



## Makenna's Story



Makenna at Silly-O

My favorite activity is Silly-O! Silly-O is the ultimate food fight. The ones you wish you could have in the school cafeteria only better! On the lawn there are pools of oatmeal, noodles, and buckets of paint. People are laughing and screaming and counselors are ready for hot fudge to be poured down their faces! We chase our friends and counselors down until we can get them really good, massaging oatmeal into their scalps, then try to get away! At the end the Fire Department comes and hoses us down and we run and dance under the freezing cold water! Some of my favorite memories have been at Silly-O and I look forward to it every year and think of who's going to get the messiest, which always seems to be a competition among the campers!

I get to go to Camp Korey because I live with Larsen syndrome, a rare connective tissue disorder that causes dislocations throughout my body, instability in my spine, and trouble breathing. I was born with dislocated joints that made my knees point together which made it difficult to walk, making a big food fight seem pretty daunting. Since 2011 I have been getting messy during Silly-O. Counselors always make sure I have plenty of paint and oatmeal to throw at fellow cabin mates and counselors, even when I need to take a seat to relieve any pain! After 15 major surgeries, I am now able to walk, run, and play, relying less on my chair every day. **Most importantly, I can throw a whip cream pie at my counselor and it doesn't matter if I'm walking or in my wheelchair!**

I am passionate about helping kids like me. For the past few years I have been fundraising for Seattle Children's Hospital. **This year my foundation, MakSpire, raised over \$47,000 for Camp Korey's healthcare center.**

*I give to Camp Korey because I want other kids to experience camp the way that I have.*

Sincerely,

*Makenna Schwab*

Camper Makenna, Age 15  
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Makenna, 2015



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