

May 20th, 2011

Dear Camper Families:

For the last 25 years, VACC camp has provided a week long overnight camp for ventilation assisted children. Our campers and families have come from all over the United States and enjoyed different activities and most of all, networked with other families and developed long lasting relationships.

Miami Children's Hospital (MCH) has sponsored our camp since inception and not only have we grown tremendously throughout the years, but so have the children. Since we started VACC camp, we had certain requirements although we did not fully enforce them. MCH is a licensed pediatric hospital and in order to be in unison with its license and regulations, we will need to abide by the following criteria:

Requirements to participate in VACC camp:

- Age for overnight camper (or their siblings) 4 years to 21 years by camp dates
- Age for day campers (or their siblings) 3 years to 21 years by camp dates
- Campers need to have some means of communication/engaging with others.
- Eligibility is only for campers that have a tracheostomy and/or are vent dependent, c-pap or bi-pap, and/or oxygen dependent.

We understand that enforcing the above criteria will mean that our loved campers that become adults, will no longer be able to attend VACC camp, and we are very sorry for this. We also know that families of newly diagnosed children will have an opportunity to attend VACC camp and have the same benefits of our dear "retiring campers".

We thank you for your commitment and ongoing support of VACC camp and look forward to many more years of serving children and families assisting to VACC camp. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 305-669-5819

Sincerely,



Janet Bell Taylor
VACC Camp Administrative Director