

April 21, 2008

Dear Parents,

This letter accompanies the enclosed packet, which contains information and an application for ***DAO 2008 Teen Adventure Camp for boys and girls ages 13-18 with bleeding disorders (including diagnosed carriers)***.

Our camp provides a week-long camping and outdoor program which challenges at both the individual and group levels. Programs anticipated for Summer 2008 include whitewater rafting, ocean fishing, rock climbing and rappelling while camping at coastal and river facilities on and around California's beautiful North Coast between Eureka, Crescent City, and Redding.

DAO works with only the finest guides available, and while there are inherent risks with outdoor adventure activities of this sort, our emphasis remains squarely on providing such activities in as safe an environment as possible. Our guides and volunteer staff have years of experience providing safe, successful outdoor programs to persons with bleeding disorders and other special needs. An EMT, paramedic and/or a nurse will be in attendance at camp, and Mercy Air, a helicopter medevac service based in Redding, is always available in case of emergency.

DAO works closely with the Hemophilia Foundations of Northern and Central California to coordinate transportation to and from camp from Bay Area and Sacramento locations, as necessary. Last year we chartered a bus between Oakland Childrens Hospital and Redding (and back) with a pickup/dropoff in Dunnigan, with our staff meeting the participants in Redding and escorting them to and from camp. DAO staff will contact you to confirm travel arrangements once we have a complete list of attendees.

**Campers with bleeding disorders must be able to self-treat in a camp setting (i.e. self-infuse or otherwise self-administer medication)**

**Camp dates: Saturday, July 26 to Friday, August 1, 2008**

**Date of birth: September 1, 1989 through July 1, 1995**

**Registration fee: \$10.00\*<sup>+</sup>**

**Postmark deadline: June 28, 2008**

*\* The cost to present Teen Adventure Camp is about \$1,000 per participant. While we require only a nominal \$10 registration fee, we request that families with the ability to pay more contribute what they can.*

*+ If you are unable to afford the \$10 registration fee please include a note stating so, and it will be waived.*

Detailed information about the program for this year appears in the accompanying packet. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or email us.

Sincerely,

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