



*Where Children with Serious Illnesses Discover the Healing Power of Laughter*

## Camp Soaring Eagle and Sedona Businesses Provide Unforgettable Experience for Ill Children

*Sedona, Ariz (November 2008)* – Thanks to the support of many area businesses five children with serious illnesses and their parent or guardian were given the opportunity to forget about their sickness for a day and create memories of a lifetime in Sedona. On Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, Camp Soaring Eagle welcomed Brianna McGregor from Glendale, Karlie O’Hearn from Phoenix, Eric Feldt from Phoenix, Connor Kriegel from Sedona and Cristofer Zeno from Sedona. Although each of these children has been saddled with a form of juvenile illness, they were able to share their experiences with each other and forget about their illness for a day while they enjoyed a fabulous time in Sedona.



“I was truly overwhelmed by the love and care shown to my son, “ said Ivonne Melendez, mother of Cristofer age 7. “As a single mother, it was heart-warming to know there are people out there who truly care about the welfare of my son. I loved the support I received by spending a day with other families who are in the same situation.”



The guests were welcomed to Sedona with an intimate picnic lunch along the creek with Camp Soaring Eagle Founder, Max James and Camp Soaring Eagle spokeswoman, Jane Seymour. The lunch was generously donated by Los Abridados Resort and Spa who made sure that everyone’s specific dietary needs were met. Following lunch the guests were brought to El Prado Gallery where they were given a private watercolor painting lesson with Jane Seymour. The paintings came out great and each child was given a Jane Seymour Watercolor Painting Kit to take home with them. Following the painting lesson, Red Rock Western Jeep Tours pulled up and treated everyone to the Canyons and Cowboys Jeep tour, complete with toy jeeps for everyone. To finish off the day everyone played miniature golf and lawn chess at Los Abridados Resort and the guests from Phoenix were provided gas cards from the Village Chevron for their return home.

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Camp Soaring Eagle aspires to be a member of the [Association of Hole in the Wall Camps](#). We are following a set of guidelines that we hope will lead to provisional membership and then full membership upon the opening of our camp. These requirements are designed to assure that each member camp provides the highest level of safety and programming for the children. They are also designed to assure that each member camp has sound financial support. At this time the Association of Hole in the Wall Camps is assisting Camp Soaring Eagle to meet the necessary requirements. Being a part of such a well-established and acclaimed network of camps will provide Camp Soaring Eagle with the experience, knowledge and support to operate at the highest level of excellence.