

THE BEAT



I am a 12 year old camper at Odayin this was my 3rd year at camp. Camp Odayin is the best camp in the world! It's a place where you are treated like a healthy kid and not a kid with a heart problem. I love being treated like a healthy, normal kid. When I come to camp I don't have to worry about my heart. Kids who have had surgery tell kids who need surgery how they felt. It's great to know that the kids around you are kids who are just like us. We all share the worries of surgery and the fears of getting sick. Camp Odayin is a great place. Love, Carly



I Have a Heart

Written by a 3rd year camper, Jon

I have a heart, It beats.
I have a heart, It thumps.
I have a heart, It loves.
I have a heart, It breathes.
I have a heart, Can you hear it cry?
I have a heart,
And someday it will die.
But not mine.
I have a heart,
And I'm gonna keep it open.
Because I have a heart,
For Camp Odayin.



Greetings from Camp Odayin!

Hello to all of our friends of Camp Odayin. This newsletter comes to you after our 4th fabulous season of camp. We are happy to report a healthy camping season full of fun memories and a successful first session of Day Camp, as well! It is always a little sad when camp ends and we realize it's almost a year until we are all together again, so this year we are holding a Camper and Staff Reunion directly following the Heart & Sole Fun Run/Walk in Como Park on September 24th! More information regarding the reunion will be sent directly to campers and staff. We are glad that so many people want to be a part of Camp Odayin's mission and we look forward to seeing you throughout the year. Enjoy your last days of summer !

Camp Odayin Would Not Happen Without These Amazing People!

We can not say enough how much we appreciate our fantastic volunteers. Well over half of our staff returns each year and they hail from all over the United States. These folks do a fabulous job of taking care of our campers and they are truly dedicated to making camp an amazing place. Over 20% of our staff live with heart disease themselves and know first hand what a gift they are sharing.

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Way To Go, Daniel!

Not only are we proud of our campers because they are fabulous kids, we are also so impressed with their many talents.

Congratulations to Daniel K., for finishing 3rd among 116 participants in a MATHCOUNTS competition last Spring. He went on to represent the state of Minnesota at the National competition. Students at a MATHCOUNTS meet answer oral and written questions as a team and individually.

** If you are the parent of a camper with some special accomplishments, we would love to hear about it! Send to: michelle@campodayin.org.



Bugs, Sun and Lots of Fun!

We held our first Day Camp for kids ages six & seven this past June at Harriet Alexander Nature Center in Roseville, MN. It was a great chance to introduce these young campers to the joys of camping while getting to know other kids with special hearts. We enjoyed warm weather and made friends and memories that will last a lifetime!



A Heartfelt Thanks to Some Wonderful People...



Hats off to those who helped with camper registration in the Twin Cities and up at camp: Chris Aerts, Jenny Spurr, Mary Jo & Don Dee and Ann & Paul Grussing. Your smiling faces were the perfect welcome!

Thanks again to Keys Café in Roseville, MN for donating lunches for our staff orientation day. Your generosity is much appreciated!

Kudos to Paul Hemann for donating fabulous massages for our volunteer staff!

Big thanks to everyone who worked and shopped at the Camp Odayin Garage Sale. Over \$2900 was raised to help send kids to Camp Odayin!

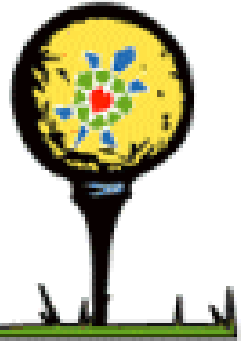
2nd Annual Fall Fun Family Camp

We invite you to enjoy a weekend of relaxation, friendship, family time and fun at camp **October 21st—23rd**. You will have the opportunity to enjoy camp activities and programs and it's a great way to spend time with your kids and meet other families whose lives have been affected by heart disease. Spaces will be limited, so let us know if you might be interested! Registration forms are available through our website:
www.campodayin.com/camper_registration.htm.



We are truly grateful to Mick Sterling and The Heart and Soul Festival for hosting Marc Cohn for an Intimate Night of Music and Stories on June 18th at Arizona's Restaurant & Lounge in Shakopee, MN. It was a perfect night and \$10,000 was raised for Camp Odayin. We thank all of you who joined us to support our very deserving campers.

4th Annual Whole Heart Golf Tournament Raised \$30,000



We had a fabulously successful event at **Indian Hills Golf Club** in Stillwater this summer.

Thanks to all of the golfers and those that donated raffle and silent auction items to support Camp Odayin's mission and to our event sponsor, Medtronic.



A heartfelt thanks to our hole sponsors:

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Finally... job well done to our **Tournament Planning Committee**: Heidi Halvorson, Larry King, Bob Meslow, Jeff Meslow, Scott Mitchell, Rhett Neuman, Sara Shaughnessy, Eric St. Martin and Travis Yano



3rd Annual



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Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 24th. It's our 3rd annual "Heart & Sole Fun Run/Walk" at Como Park in St. Paul. Walk, run, jog or stroll to support Camp Odayin! We'll have events for kids including face painting, tattoos, coloring contests and more starting at 9:00am. Registration information was mailed in August and is also available on our web-site. Pre-registrations are due September 10th in order to get a t-shirt. **Volunteers are needed**, please contact Jeanne Kenady at jeanne.kenady@guidant.com if you can help. Hope to see you there!



Camp Odayin and Children's HeartLink Bring Together Children with Special Hearts



During the summer of 2003 our campers made a quilt that was presented to children with heart disease in Lanzhou, China by a medical team from Children's HeartLink while they were on a medical mission. We were pleased to accept a Friendship Quilt from the Lanzhou Hospital this summer. Congenital heart defects affect kids all over the world in equal numbers and we applaud the work Children's HeartLink does to bring treatments to children worldwide. Learn more at childrensheartlink.org.



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