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Wednesday, November 11

8:00 AM	Office /Storage- Primrose
1:30 PM	Set Up/Prepare Conference Registration- Primrose
8:30 AM-5:00 PM	COCA Board Meeting - Tarrant

All sessions will be posted in Central Time Zone

Thursday, November 12

8:30 AM-Noon		Office /Storage- Primrose				
9:00 AM- 5 PM		COCA Board Meeting - Tarrant				
		Conference Registration & Information Desk- Regency Foyer				
		Collin House (Conference Set Up 25)	Sienna (T 88)	Marigold (CR 63)	Grayson (Hospitality-Cocktail w/chairs)	Tarrant House (Conference Set Up)	
1:00 PM		30 Minute New Attendee Meet & Greet- Sienna					
1:30 PM	Exhibitors- Laurel Lounge Set Up	**Networking Hour with Social Media/Marketing, Fundraising, Facilities/Office/Year Round Staff**	**Networking Hour with Program Directors, Camp Directors**	**Networking Hour with Medical Staff**	**Networking Hour with Board Members**	**Networking Hour with Executives**	
2:30 PM		**BREAK**					
2:45 PM		PR: COCA Request Live: Campfire Songs Edition, Dave Smith	MD: Camp Health 101: Common Concerns and How to Handle Them, Tracey Gaslin, PhD, CPNP, FNP-BC, CRNI, RN-BC	PR: Facilitating Last Wishes...Providing End of Life Care in the Camp Setting, Deb Echtenkamp MSN, APRN-CNS, CPON, FAPHON, Rene Lehman, LMSW, CCM, Kammie Tessitori, BSN, RN, CPON	**(RH)** PR, CD: More Than a Punch: Building a Self-Defense Program at Oncology Camp, Tyler Olsen, CST	OP: View from the Executive Chair Roundtable, Michele Vernon, Erin Ulmer, Melissa McNichol	
3:45 PM		**BREAK**					
4:00 PM		**(RH)** SD, OP: New to the field or Young in age? Growing, Leading, and Navigating the Camp World as an Emerging Leader, Kenny Thomas	MD: Pediatric Oncology Camp Healthcare Provider Round Table, Lynne Royer-Willoughby, RN, MSN, NP	SD, OP: Ready or Not? Succession Planning for Camp, David Phillips	PR: COCA Request Live: Games Edition, David Smith, Holly Senn, CCLS, James Bell	OP: View from the Executive Chair Roundtable, Michele Vernon, Erin Ulmer, Melissa McNichol	
5:00 PM		Dinner on your own					
6:30-8:00 PM		Conference Kick-Off Reception at Dave & Buster's in Stonebrier Mall-wear your favorite western wear!					

