

Rotary
Club of
Gaithersburg



Camp Fantastic
Sunday
August 11, 2019



The Rotary Club of Gaithersburg will again provide the first night's pool and party. A theme, yet to be decided, will captivate Kids, **Special Love** Staff, NIH Staff, Rotarians and a host of local supporters. See [Camp Fantastic](#) for more information.

CAMP FANTASTIC

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Started in 1983, Camp Fantastic is Special Love's hallmark program, offering a week-long camp adventure. The magic of Camp Fantastic is described best by one young camper; "Camp made everything bad feel good again."

It's a fun-filled week of swimming, canoeing, horseback riding, marshmallow roasting, campfire singing, pillow fighting – everything a child without cancer enjoys at a traditional camp. For a child with cancer, the

experience is, well, liberating.

"I work with children who have cancer every day," said one pediatric oncology nurse at camp. "I'm always saying, 'No, you can't do that.' That's why I love helping at Camp Fantastic because it's the one week I get to say 'Yes' to these kids. Yes, have some ice cream. Yes, play soccer. Yes, stay up a little late for the dance."

The adventure these special children discover at camp is therapeutic in so many ways. By the end of the week of Camp Fantastic, the once-timid troupe of pediatric cancer patients has built a bond as strong as any these kids will ever experience.