

Hi! It's so nice to meet you. My name is **RYAN.**



Ryan wishes that other people understood that he is no different than anybody else. He's more than his illness and having brain tumors. Ryan loves computers and gaming. He's a supportive friend and he sees the best in everyone.

Initially, Ryan did not want to go to camp at first but his mom made him. He was so glad that she did.

Roundup River Ranch was a life-changing experience for Ryan. He conquered his fear of heights on the climbing wall and gained a new self-confidence. Camp got him out of his safe place and into the "real world" both years. He discovered a love of archery and he had fun. Ryan loved Candle Chat because Ryan learned that he was not alone – there were other guys who felt just like him, with similar fears and insecurities of not being accepted because of their illnesses. These were the friends who encouraged him to try new things and who understood him in a way that his friends from home did not.

Ryan's favorite memory from camp was seeing the stars for the first, and so far, the only, time in his life. Due to his visual impairment, Ryan has never been able to see the stars in the sky. One very special night at Roundup River Ranch, Ryan conquered the challenge course in the dark, using glow sticks to guide him. On that special night Ryan saw the stars for the first time, and it's an experience that he will never forget.

While Ryan has aged out of camp, his life is still influenced by Roundup River Ranch.

Ryan learned that he could succeed at more things than he thought, and every day, he's proving to himself and others how much he can do.