Friday, November 13

7:30 AM- 5 PM		Office /Storage- Primrose					
		Conference Registration & Information Desk- Regency Foyer					
7:30-8:30 AM	Exhibitors- Laurel Lounge	Breakfast- Continental in Regency D & E					
8:30 AM		WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS - Regency D & E					
		Regency D & E (Rounds- 500)	Sienna (T 88)	Marigold (CR 63)	Regency A (CR 90)	Regency B (T 125)	Grayson (Hospitality-Cocktail w/chairs)
9:00 AM		KEYNOTE: Hayley Arceneaux - Regency D & E (MD Session)					
10:15 AM	Exhibitors- Laurel Lounge	Friday COCAcademy: Build Your Behavior Playbook: Designing a Camp-Wide Behavior Support Framework That Truly Fits Your Program & Participants- Pt 1, Emily Golinsky	OP: A Summer of Mitigated Disasters: When Emergency Plans Become Reality, Ryan Campbell	OP: From No Policies to Accredited: How Camp MerryTimes Built a Policy Guide to Meet Accreditation Requirements From Scratch, Molly Dugan, Ed.D., Missy Burgess, Ph.D.	PR: From Camper to Leader: Let's Talk LIT/CIT Programs, Rene Lehman, LMSW, CCM	MD: Medication Management at Camp: Case Studies in Risk and Legal Accountability, Tracey Gaslin PhD, CPNP, FNP-BC, CRNI, RN-BC	
11:15 AM		**BREAK**					
11:30:00 AM		Friday COCAcademy: Build Your Behavior Playbook: Designing a Camp-Wide Behavior Support Framework That Truly Fits Your Program & Participants- Pt 2, Emily Golinsky	OP: From Arrival to Adventure: A Safer, Smoother Camp Check-In, Susan Gaitros APRN, CPN, CPON, Shelley Lee CCLS	PR: Periwinkle Arts In Medicine Program: Creative Collaborations in Healing Arts, Erin Locke, Larry Geiger	FD, OP: Fundraising: The Major Donor Perspective (It's Where the Money Is!), David Phillips	MD: Ready for Anything: Emergency Preparedness for Camp Settings- Tracey Gaslin, PhD, CPNP, FNP-BC, CRNI, RN-BC	OP: Family Camp Roundtable, Brandon Briery, PhD
12:45-1:45 PM		Network and Visit w/Exhibitors	Network and Visit w/Exhibitors	Network and Visit w/Exhibitors	Network and Visit w/Exhibitors		
12:45 PM		**Lunch On Your Own**					
2:45 PM	Exhibitors- Laurel Lounge	Friday COCAcademy: Build Your Behavior Playbook: Designing a Camp-Wide Behavior Support Framework That Truly Fits Your Program & Participants- Pt 3, Emily Golinsky	**(RH)** FD: More Than a Grant: Maximizing Care Camps Foundation Support, Jenna Berneck, Lexi Bickford	OP: Strategic Management for Your Camp Using EOS (Entrepreneurial Operating System) Tools, Brandon Briery, PhD	MD, SD, OP, CD: The Struggle is Real: Rethinking Staff Training, Melissa Schmautz, MS, CCLS, Kristen Johnson, BSN, RN, CPHON	SD, OP: Building a Thriving Volunteer Culture: Camp MerryTimes' Approach to Volunteer Recruitment, Training, and Retention. Molly Dugan, Ed.D., Missy Burgess, Ph.D.	
3:45 PM		**BREAK**					
4:00 PM		Friday COCAcademy: Build Your Behavior Playbook: Designing a Camp-Wide Behavior Support Framework That Truly Fits Your Program & Participants- Pt 4, Emily Golinsky	PR, OP, FD: Finding Their Fit: How Board Members and Volunteers Drive Your Mission Together, Katie Langley, Bruce Hooper	PR, SD, OP: Letting Go Of Leadership, Rich Brundige, Jennifer Cavazos	MD: Practical Medication Safety Strategies for Camp Healthcare Teams, Deborah Echtenkamp, MSN, APRN-CNS, CPON, FAPHON	OP: Camp Starts Before Camp Starts: Using Pre-Camp Orientation to Build Trust, Confidence, and Connection for Pediatric Oncology Families, Megan White, Kaitlin Smith, MSN, RN, CPHON	
5:15-5:45 PM		**Region Meetings: Region 1 & 2 (Dina & Erin)**	**Region Meetings: Region 3 & 5 (Brandon & Mark)**	**Region Meetings: Region 7 & 8 (Jenn B & Erin)**	**Region Meetings: Region 4 (Jamie & Spot)**	**Region Meetings: Region 6 (Knuckles &)**	
5:45 PM		Dinner on your own					
8:00- 10:00 PM		Hospitality Suite Open- Grayson House					

