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Dear Parents,

Greetings from Camp Sonshine at Manatawny! This exceptional program was created to provide a wholesome, enjoyable camp experience in a loving Christian environment for children with special needs. Our dedicated teen and adult volunteers provide one-to-one assistance throughout the adapted program, with careful attention given to the individual needs of each camper. The primary goal is to have lots of camp fun!

It is hard to believe that our initial one-day program happened five years ago. It has been such a blessing to the Camp and all of the volunteers to offer this program for your special "angels" – to watch them grow in confidence from year to year while they enjoy all that camp has to offer. One camper was afraid of the horse his first year, but when he returned the next year he couldn't wait to get on the horse. Another camper got ready to get in the pool her first year, but couldn't quite get in. The next year there was no hesitation. Another camper tossed and turned during his first overnight experience, but he was so proud of himself for "sleeping with the big boys."

As we celebrate our 5th anniversary we are more excited than ever to experience the blessings to come! Our program is **May 30th – May 31st**, which is the weekend after Memorial Day. Our theme, "***So Many Reasons to Smile,***" captures the joy and celebration that is infused in all aspects of the program.

Enclosed is the 2009 application packet, which includes an opportunity for some camper input. Returning camper applications will be processed first, so **please** respond as soon as possible. The following details should help you plan. (More details will be sent after applications are received.)

- Registration/ get-acquainted time will begin at 11 AM on Saturday.
- We have been offering the overnight experience as an option, but we want to encourage all of you to consider allowing your children to stay overnight with the counselors. It allows for even more bonding to occur and a wonderful sense of accomplishment. More to celebrate! As always, we are willing to work with you to arrange the best situation for your child.
- Our closing program, Sunday from 1-1:30 PM, is a special time of recognition for the campers. We would love to celebrate with everyone present!

If you have any questions, please call me at 610-689-0173 or my cell. We thank you again for the privilege of serving you and your children.

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