



Camp Carefree is the only Brain Injury (BI) Camp in North Carolina and is sponsored by the Brain Injury Association of North Carolina (BIANC). This wonderful haven for brain injury survivors is funded through donations and staffed by volunteers.

Camp Carefree supports 150(+) campers and their families. Campers come in all ages and have varied skill levels based on their injury. The BIANC provides a relaxed, safe and FUN environment for campers to go and just be themselves! While at camp they are sharing with those who have had similar experiences and encounter similar daily challenges. This is a place where they don't have to worry about being treated differently because of their injury.

Survivors can take part in camp activities such as horseback riding, canoeing, fishing, group recreations, skill building and arts and crafts. Evening activities include a group dance with a live band, campfire with stories, testimonials and sharing.

The mission of the Brain Injury Association of North Carolina is *"Offering help, hope, and a voice for people with brain injury and their families."* The BIANC advocates on behalf of individuals with brain injury and their families. I'm excited to continue this wonderful opportunity for NC Pilots to maintain their partnership with the Brain Injury Association of NC. This worthwhile NC District Project implements Pilot's mission: To serve by furthering Pilot International's humanitarian efforts through charitable, educational, and research programs in communities throughout the world.

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NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICT PILOT INTERNATIONAL 2011-2012 PROPOSED DISTRICT PROJECT

The North Carolina District Administrative Council recommends the adoption of partnering with BIANC to support the 2011 Traumatic Brain Injury Camp (September 16-18, Stokesdale, NC) for the 2011-2012 District Project.

The **goal** of the District Project is to have every club in the District include participation in Camp Carefree in their 2011-2012 Plans of work.

The **purpose** of the project will be to:

1. Educate the public about brain-related disorders, specifically brain injuries, through camp materials and publicity;
2. Provide North Carolina Pilots an opportunity to perform hands-on service with brain injury survivors and their families;
3. Bring visibility to BIANC, NC Pilot Clubs and the District.

How Can Pilots Participate?

Option 1: Donate Craft Supplies and Prizes:

Arts and crafts

The following items are needed for arts and crafts: hats, solid color t-shirts in adult or children sizes, 175 canvas bags that can be decorated.

These items will be collected at the registration table during District Convention.

Bingo and Raffle prizes:

The following items are needed for the bingo and raffle prizes: small blankets, healthy snack food, art, pedometers, books on exercise or nutrition, exercise hand held equipment, balance balls, hats, scarves, shirts, toiletries, stuffed animals, pillows. ***These items will be collected at the registration table during District Convention.***

Option 2: Monetary Donation:

Clubs can elect to support Camp Care Free through a monetary donation of their choice. All monetary donations are welcome, however some specific expenses clubs could contribute towards include the following:

\$2,000	Camp Rental
\$600	Camp T-shirts
\$2,500	Food for Campers (5 meals and snacks at Dance and Bon-fire)
\$700	Band for Friday night
\$1,000	Cleaning supplies, sunscreen, extra water, activity supplies
\$700	Rental of Golf Carts
\$500	Arts & Crafts supplies, posters and materials

(Send to: BIANC, PO Box 10912, Raleigh, NC 27605)

Option 3: Sponsor a Camper:

It costs \$150 to send one survivor to camp for the weekend. The BIANC only charges campers and their family members \$20 and this is to ensure they attend after they register. **(Send to: BIANC, PO Box 10912, Raleigh, NC 27605)**

1. Clubs can sponsor one (or more) campers for a donation of \$150 per camper. **Please send sponsor money by August 19, 2011.**

Option 4: Provide Hands-On Service during Camp:

Volunteers are needed all weekend to support Camp Carefree. Clubs or individual members can participate in many different ways during camp:

- Cabin set up and assignments
- Registration activities
- Coffee detail
- Trash pick-up and disposal
- Food preparation, set up and serving
- Activity monitor for camper events during the weekend (arts and crafts, outdoor living, fishing and canoes, ropes course, bingo, singing and bonfire in the evening, band and dance in the evening, Sunday morning service)

Clubs/members can choose to come for the entire weekend or come in just for the day on Saturday to work. **Each Pilot that is attending must submit a registration form by August 19, 2011.**

Participation in Camp Carefree will provide North Carolina District Pilots an opportunity to:

- **Reach out to the community and provide hands-on service to those with brain-related disorders;**
- **Assist BIANC with additional funding and volunteer support to continue offering camp to TBI survivors;**
- **Strengthen the bonds of “Friendship, Service, Fun and Laughter!” through hands-on service and fellowship with campers and Pilots**
- **Create a strong presence as a community service organization at both the community and state levels;**
- **Be more visible in our state and attract new members.**

