

After Time to Heal, Mom and Son Are Ready for Overnight Camp

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At 9-years old, Corey is a bit small for his age, but he has a very big heart and a sweet disposition. He had attended several summer camps before his mom, Tina, reached out to Wildflower. Unfortunately, Tina let us know he had a tough time at camp, especially with other campers who were not very kind to him. Tina shared her family story with Wildflower. Her husband died unexpectedly 9 years ago

and, like many Wildflower families, the impact of his loss was still so much a part of her life both emotionally and financially. Wildflower knew we could help. We paired this new family with volunteer family liaison Margie Staub. She assured Tina that Wildflower would find a summer camp both she and Corey would love, where he could thrive, gain confidence and grow stronger.



Corey and Mom

During Corey's first summer as a Wildflower camper, he attended Camp West Woods, a wonderful day camp near his home. It was just what he needed. Camp West Woods offered so many different activities for campers to choose from, all in a caring and nurturing environment. Corey felt safe and

happy there. This coming summer, Corey, now 11-years old, is ready to try

overnight camp. He will attend Camp Wigwam. Corey loves the outdoors and wilderness, so Camp Wigwam's beautiful location on the sandy shores of Bear Lake, Maine will give him lots of opportunities to enjoy both. And mom knows that being at this nurturing boys camp means Corey will make great friends and mentors, all while growing more independent and self-confident.



Family Liaison, Margie Staub, wrote to Tina, "Overnight camp can become a family for kids. Friendships can be deep and the supervision at a camp like Wigwam is really excellent. The routines that happen there are so helpful . . . camp songs, traditions,

and play. The playful part of childhood is fleeting, and the more kids have a chance to do it, the better!"

Giving the gift of a transformative summer to children who have lost a parent is a cornerstone of Wildflower's mission. Margie and our staff helped to arrange all the details around Corey's camp adventure so both he and his mom could look forward to the summer with joyful anticipation. We can't wait to hear all about it when he returns home!

