



**On February 6, 2016 the Greensboro Elks Lodge will host its annual Gala benefiting Camp Carefree. This year's theme is again Mardi Gras! There will be music, Cajun cuisine, a silent auction and more! Plan to attend this great event!**

**Camp Carefree** is the second NC State Elks Association major state project. Camp Carefree is a camp that offers weekly adventures for chronically ill and disabled children and one week per year for well siblings of children with chronic illnesses. Through the NC State Elks Association fundraising and events like our State Charitable Trust and annual motorcycle ride, we have donated more than **\$150,000** to help support the camp.

### **Camp Carefree**

The NCSEA has chosen Camp Carefree as one of its State Major Projects.



Many children with serious health problems live a protected life and spend a good deal of their young lives in hospitals and doctor's offices. Camp Carefree provides them with needed freedom to play, learn and have fun with others who

encounter similar difficulties. The psychological, recreational and physical benefits of camping with their peers can help make their personal battle easier to bear. Sharing their feelings with others who really know what it's like to live with someone with a chronic health problem or disability helps these children know they are not alone in their plight. **OUR EMPHASIS, HOWEVER, IS ON WELLNESS AND FUN!**

Since the financial burden for families who have someone with ongoing health problems is often heavy, Camp Carefree's policy is to provide each camper this experience at **no charge** to their families.

Website: <http://www.campcarefree.org>

For more information on Camp Carefree contact our NCSEA State Chairman:

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Since 1986, Camp Carefree has provided a FREE, one week camping experience for kids with chronic illnesses. Our program also includes camps for well siblings of ill children, and a week for children with a sick parent.

The [N.C. Elks](#) are incredible supportive and generous to our Camp! Through their fundraising and events like the annual motorcycle ride, they have donated more than \$95,000 to Camp in 2013 and 2014 alone.

**BIG THANKS to the Elks for all they do for Camp!**