

Programs: Year At A Glance 2023



****Dates/events subject to change****

Check out the Calendar at www.childrenscancerconnection.org

JANUARY

7: Kids Club
8: Teen Hangout (CCC)

FEBRUARY

4: Kids Club
5: Teen Hangout (Outing)
8: Comfort Connection (CCC)
24-25: Teen Lock-In

MARCH

4: Kids Club
10-12: Exploration Expedition

APRIL

1: Kids Club
2: Teen Hangout (Outing)
6: Comfort Connection (Outing)

MAY

5-7: Spring Family Camp
(Central Iowa)
14: Teen Hangout (Outing)

JUNE

2: Family Appreciation Picnic
3: Kids Club
4: Teen Hangout (CCC)
11-17: Oncology Camp (Boone)
15: Comfort Connection (Outing)

JULY

1: Kids Club
10-14: Day Camp (DSM)
17-21: Day Camp (DSM)
28-29: Teen Lock-In (CCC)

AUGUST

5: Kids Club
6: Back to School Bash
13-19: Sibling Camp (Boone)
17: Comfort Connection (Outing)
27: Teen Hangout (CCC)

SEPTEMBER

8-10: Fall Family Camp
(Northwest Iowa)
9: Kids Club
17: Teen Hangout (DSM)
24: Fall Family Outing (Central Iowa)

OCTOBER

7: Kids Club
8: Fall Family Outing (Eastern Iowa)
20-22: Teen Camp (Southeast Iowa)
22: Comfort Connection (CCC)

NOVEMBER

4: Kids Club
5: Teen Hangout (CCC)

DECEMBER

2: Kids Club
2: Comfort Connection (CCC)
9: Holiday Drop Off
15-16: Teen Lock-In

Help Wanted! Volunteer Staff:

Are you or someone you know an experienced medical professional or a 3rd or 4th year pharmacist student? Camp Heart Connection's Oncology and Sibling Camps are returning back to pre-pandemic structures in 2023 and we need all the help that we can get. In order to hold one full week of Oncology Camp and one full week of Sibling Camp, we will need A LOT of hands to make sure things run smoothly! We are looking for medical professionals (RNs, BSNs, doctors) and/or 3rd or 4th year pharmacist students to assist with medication sorting and administration.

Additionally, we are looking for volunteers to staff our two biggest Camp Heart Connection sessions. Positions include Programs, Arts & Crafts, Operations, Support, and 5-8/9-12/Teen Counselors! Applications are open, so be sure to apply today, or help spread the word to help make Camp Heart Connection's Oncology and Sibling camp successful!

For info, contact: Volunteer@ChildrensCancerConnection.org

New! Inclusive Playground Coming in 2023:

Children's Cancer Connection is excited to announce that an inclusive playground will be installed at the Jeff and Deb Hansen Home for Hope in late spring of 2023. The new playground will provide an outdoor play opportunity for CCC children as well as members of the public. Program attendees at Kids Club, Day Camps, Teen Hangouts and other events will be able to play while connecting with friends without needing to walk or be transported off-site. Follow CCC's social media to stay up to date on the playground timeline and updates!

For info, contact: Programs@ChildrensCancerConnection.org

Comfort Connection Offers New Structure in 2023:

New in 2023, Comfort Connection is offering all CCC parents/guardians six gathering opportunities to connect. The program is intended for any caretaker who has or had a child with cancer and will include outings throughout the Des Moines metro and at the Jeff and Deb Hansen Home for Hope.

For info, contact: Programs@ChildrensCancerConnection.org

Welcome Home - Reunited at Last:

With Camp Heart Connection Oncology and Sibling Camps going back to their pre-pandemic structures in 2023, we can't wait to feel reunited at last. Camper registration will open February 1st, 2023. Be sure to read instructions carefully and check your spam for the registration confirmation email!

For info, contact: Camp@ChildrensCancerConnection.org

Leader In Training (LIT) Program:

The LIT Program is offered to campers who will be entering their junior or senior year of high school. Campers from Oncology/Sibling Camp will spend the opposite week (Sibling/Oncology) to learn and get practical experience about becoming a counselor!

For info, contact: Camp@ChildrensCancerConnection.org.

For questions regarding any of Children's Cancer Connection Programs and Outings, please email Programs@ChildrensCancerConnection.org or call 515-243-6239 for more info.

There is always the possibility of additional events being added or dates of already scheduled events changing during the year.