the opportunity to become a beautiful flowering creation that has the world of possibilities ahead.



Due to the nature of the children that we represent the above images are models.

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Dear Friend of Children,

Do you remember the crack of the bat? The splash in the pool? The first fish caught at your summer camp? Those are memories we live with the rest of our lives! Those are the times we make good friends, meet new friends, learn to give and take with peers, and we did so without harm to ourselves.

Many children never get the experience of those special times because they are in the foster care program of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services. They have been tortured, sexually abused, physically abused, were in a home with drug and alcohol abuse, were starved, dirty, or a combination of any, or all, of these factors. They have been taken from the only home they know and placed in a home with foster parents. The following statistics are alarming:

- **In the USA one child dies every four hours from physical abuse.**
- **There are 3 million foster children in the USA.**
- **There are 3,500 foster children in the Oklahoma City Metropolitan area.**
- **There are 1,250 foster children in the Oklahoma City Metropolitan area that are between 7 and 11 years old.**
- **Foster children carry their past with them into adulthood.**
- **As foster children mature and begin families, they tend to treat them as they were treated.**
- **90% of men on death row were physically abused as children.**
- **85% of prostitutes were sexually abused as children.**
- **Many foster children are placed in homes where their treatment is only marginally better than the homes they left.**

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The story is told about an old man who decided to walk on the beach one day. When he reached the beach he found it covered in Starfish. In the distance he saw a boy picking up the Starfish one at a time and throwing them back into the ocean. The old man approached the boy and said, “Young man , don't you know there are thousands of Starfish on this beach? You can't make a difference by throwing them back into the ocean.”

The boy stooped down picked up another Starfish, and threw it into the ocean. He then looked at the old man and replied, “It made a difference to that ONE!” The old man hurried back to his neighborhood, gathered all his friends, and returned to the beach where they spent the rest of the morning helping the boy by throwing Starfish back into the ocean. They were making a difference ONE STARFISH at a time!



Royal Family Kids' Camp is a national, faith-based organization, based in Santa Ana, Ca. Their mission is to make a difference in the lives of foster children, one child (our Starfish) at a time! They have developed a training and support program for local churches of any denomination to put on a five day camp for foster children ages 7 through 11 years old. They have very strict rules relating to the camps:

- Every person who will come into contact with the children must pass a background check.
- There must be one counselor for every two children.
- There must be no less than two adults with one or more children at all times.
- The activity of each child during the day is determined by what the child wants to do.
- Activities include, but are not limited to; Fishing, boating, swimming, wood working, painting, dramas, story telling, singing, cookouts, petting zoos, and so many others. There are adults in charge of every activity and at least one counselor will be present.
- A photo album is assembled for every child present capturing all the their moments throughout the camp.
- A birthday party is held for every child during the week with photos, cards games, cake and presents. (for many this is their first Birthday party for them)

The camp is designed to be a week of positive experience for the child. Each child is given nothing but love for the entire week. There is at least one "Grandpa & Grandma" and one "Uncle & Aunt" at each camp. These people have natural experience in their roles. They provide stories, hugs, a lap, and time for the children. There is also a nurse (RN) and a staff Psychologist. All staff positions for the camp are filled with volunteers. It takes approximately one hundred volunteers to properly staff a camp for fifty foster children.

The most difficult task for the Royal Family Kids' Camp committee is finding a campground within a one hour driving distance, which has the proper facilities to meet all the requirements of this unique camp. Many campgrounds do not qualify, many have long term relationships with other groups during the summer months, and many are too far from this area to allow for a maximum of one hour travel time.

Avalon Campground Inc. was formed to solve this problem, and to provide a uniquely suited campground to hold such camps for fifty to sixty-four foster children in each of the ten to twelve weeks of summer. Such a site of raw land has been purchased. Plans are now being drawn for buildings, roads and parking lots, trails, a swimming pool, and activity venues at the campground.

Avalon Campground Inc. will be designed in such a way to meet all the needs of the Royal Family Kids' Camp and to meet the needs of groups which may want to rent the facilities at times other than the summer months. It is envisioned to use the camp to train couples, in cooperation with the Oklahoma DHS, to be foster parents. It is also envisioned to use the camp for retreats or seminars for churches, education, and corporate groups. There will be a guest lodge with forty rooms for two people each, plus meeting rooms and modest kitchen facilities for this purpose.

Avalon Campground Inc. is asking you to be a part of this visionary project by making a tax deductible contribution today. Your contribution will go a long way in providing a, "once in a lifetime" experience for thousands of foster children for years to come. You can learn more about our organization, Board of Directors and campground project by visiting www.avaloncamp.com

It is anticipated that construction will begin in the late Fall of 2007, with completion, and foster children attending Royal Family Kids' Camps beginning in June 2009. What a wonderful experience that will be for 500 to 700 foster children per year! Avalon will eventually have the facilities for camps for 1000 to 1400 Foster Children each Summer! Your contribution will make the difference.

Please re-read the statistics on the first page of this letter. With these Royal Family Kids' Camps intervening in the foster children's lives, we WILL give them love, hope, and a chance to become happy productive citizens of our great state. Thank you for your consideration and contribution to this important cause!

Sincerely,



Gregory Roberts,

Avalon Campground Inc. Chairman

P.S. We have enclosed a card and a self addressed stamped envelope for you to complete and return with your contribution.