

## Camp Big Sky Quick Facts

The mission of Camp Big Sky is to provide accessible fishing, camping, boating and other related outdoor opportunities to children and adults with disabilities. Please visit our web site at [www.campbigsky.org](http://www.campbigsky.org)

### Organization

- Why Not Now? Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization doing business as Camp Big Sky was incorporated in May of 2000
- Community based board of directors including people and parents of people with disabilities
- Hosted first campers on July 9, 2004
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### Service Population

- Our camp is available, at no cost, to any person of any age with any disability that limits or restricts their access to the outdoors
- We serve both children and adults with developmental, physical, cognitive, sensory, and age-related disabilities including veterans of the United States Armed Services
- We welcome family members, friends, and caregivers of our campers to share in accessing, discovering, and enjoying the outdoors.
- From hosting 111 campers from three counties in 2006, during our sixth season this past year we welcomed 2009 children and adults with disabilities and their families, friends, and caregivers from 16 counties in Illinois.
- We host groups of campers from vocational and residential agencies, support groups, families, and individuals

### Operations

- Camp Big Sky is open every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from the first of May until the end of October
- We offer both daytime activities and overnight camping in cabins and tents
- In addition to caregivers that may accompany our participants, our Hosting Volunteers provide support services such as greeting our campers, assistance with fishing and other activities, starting up grills, organizing arts and crafts, or just sitting down and visiting.
- We provide all equipment, facilities, supplies, and accommodations. Campers need only bring consumables (food and drink) for their visit.

### Accommodations

- All accommodations and activities are totally accessible, including trail-ways, restrooms, picnic tables, boats, campfire areas, swings, cabins, and tents.
- We have three distinct activity areas at two lakes and a campground.

### Activities

- \*Fishing   \*Recreational boating   \*Nature Study   \*Arts and Crafts   \*Kite Flying   \*Hiking   \*Relaxation
- \*Fossil Hunting   \*Overnight Camping   \*Lawn Games   \*Bocce Ball   \*Camp Fires   \*Cook Outs