Saturday, November 14

8:00 AM- 5 PM		Office /Storage- Primrose					
		Conference Registration & Information Desk- Regency Foyer					
		Regency D & E (Rounds- 500)	Sienna (T 88)	Marigold (CR 63)	Regency A (CR 90)	Regency B (T 125)	Grayson (Hospitality-Cocktail w/chairs)
9:00 AM		Saturday COCAcademy: Interactive Activities for Camp Staff, Volunteers & Leadership Teams- Pt 1, Michelle Cummings, M.S.	PR, CD: Camper Imposter Syndrome: Do I have a right to be here?, Alex Grimm	PR, SD: Camp Is the Best Week Ever... Until Everyone Is Tired: Protecting Culture, Managing Conflict, and Filling Your Team's Bucket, Kellie Reece	MD, OP, SD: Raising the Standard: Evolution of Medical Practice at Camp Braveways- Amanda Fickbohm, RN, BSN, CPN, CPHON, Barbie Ricken, RN, BSN, CPHON	**(RH)** MD, OP, CD: Can everyone come to camp? Supporting Children with Behavioral and Neurodevelopmental Needs, Lynne Royer-Willoughby, RN, MSN, NP	CD: Behavioral Health Roundtable: Focus on Campers, Brandon Briery, PhD
10:00 AM-10:15 AM		**BREAK**					
10:15 AM		Saturday COCAcademy: Interactive Activities for Camp Staff, Volunteers & Leadership Teams- Pt 2, Michelle Cummings, M.S.	OP: Get to Know the Gold Ribbon Program, Brandon Briery, PhD	PR, SD, OP: Work Smarter, Camp Harder: Practical AI for Camp Operations, Ashley Clinger	**(RH)** MD: From Treatment to Camp: Understanding Today's Childhood Cancer Care, Stanton Goldman, MD	FD: Growing Your Gala Through Baby Steps or Big Leaps, Katie Langely	
11:15 AM-11:30 AM		**BREAK**					
11:30 AM		Saturday COCAcademy: Interactive Activities for Camp Staff, Volunteers & Leadership Teams- Pt 3, Michelle Cummings, M.S.	PR, CD: Play With Purpose: Therapeutic Activities at Camp	Understanding the Difference. Knowing Your Scope. Putting It Into Practice, Elissa Gargiulo, CCLS, Kellie Reece	**(RH)** PR, CD: Cooking with the Erins: Cook with Confidence at Camp, Erin Loftus, BS, CCLS, Erin Reid BS, CCLS	MD, PR:, SD, CD: Finding their Calm through the Coping Toolbox, Melissa Schmautz, MS, CCLS	SD, CD: Peer-to-Peer Abuse: New Strategies, New Rules, Dave Malter
12:30 PM		**Lunch On Your Own**					
2:15 PM		Saturday COCAcademy: Interactive Activities for Camp Staff, Volunteers & Leadership Teams- Pt 4, Michelle Cummings, M.S.	**(RH)** PR, CD: More Than a Punch: Building a Self-Defense Program at Oncology Camp, Tyler Olsen, CST	PR, SD: A Journey in STEAM: science education at camp is FUN!, Ryan Shupe	MD, PR, SD, CD: Developmental Understanding of Grief and Therapeutic Activities: A Basic Overview, Holly Senn, CCLS	PR, SD, OP: The Social Worker and Camp Director Partnership: Supporting Youth from Access to Belonging, Michelle Fritsch, LCSW, Larry Geiger	SD: Behavioral Health Roundtable: Focus on Staff/Volunteers, Brandon Briery, PhD
3:15-3:30 PM		**BREAK**					
3:30 PM			**(RH)** MD: Trauma-Aware Care of Kids with Cancer, Bharat Sanders, MD	SD, OP: Everything I Need to Know I Learned from Ted Lasso and Leslie Knope, Erin Ulmer	OP: Changing Weather, Changing Camp: How Camps Can Prepare for the Summers Ahead, Dave Malter	**(RH)** FD, OP: Swift Marketing, Taylor-Made: A Letter-Writing Campaign for Camp Awareness, Jenna Berneck, Lexi Bickford, COCA Camp Representatives	PR, OP: Camp Media Meetup: Bring an Idea, Take an Idea, Anthony Cona
4:30-4:45 PM		**BREAK**					
4:45 PM		**Banquet setup will begin at 4:30pm, leave this room open!**					**Hospitality Suite open for networking until Saturday Night banquet**
5:00 PM		Silent Auction & Dinner Set Up (Regency D & E Ballroom)					
6:30- 9:30 PM		Silent Auction, Bead Game, Cash Bars (Regency D & E Ballroom)					
7:00-9:30 PM		Dinner & Best of COCA Awards Banquet (Regency D & E Ballroom)					