



CAMP INDEPENDENCE GALA

Moments That Matter

Every person deserves the chance to grow in confidence, build meaningful friendships, and gain independence, regardless of financial circumstances. At YMCA Camp Independence, campers who have spina bifida try new things, strengthen self-advocacy skills, and experience the joy of belonging in a community where they're encouraged to be themselves.

Every Camp Independence experience is made possible through the generosity of donors like you. As a privately funded program, Camp Independence relies on community support to keep camp accessible for all families.

Enclosed is an outline of giving levels designed to create lasting impact at Camp Independence. Your investment helps provide camper scholarships, adaptive equipment, specialized medical support, innovative programming, and unforgettable experiences that empower children, teens, and adults to thrive for a lifetime.

Every forest begins with a seed. Here at Camp Independence, every camper's journey begins with an opportunity!

JASON KUFFEL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, YMCA CAMP INDEPENDENCE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026 | 6-11 P.M.
RIDGEMOOR COUNTRY CLUB
6601 W. GUNNISON ST.
HARWOOD HEIGHTS, IL 60706

TICKET INFORMATION

INDIVIDUAL TICKET \$175

Enjoy dinner, a silent auction, ticketed games with prizes, and a paddle raise to support Camp Independence scholarships!

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Scan the QR code or visit ymcachicago.org/CI-Gala

CHECK

Or make your check payable to
YMCA Camp Independence
and mail it to:

Jason Kuffel, Executive Director
YMCA Camp Independence
32405 N. U.S. Highway 12
Ingleside, IL 60041



For more information, please contact
developmentsupport@ymcachicago.org.

2026 YMCA CAMP INDEPENDENCE GALA SPONSORSHIP AND BENEFIT OPPORTUNITIES

FOREST OF HOPE PRESENTING SPONSOR | \$50,000

- 2 premier reserved tables (8 people per table) at the 2026 Gala
- Presenting Partner recognition at the 2026 Gala including verbal and logo recognition at the event
- Premier logo placement on the 2026 Gala website event and invitation
- Featured recognition throughout the year across Camp Independence communications
- + Additional benefits listed below

LEGACY GROVE SPONSOR | \$25,000

- Premier table for 8 people at the 2026 Gala
- Verbal and logo recognition at the 2026 Gala
- Logo recognition on the 2026 Gala website event and invitation
- + Additional benefits listed below

CANOPY SPONSOR | \$10,000

- Reserved table for 8 people at the 2026 Gala
- Verbal and logo recognition at the 2026 Gala
- Logo recognition on the 2026 Gala website event and invitation
- + Additional benefits listed below

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS INCLUDED IN

FOREST OF HOPE PRESENTING, LEGACY GROVE, AND CANOPY SPONSORSHIPS:

- Dedicated "Sponsor Spotlight" highlighting your investment in Camp Independence across our social media channels
- Exclusive discount on a private Camp Duncan rental for corporate events or team building
- Breakfast or lunch with Camp Independence and Camp Duncan Leadership
- Personal invitation to Camp Independence Visitors Day to experience camp in action
- Camp Independence window cling sticker and digital certificate
- Premier name and logo recognition on the Camp Independence website and annual Camp Independence Report
- Membership of the Forest of Hope Giving Circle



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2026 YMCA CAMP INDEPENDENCE GALA SPONSORSHIP AND BENEFIT OPPORTUNITIES

WOODLAND SPONSOR | \$5,000

- 4 Gala tickets
- Logo recognition at the 2026 Gala and on the website event
- Breakfast or lunch with Camp Independence and Camp Duncan Leadership
- Personal invitation to Camp Independence Visitors Day to experience camp in action
- Featured "Sponsor Spotlight" highlighting your investment in Camp Independence across our social media channels
- Camp Independence window cling sticker and digital certificate
- Membership of the Forest of Hope Giving Circle which includes recognition on the Camp Independence website and annual Camp Independence Report

EVERGREEN SPONSOR | \$2,500

- 2 Gala tickets
- Name Recognition at Camp Independence Gala
- Breakfast or lunch with Camp Independence Leadership
- Personal invitation to Camp Independence Visitors Day to experience camp in action
- Featured "Sponsor Spotlight" highlighting your investment in Camp Independence across our social media channels
- Camp Independence window cling sticker and digital certificate
- Membership of the Forest of Hope Giving Circle which includes recognition on the Camp Independence website and annual Camp Independence Report

OAK SPONSOR | \$1,000

- Personal invitation to Camp Independence Visitors Day to experience camp in action
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SAPLING SPONSOR | \$500

Growing stronger with every season! Like a young tree reaching toward the sky, your generosity helps campers develop confidence, resilience, and independence.

- **Camp Independence window cling sticker**
- **Digital certificate suitable for display**
- **Membership of the Forest of Hope Giving Circle**
- **Recognition on the Camp Independence website and annual Camp Independence Report**

ACORN SPONSOR | \$250

Small beginnings create extraordinary futures; the mighty oak begins as a single acorn. Your investment nurtures the next stage of a camper's journey!

- **Digital certificate suitable for display**
- **Membership of the Forest of Hope Giving Circle**
- **Recognition on the Camp Independence website and annual Camp Independence Report**

SEED SPONSOR | \$100

Every forest begins with a single seed! Your generosity plants the first opportunity for a camper who has spina bifida to discover confidence, friendship, and independence.

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