

THE REALITY

Located in Settlement Canyon near Tooele, Utah, Camp Wapiti (pronounced Wôp-i'-të — a Shawnee Indian word for “white rump” — a large deer or elk) opened for camping in 1994. With an elevation of 5,200 feet, the camp has a mountain setting, is close to goods, services, hospital and it is at a medically acceptable altitude for cystic fibrosis clients.

Camp Wapiti is a fully charitable 501C-3 corporation, has no paid employees, is staffed entirely by volunteer labor and its Board serves at their own expense. The Utah Elks and Ladies of Elks are major sponsors of the Camp. Each Elks Lodge constructed a sleeping cabin, the Ladies constructed the dispensary and contributions from Elks, governmental agencies and charitable foundations built the lodge, swimming pool, arts & crafts building, pavilion, shower facilities and other infrastructure. More than \$1.75 million has been spent to date to develop the camp.



THE CAMP

Camp Wapiti has a present capacity to serve 200 campers each week and consists of:

- 17 sleeping cabins equipped with electricity, heaters and smoke alarms – each sleeps 10 children
- A shower/bath facility with basin and toilet facilities providing separate accommodations
- The dispensary/aid station with full utility service, two treatment rooms, two isolation rooms, staff room and controlled drug and serum storage.
- Wheelwright Lodge (name for Kent Wheelwright, now deceased – one of the initial Elks involved in spearheading the Camp effort) has full kitchen services and a dining room capable of serving over 200. The upstairs has sleeping rooms for camp and medical staff and a small meeting room.
- Oversize, heated swimming pool, shower and support buildings.

Camp Wapiti

Is home to these Health Agency Camps:

- ♦ **O'KUBO CAMPS**
Diabetic Children's Camp
- ♦ **CAMP WYATT**
American Lung Association Utah
- ♦ **CAMP HOBE'**
American Cancer Society - Utah Division
- ♦ **CAMP VALOR**
National Hemophilia Foundation
- ♦ **CAMP WOOD**
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
- ♦ **CAMP LIAHONA**
Hearing Impaired



Tax deductible donations are always welcome at Camp Wapiti.

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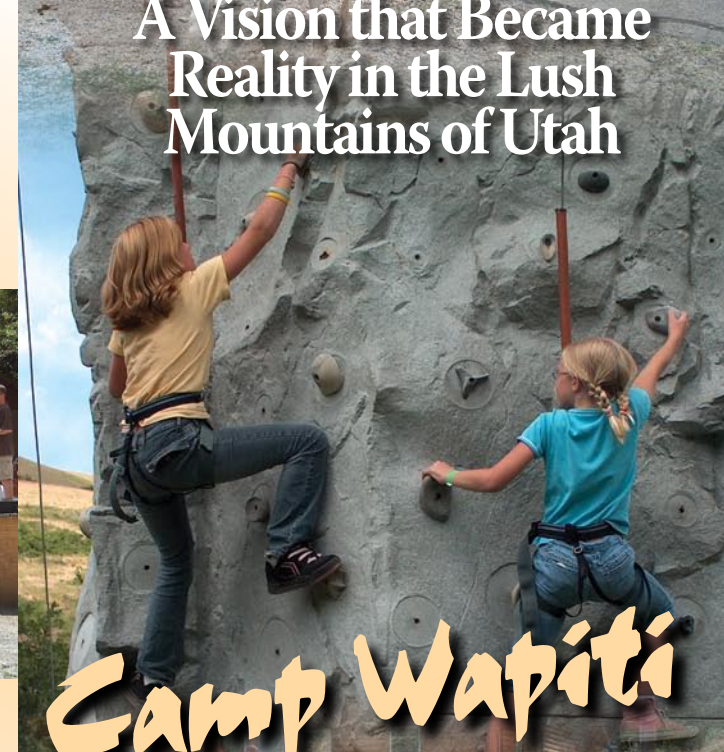
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Reality in the Lush
Mountains of Utah



Camp Wapiti





THE VISION

The need for a specialized camping facility for medically challenged youth in the Mountainwest was recognized in the mid-eighties. Following a four year search for suitable property, the Utah Elks Association established Camp Wapiti in 1990 in concert with a collation of associations supporting young clients with diabetes, lung disease, cancer, hemophilia, cystic fibrosis and hearing challenges.

Together they created a camping environment where medically challenged children can enjoy a true camping experience with a variety of recreational activities while receiving vital educational information to live longer, healthier and happier lives for themselves and their families. Young people come to Camp Wapiti not only from the State of Utah but from seven surrounding states. The Camp serves the needs of the health care agencies involved with a long term goal to deny no child the opportunity to attend because of space or financial constraints.

Without Camp Wapiti and each agency providing the medical equipment, care and medication for their clients, these children would never have the opportunity to enjoy a traditional camping experience. Each agency provides its own volunteer camp and medical staff and creates an appropriate agenda of activities for each of their groups.



- Activity field - open multi-use area with beach volleyball, horseshoes and spaces for field sports.
- Arts & Crafts Building is about three times the size of a sleeping cabin and it provides space for many indoor activities. An outdoor amphitheater has been constructed on the hillside behind the building.
- Outdoor Elks Pavilion is used in incimate weather, as a briefing center for parents of first-time children attending the camp and other activities.
- A large circular Fire Ring with bench seating is a favorite spot at the end of the day.
- The camp also has large walk-in freezers and containerized storage for each camp health agency.



JOINT VENTURE FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The Utah Elks Association's Camp Wapiti and the health agencies which utilize this unique camp have been blessed with unilateral financial support from many sectors of the community. Governmental agencies have provided property, access and continued service support to assist the camp in its operation. Private foundations, corporations and individuals have provided financial donations to enhance the infrastructure of the camp and allow each health agency to offer a better camping experience. Further, these donations have continued to the long-term goal that no child be turned away because of financial or space constraints.

The camp also relies on donations from individuals who feel the need to support this vital program. Such support insures the continued growth and vitality of the Utah Elks Association Camp Wapiti, today and tomorrow.



THE KIDS

The Utah Elks Camp Wapiti has made a very positive and substantial difference in the lives of thousands of young people and their families. The Utah Elks Association facility and each health agency's camping agenda has allowed each child to gain confidence and a sense of security in managing their own disease.

Children learn they are not the only one who is medically challenged and it is possible to participate in a variety of fun activities, previously thought impossible. Tight-knit friendships are established at the Camp, helping provide a network of support that lives well past the camping experience.

Each child gains substantial self-confidence, learns valuable new information about the management and control of their respective disease, and builds enhanced self-awareness and esteem. All of this occurs at an age when the children need to begin assuming more of a responsibility for the administration for their own treatment program. Some of the camps even welcome siblings of the campers to participate and integrate in an educational and fun-filled environment filled with positive activities.

