

# SKINsational

## eNewsletter

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Every child deserves a week of wonder. The spirit of giving is the cornerstone of our message. CSDF gratefully acknowledges the generosity of individuals, sponsors and donors who make Camp Wonder possible.



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## SUMMER CELEBRATION @ Camp Wonder

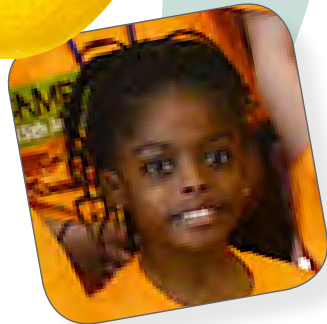


Campers, counselors, doctors, nurses, medical staff and adult volunteers made their way to Livermore, CA to celebrate the 15th anniversary of Camp Wonder. Everyone enjoyed their favorite activities including swimming, talent night, bunk skits, horse back riding, ropes course and arts and crafts. This year we were very fortunate to have special guests visit us to help celebrate the milestone. **Laura Marano** of the Disney Channel's *Austin & Ally* gave a special performance followed by pictures and autographs with the campers. Needless to say, the campers were mesmerized! The stunning **Chantelle Young** who won the Americas Top Model of 2014, who herself suffers from vitiligo, shared her inspirational story with our campers followed by a question and answer period where she spoke about the stigma of skin disease. *Thank you for sharing your time and your stories with us.*

A Big Thank You to the Livermore/Pleasanton Fire Department for bringing their amazing fire truck out to camp for the kids to explore. We would also like to thank our long-time supporter, **Vincent Tummino** from the Firefighters & EMS Foundation for organizing a special visit by the Canine Unit. The officers entertained the campers by showing them how obedient the dogs were trained in following instructions. *Thank you one and all for your care and support.*

Camp Wonder is fortunate to have supporters like Galderma and Stiefel, who spent the week volunteering their time and talent. Many of our activities would have not been possible without the support of **Tiffany Smith, Tabitha Hampton, Nick Milo** and **Katherine Rouse** from Galderma. And, employees **Rebecca Allen** and **Grant Bland** from Stiefel. *Thank you everyone for your participation throughout the week and for all of your help with the camper activities.*

We finished off the week with our annual talent show, prom, and a celebration on Friday night. It was a wonderful evening of celebration, dinner and recognition ceremony. We paid tribute to our devoted supporters, donors, counselors and volunteers who have made this camp a reality for the past... **15 WONDERFUL YEARS!**



## 1st Annual DUCK DASH Fundraiser...

Our enthusiastic camper and recent graduate to our counselor position, **Patricia Egan** created and organized the 1st annual Duck Dash Fundraiser. Patricia wanted to do something to raise money and awareness for Camp Wonder and children who suffer from skin disease. Being an avid runner, Patricia decided on a 5k run/walk and recruited many of her track team members to volunteer for the event. The event was an amazing success with lots of families, strollers and even a few four-legged friends in attendance. Patricia successfully raised \$3,500 for Camp Wonder and CSDF. She was thrilled to be able to give back to a camp that has benefited her and so many others throughout the years, and hopes to make this an annual event.

*CSDF and Camp Wonder are in awe by the overwhelming support of all our Camp Wonder families. A special thank you to Patricia and the Egan family for making this event such a success!!*

## GoPros and the NEW Digital Team hit the Camp Wonder scene...

Camp Wonder had a new digital team this year. **Rachel Ferretti** and **Jassamine Domino**, dynamic counselors created a new media sensation this year with the use of GoPros. Our campers were entertained nightly by videos taken of their daily activities! This would not have been possible without the generous donation of the GoPros and accessories by the **Galderma** employees; **Tiffany Smith**, **Jennifer Brett**, **Lee Hatton** and **Katherine Rouse**.

CSDF is fortunate to have such a special partnership with Galderma!!  
*Thank you to Rachel and Jassamine for all their work and dedication in making Camp Wonder a memorable experience for every camper!!*

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## VOLUNTEER Highlight...

**Dr. Alex Kaoukhov** was born in what is now known as Ukraine. He was raised in Moscow, trained and worked for 13 years in France and has spent the past two years in Switzerland. Obviously, he doesn't have an easy answer to the question, "Where are you from". Dr. Alex was introduced to the Camp Wonder program through Dr. Frederick Beddingfield while they were working together at Allergan.

Some of Dr. Alex's professional experiences include working for Galderma, in Sophia Antipolis, France as a Medical Expert in Medical Affairs and a Clinical Research Physician in Global Clinical Development. Most recently, Dr. Alex held the position of Principal Medical Scientific Expert at Novartis, Basel, Switzerland.

Each summer, Dr. Alex is continually amazed at the dedication and enthusiasm that the counselors have for each and every camper. Dr. Alex takes personal vacation time to volunteer at Camp Wonder.

*CSDF and Camp Wonder thank Dr. Alex for his dedication and commitment.*

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