

It's time for the **3rd Annual Intermountain Burn Centers Mud Volleyball Tournament**. This tournament is a fundraiser for The Intermountain Burn Centers Burn Camp. Which is a burn camp for young burn survivors. This is a unique opportunity to assist people who have gone through significant tragedy in their lives. The tragedy comes in the form of pain, disfiguration and humility as a burn victim. The assistance is the Annual Intermountain Burn Center's Burn Camp that helps each of these victims individually and collectively to cope with the trials that they go through daily.

Because of my own experience with 3rd and 4th degree full thickness burns as a result of a helicopter crash while in the military, I know how important burn centers and rehabilitation can be. I spent 3 months in a burn center in Texas. While there, I saw many people of all ages come to the burn center; children were the most heart rendering.

This is now the 3rd year my colleagues and I are raising money through this fun Family Event. It is our hope to send as many kids as possible to the burn camp to experience the fun and exciting things other children do at camp without feeling self-conscious about their scars. There, they will also see that they are not the only ones who have experienced such a devastating life tragedy and will meet friends who understand how they feel.

There are two burn camps that are held each year. Camp NAH-NAH-MAH, a camp for young burn survivors ages 6-12 which is funded by The Professional Firefighters of Utah. The river rafting trip for adolescents ages 13-17. The number of campers that are able to attend the rafting trips camp is based on how much money is available. The cost per camper is approximately \$500. Over \$40,000 dollars needs to be raised each year in order to send the burn survivors to camp. Burn Camp is an awesome opportunity for burn victims to meet and share their experiences with others of similar circumstances, develop self-esteem and achievement. Due to the overwhelming emotional and financial stress on the victims and their families, it is very important to receive financial support to help sponsor the burn camp so as many survivors as possible can attend.

Burn Camp does not receive any funding from the University of Utah. It is only through the generosity of people and companies, like yours, that make these camps a success. All Proceeds will go to the Intermountain Burn Center and Burn Camp.

Over the last two years the tournament has doubled in size, there were more teams and more community interest and more money raised. Draper City was able to provide us with the support that we needed to make this event successful. This year with their help we will make this a bigger event by changing venues and providing community safety and health programs (ie bike, helmet and burn safety).

This is only the beginning of a great new annual event for years to come. I hope that you will be able to support this great effort to help the Intermountain Burn Centers Burn Camp at the University of Utah.

Please feel free to log on to this web site: <http://uuhsc.utah.edu/burncamp> and see some of the photos of the last Burn Camp for Kids. Other information is on our website www.burncampvolleyball.com

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, August 6, 2005 and come out and attend this great event.

Thank you for you time and consideration.

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