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Camp Ta-Kum-Ta Hosts Virtual Winter Weekend for Youngest Campers

Camp Ta-Kum-Ta 'Zooms' through the Mighty Jungle with Youngest Campers

(SOUTH HERO, VT) – Camp Ta-Kum-Ta continues to bring magic to the families they serve, this time, by hosting a Winter Weekend virtually for their youngest campers (ages 7-10) on February 6th & 7th. Leading up to the weekend Campers received safari themed packages in the mail filled with everything they needed to get ready for a weekend of fun. Campers engaged in activities led by a group of over 25 volunteers and staff from all over the world with live sessions on Zoom as well as a few recorded options. The Mighty Jungle theme took campers on virtual adventures from scavenger hunts, learning about Fruit Bats in Saipan, crafts, trivia, and impromptu dance parties, all while connecting with other campers.

"It's clear these Campers miss seeing each other. The connections, smiles and shared laughter throughout the weekend were truly heartwarming. Even in a virtual setting these interactions are priceless," said Dina Dattilio, Program Manager.

This is the second of three Virtual Winter Weekends Camp Ta-Kum-Ta will host as part of their year-round offerings. The first was in January for middle aged campers and in March, the oldest campers will join the fun.

"We are so fortunate to have incredible donors that continue to support our year-round virtual programs," said Dennis DePaul, the Executive Director, "although we are in a global pandemic, Camp Ta-Kum-Ta has not missed a beat and will continue to bring the joy and laughter virtually until we can return to our in-person programs."

Camp 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. Under the guidance of the CDC and UVM Medical's Pediatric Oncology unit, Camp Ta-Kum-Ta suspended all in-person programming due to the increased health risks of the population they serve and has continued to offer virtual programs since the beginning of the pandemic. Now more than ever Camp's year-round programs, including the Virtual Winter Weekends, provide a life line to families in similar situations and an opportunity for kids to just be kids.

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