

was very fortunate to have attended Roundup River Ranch. While I have aged out of camp and I am counting down

the days until I can return as a volunteer

or counselor, I will always love Roundup River Ranch. There is really no place like it on Earth!

Roundup River Ranch helped me become more aware of what life has to offer outside of the hospital. Since I grew up with medical issues, I view life from a very different perspective than other children who haven't. **Camp afforded me a sense that there is so much more in the world, far beyond a hospital or a doctor's office walls.**

I could go on and on about why I love Roundup River Ranch. It is where other kids with serious illnesses and I can be just like any other kids. Roundup River Ranch is where you can ride a horse, ascend a climbing wall, go fishing, navigate a boat, sit by a campfire, create masterpieces in the Art Yurt, and so many other things — all while making life-long friends.

For many years, we have had a witticism in our family: "When I am sick, my parents are very capable of taking me to the doctor and/or the hospital and then letting the experts take over." We gratefully extended this witticism to: "When it is time for me to go to Roundup River Ranch, my parents are also very capable of driving me to camp and then letting the experts take over."

