



**CAMP TA-KUM-TA**

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## Camp Ta-Kum-Ta To Launch Second Virtual Summer Program

*This year's theme? A Wrinkle in Time...*

**(SOUTH HERO, VT)** – On Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, over 100 volunteers will gather from across the nation to kick-off Camp Ta-Kum-Ta's virtual summer program. Having learned how to successfully create connection on a virtual platform, this year's program will be mostly live Zoom sessions along with a magical box of supplies that every camper have received regardless of their ability to join the on-line program. In addition, this year includes an opportunity for a brief in-person car parade on site in South Hero that will formally kick off Camp's 37<sup>th</sup> year. Masked and distanced volunteers will be dressed in decades related costumes as they cheer on the campers and toss small gifts into their cars. Earlier this month, each camper received a "camp-in-a-box" package at their home with themed Camp clothing, arts and craft kits, prank kits and much more - everything they need for a full week of interactive on-line programs.

"This has truly been an outstanding experience" said Patrick Gallivan, Camp Director, "the staff and dedicated volunteers have put together an exceptional virtual program that will be remembered for a lifetime. Our theme "*A Wrinkle in Time*" will have campers traveling through time and participating in activities and learning from the places they will "visit". From Ice Age cave drawings to castle making in Medieval times, to Olympic Games (camp style) in Ancient Greece and a trip to the future, Camp's magic is alive and well, and the connections we are making, even on a virtual platform, will bring the joy."

"This community has not let us down" said Dennis P. DePaul, Executive Director, "we are filled with gratitude for the hundreds of people, businesses and foundations whose donations and support have fueled the time travel that will keep our campers smiling."

In February of 2021, under the guidance of Camp's Wellness and Health Advisory Team, Camp Ta-Kum-Ta extended virtual programming through 2021 due to the inability for children under the age of 12 to be vaccinated and the increased health risks of children with cancer. Camp Ta-Kum-Ta's programming shifted to a virtual format in 2020, continuing to provide monthly programs to their families. "We are hoping to be back in person for 2022" said DePaul, "and will continue to maintain our property and perhaps build a few surprises for when they return. More to come on that story in the months ahead."

Camp Ta-Kum-Ta provides year-round programs for children who have or have had cancer, and their families. They are entirely supported through donations from the community, and there is never a charge to the camper or their family. For more information about Camp Ta-Kum-Ta's year-round programs, contact Camp's Executive Director Dennis P. DePaul at (802) 578- 2275 or email at [dennis@takumta.org](mailto:dennis@takumta.org) or visit our website at [www.takumta.org](http://www.takumta.org).

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