

## Camp Korey Names Nichol Ellis as Camp Director



**Mount Vernon, WA – December 16, 2020** – Camp Korey, a year-round organization founded by Tim Rose, in honor of his late-son, Korey Rose, to provide camp programming onsite and in the hospital setting to children with life-altering medical conditions names Nichol Ellis as its Camp Director. Nichol has been a passionate member of the camp community for more than two decades.

Since joining the staff almost two years ago, Nichol has been an integral part of the Camp Korey program team, working beside Medical Director Dr. Shannon Staples and Medical Advisory Board Lead and Camp Korey Board Member Dr. Kim Stone to strengthen camper development, safe programming, and intentional adaptive opportunities for growth. In her past role as Camp’s Assistant Camp Director, Nichol also led efforts to enhance and transform Camp’s programming and activities.

“I am honored and privileged to congratulate Nichol as our Camp Director. Nichol brings such an enthusiasm and creative optic to Camp. Her leadership and vision will elevate camp programming and support medical’s objective of fulfilling whole child development. We are delighted to welcome Nichol and excited for our campers,” said Dr. Shannon Staples.

Nichol understands the incredible value of volunteering and continues to volunteer with the Burned Children’s Recovery Foundation as the Assistant Camp Director of their annual summer camp, Camp Phoenix. Prior to her arrival at Camp Korey, Nichol came to us with years of camp program experience through a variety of youth organizations and camps nationwide. She most recently worked with at-risk youth at Cascades Job Corps, and you may have encountered her through high fives and hugs from her favorite lovable Bellinghamster “Dinger” while catching a Bellingham Bells baseball game. Nichol attended college at William Jessup University where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in both Education and Youth Development.

“I thrive in helping all humans become the best version of themselves, wherever they are at that point in time. I love participating in transformative experiences where people are given the opportunity to grow and embrace their own individuality and explore who they want to become. I have truly found this at Camp Korey. Our campers experience life with a wide variety medical impacts, and to learn alongside them has been as life changing for me as I hope it is for them. At camp, kids are allowed to just be kids, and the value of play, with a sprinkle of laughter, is sometimes the best medicine! I can’t wait to see what the future holds for all of us!” shares Nichol.

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**Camp Korey** is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that provides year-round programming and transformational experiences for children living with life-altering medical in a fun, safe camp environment with specialized medical support. Located in Mount Vernon, Washington, Camp Korey serves youth (ages 7-18) and their and families with over 35 medical conditions, always 100% free of charge through the generosity of community support. Camp Korey is a member of the Serious Fun Children’s Network, founded by Paul Newman.