

## Childhood Cancer Facts

Each year in the United States, approximately 12,600 children under age 20 are diagnosed with cancer— that means that each school day, 46 children are diagnosed with cancer;

On the average, 1 in every 4 elementary schools has a child with cancer;

1 in 330 children will diagnose cancer by age 20;

The cure rate for childhood cancers has jumped from 10% to 70% in the past 30 years;

Childhood leukemia (making up the largest group of childhood cancers) was once a certain death sentence, but now can be cured almost 80% of the time;

Parents of children with cancer are often young, have limited income, and they have other children;

Cancer in childhood occurs regularly, randomly, and spares no ethnic group, socioeconomic class, or geographic region.

The National Cancer Institute – <http://www.cancer.gov/>  
Trust for America's Health – <http://www.healthyamericans.org/>  
The Canadian Cancer Society – <http://www.cancer.ca/>

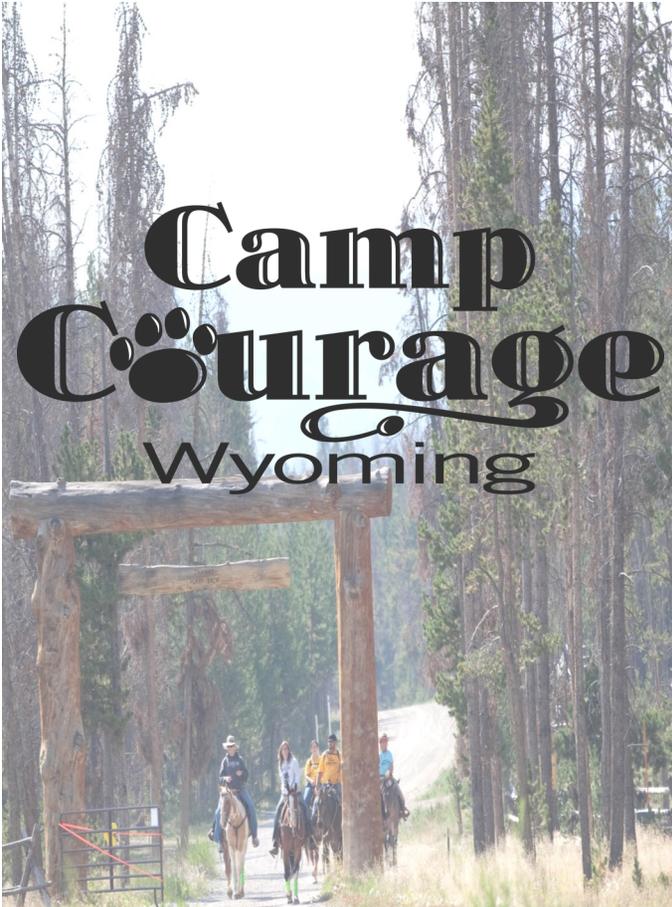


Jason's Friends Foundation is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization that advocates for children with cancer and their families in Wyoming. It is through fundraising efforts that Camp Courage Wyoming was able to be created. This camp will help to support childhood cancer survivor services, provide social oncology counseling, and offer relaxing and fun entertainment for the childhood cancer patient and their families. This will also be one of the first times these families, with so much in common, will be able to connect and share their experiences with each other. For more information on Jason's Friends Foundation please visit [www.jasonsfriends.com](http://www.jasonsfriends.com) or call 307-235-3421.



For more information on cancer control activities in Wyoming or how to join the Wyoming Comprehensive Cancer Control Consortium please visit:

[www.fightcancerwy.com](http://www.fightcancerwy.com)



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## Dubois, WY

Camp Courage Wyoming is the only childhood cancer camp in the State of Wyoming. This is a family camp and includes components for the child with cancer, the parents and the siblings. Camp Courage started in 2012 and happens annually in August. Camp Courage Wyoming was created to provide a venue to bring childhood cancer patients, their parents and siblings together to provide a “Wyoming” connection for families who travel around the country to obtain specialized cancer treatment for their children. The camp was born through a partnership between Jason’s Friends Foundation and the Wyoming Comprehensive Cancer Control Consortium (WCCCC).

Camp Courage Wyoming is held at the Crooked Creek Guest Ranch in Dubois, Wyoming. This is a weekend camp with families arriving on Friday and leaving Sunday. Each year Camp Courage Wyoming hosts 10 families, that have a child with cancer.



“Camp is a blessing! I'm not sure what we did to deserve this experience but we sure are thankful”



The camp is funded through fundraising, corporate sponsorships and private donations of time and materials. These efforts allow the families to attend the camp free of charge.

Camp Courage Wyoming offers a variety of activities including: horseback riding, disc golf, arts and crafts, hiking, ATV rides, fishing, horse painting, counseling and education classes, campfires and much, much more!

For more information on Camp Courage and how your family might be able to attend or how you or your organization can help support camp, please contact Jessica Perez at 307-777-7362 or via email at [Jessica.perez@wyo.gov](mailto:Jessica.perez@wyo.gov)



Participants from previous years have really enjoyed Camp Courage! Below are some quotes from families that have attended:

- ✦ “We all share a huge bond with what we have been through”
- ✦ “No stress – just relaxed with time to talk”
- ✦ “Very valuable to connect with other families”
- ✦ “Didn’t want to leave”
- ✦ “Such an awesome weekend”

