

IMPORTANT CAMBERSHIP INFORMATION—PLEASE READ!

The Barton Center makes every effort to award camperships to campers who qualify for financial assistance. Thanks to the generosity of our friends and supporters, we are able to offer assistance to about 50% of our campers. **The campership funds available to be awarded this year may, however, not be sufficient to meet your needs.** We need your help to make up the difference! Please consider participating in an event or following some of our helpful suggestions to help defray your camp fee. If you would like additional information, please call 508-987-2056, Ext. 2011 or email: tracey.west@bartoncenter.org

ONLINE FUNDRAISING

Online fundraising is a great way to raise funds for your camp fee! Create a fundraising page as part of a Barton event such as St. Patrick's Road Race/Walk or Spring Work Day or create a general page. Be creative and include pictures and personalize the page with details of why camp is so important. To create a fundraising page, please visit: www.firstgiving.com and search "Barton Center." When creating your page, you will need to select The Barton Center or one of the events linked to the page, or you can email events@bartoncenter.org for help setting up your page.

REQUESTING SUPPORT FROM BUSINESSES & ORGANIZATIONS

Selecting an organization—

You may want to contact one or all of the following for assistance:

- **Lions Clubs:** Diabetes awareness was

adopted as a long-term commitment of the Lions International Association in 1984. Educating children about diabetes by sending them to camp, participating in work days, building cabins, etc.—the Lions are always here! **Find your local Lions Club by visiting: www.lionnet.com or www.lionsclubs.org.**

- **American Diabetes Association:** The American Diabetes Association is pleased to provide financial support to The Barton Center for camp scholarships. Please apply for financial assistance directly to The Barton Center using the Financial Assistance/Campership Application form included with your camp application materials.
- **Kiwanis Clubs, Rotary Clubs, Masonic or Eastern Star Groups, Knights of Columbus, Legion Posts, V.F.W., Church/religious groups, Trade or Labor Unions, Women's Clubs, etc.:** Similar to the Lions Clubs, start asking around the community to find out who the members are of these clubs. They are often more than happy to offer assistance or sponsor you in one of The Barton Center fundraising events.

HOLD YOUR OWN FUNDRAISING EVENT

Enlist the help of family and friends and have your own fundraiser that may include:

Bake Sale
Breakfast
Bottle and Can Drive
Bowl-a-thon
Car Wash
Yard Sale/Flea Market

Please be sure to check with your city/town officials for any license and permit requirements.

BARTON FUNDRAISING EVENTS

St. Patrick's Road Race/Walk
MARCH 15, 2014
Walkers start at 12:30 p.m.
Runners start at 1 p.m.

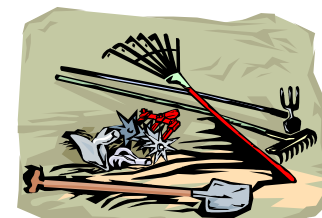


Recruit family and friends to walk or run in this four-mile sanctioned race and raise money toward your camp fee through pledges! Registration begins at noon and the event is followed by buffet, prizes, and more! **Money you raise is credited to your camp fee.** Registration forms and pledge sheets are available at: www.bartoncenter.org on the events page, or please call The Barton Center at 508-987-2056 Ext. 2003 for forms. Please also see the previous section about online fundraising.

Spring Work Day
at Clara Barton Camp & Camp Joslin
MAY 3, 2014

Help spruce up camp! Collect pledges from family and friends for each hour of work you donate to camp. Help prepare for the summer while earning your own camp fee. **Money you raise is credited to your camp fee.** Enlist the help of family and friends who also work on your behalf. Lunch is provided!

Pledge sheets are available by calling The Barton Center at 508-987-2056 or on our website at www.bartoncenter.org on the events page. Please also see the previous section about online fundraising.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Will my health insurance carrier cover any portion of the camp fee? Check with your provider. Many insurance companies will cover a portion of your camp fee.

How do I approach an organization or business?

- Ask family and friends if they know anyone in the organization who they can put you in contact with.
- Write a letter to the organization. Include information about diabetes, previous camp experience, why you will benefit from attending camp, etc. Personalize the letter so that after reading it, the potential donor feels they know you.
- Visit the organization in person. Bring information about camp, photos of your previous camp visits OR a pledge sheet if you are participating in the St. Patrick's Road Race/Walk or Work Day.

I have not heard back from several businesses and/or organizations that I have contacted—what should I do? *Follow up is very important!* If you have not heard in 2-3 weeks, call or visit and ask the status of your request. If they feel connected to you, they are more likely to make a donation.

An organization has agreed to sponsor me but cannot process the payment until later—how do I handle this? Give them a copy of the agency/organization agreement form. If you need a copy of this form please visit: www.bartoncenter.org and click on Registration Forms. Ask them to fill it out and mail it directly to camp. Send them a thank you note, and we will also thank them after receiving the funding.

We hope you have found this information helpful! If you would like additional assistance, need more information, or have an idea to share, please contact Tracey West at 508-987-2056, Ext. 2011 or Email: tracey.west@bartoncenter.org.

For more information about campership assistance, please contact us at:

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Funding Your Camp Session!

NEW INFORMATION!



Helpful Hints and
Innovative Ways to
Help Fund Your Own
Camp Fee!



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