Ideas for the Event themes:

- Holiday theme: “If we took a holiday…some time to celebrate”
- Celebrate Hope
- Cirque du Relay
- Relay Around the Clock
- Marga-Relayville
- HOTTT: Helping Others Through Tough Times
- Kicking Cancer to the Curb

Creative Ideas for Tent City:

- **Olympics**: Carry the torch for the first lap. Wear togas. Paint hula hoops to form the 5 rings.
- **Racing for a cure**: Car Racing theme. Build a track around your campsite
- **Fishing for a cure**: Have a boat. Have fishing rods, fish etc hanging from your tent
- **Gilligan’s Island**: Palm tree decorations. Don’t be a lost at C (cancer)
- **Woodstock**: Peace Signs, Braided hair, tie-dyed shirts
- **Scrubbing out a Cure for Cancer**: Hang a clothes line with clothes on it. Have washboards and buckets
- **Take a bite out of cancer**: Decorate tents with big mouths
- **Western theme**: Dress up like cowboys
- **Noahs Ark Theme**: Have animals paired up. Make tent look like an ark
- **Farm theme**: Hay bales, mini tractor, pretend animals
- **Raising Money For Cancer**: Money trees with fake money. Good idea for a financial institution
- **Christmas Theme**: Dress up like elves. Decorate tent like a Christmas Tree. Hang Stockings
- **Realtors**: Build a house around your tent. Bring in a real door, landscaping
- **Living Dolls**: Make your tent into a doll house
- **Cancer Crushers**: Have big feet everywhere with crushed cans
- **Rocking to the oldies**: Decorate like Al’s diner from Happy Days. Team members dress up like the 50’s
- **Aloha Theme**: Palm trees, swimming pool.
- **Hunting for a Cure**: Decorate the tent in camouflage. Team members wear fatigues.
- **Lettuce Make a Difference**: Dress Up as carrots, broccoli, tomatoes, or celery, and mix it up as a salad!
- **Luau For Life**
- **The Wild Walkers**
- **Reeling for the Cure**
- **Beach Bums**
- **ICEolate Cancer**
• **Put a Chill on Cancer**: Transform your tent into an igloo and bring lots of healthy frozen treats for everyone to share
• **Foreign Country**: Dress in the traditional costumes of the country of your choice, and serve the appropriate national cuisine. Decorate your tents as the Eiffel Tower or the Coliseum
• **Favorite Movie**: Recreate characters, sets, and your favorite scenes. Bring the movie soundtrack along to add to the mood.
• **Cancer Crusaders**
• **Lifesavers**
• **Cancer Cowboys**: Rustling Up a Cure
• **M & M’s**: Mad and Mashing out Cancer
• **Golfer’s**: Teed off at Cancer
• **Carnival For A Cure**: Have all your teams have a carnival/Circus theme!
• **Cruisin’ For a Cure**: Have a car theme for your event. Teams could use any of the car related themes below under the ideas for team themes, such as “little red corvette”, “Car Wash for a Cure”, and “Car Bashers For a Cure”
• **Happily Ever After**: Use fairytale themes and make your event slogan “Making the Fairytale of a Cure come true”
• **Night at the Movies**: Use the list of movie themes below
  o King Kong
  o Star Wars
  o Lord of the Rings
  o Harry Potter
  o Ect.
• **Take Me out to the Ballgame**: Each team could dress up as a Major League Baseball team.
• **Sitcoms / Comedy For A Cure** – Have an event themed around Comedy… get standup comedians (or even one that has had cancer), have improv all night and vote for the best improv standup comedian at your event… Have Funny Themed Laps… Show Comedy movies all night on a TV. Have another for Children’s movies, showing Disney movies (Funny ones). Have every campsite have a comedy theme
• **Pick a state theme and do everything around that – here are some examples**:
  • **Alabama** – Alabama’s current state theme is unforgettable (like the Ray Charles song)... Play the song, and have pictures up of survivors that your team knows, and people who have lost the fight – and how they are unforgettable!
  • **Alaska** – Have your theme be the “great outdoors” – have a dog (if they are allowed) pulling a pretend sled, have cut out mountains, fake cross country skiing, fake snow, and more!
  • **Arizona** – Have lots of pictures of Arizona, (like the cliffs and so on), have a stretch of desert, etc… The Grand Canyon is there, too – that could be part of your theme!
  • **California** – Build your theme around San Francisco (Cable cars, the Golden Gate Bridge) or Hollywood (movie stuff), etc.
- **Colorado** – Play “Rocky Mountain High” – have a “backdrop” of the Rockies, and so on!!!!
- **Delaware** – “The First State” – Do a theme around lots of “firsts”!!!!! The first state… The first person to sign the Constitution, the first flight (The Wright brothers)…
- **Florida** – could be Sunshine or Jimmy Buffett
- **Georgia** – Georgia Peach! – Have all sorts of food made from peaches as fundraisers!!!! Dress your team in peach outfits (t-shirts with big peaches on them or something), have the peach color be your site color, and so on!!!!
- **Hawaii** - "Hula for a cure"
- **Idaho** – Have Potatoes be your theme – have food with potatoes and offer them for a donation as a fundraiser…!!!! Have your whole team dress up as spuds.
- **Kansas** – Do a Wizard of Oz theme!!! Have a Dorothy on your team, a Toto, and so on!
- **Kentucky** - “we are a big horse state..like Kentucky Derby stuff. We always call that "The Run for the Roses" so maybe you can do something with that and maybe get garlands of roses to use for your campsite and all your walkers wear them around their neck..you can the artificial ones at wal-mart or something really cheap…”
- **Louisiana** – Build your team theme around the Mardi Gras! And New Orleans – Pass out beads on the track each lap, and so on!
- **Maryland** – Here are some themes: “I’m Feeling Crabby”, “Crabbing for A Cure” (have a boat, catch "fake" crabs), “Fishing For A Cure”, “Baltimore Orioles for A Cure” (order Orioles T-shirts, etc, baseball hats, etc.).
- **Massachusetts** – Have a Boston Tea Party theme!!! Hold high tea at the event as a fundraiser, have a fake boat.. etc.
- **Michigan** – could be Go Blue! (University Of Michigan)
- **Mississippi** – Have your theme be the “Great Mississippi”!!! Have things around the river, river boats, Huck Finn, and more!!!
- **Nevada** –have a Las Vegas theme!
- **New Mexico** – Have a “Santa Fe’ Theme
- **New York** – Have your team theme be “New York, New York” with Frank Sinatra music and the whole 9 yards!!!!
- **New Jersey** – Have an Atlantic City theme…
- **Ohio** – Show your team spirit and build a Ohio State University Theme!!!! - OSU, Columbus, Ohio
- **Oklahoma** – Do your theme around the play “Oklahoma!”
- **Texas** – Make your theme around the Alamo and San Antonio! Have someone dress up like Davey Crockett!!!
- **Washington** – Do your theme around Washington apples…
- **Wisconsin** – Do your theme around Cheese and Cheeseheads (maybe the Green Bay Packers and cheeseheads?)
- **Moo-ving For A Cure** – Have a cow on a banner, dress as cows, whatever fun cow related themes you can think of!!!! Then Moo-ve cancer out!
• **Cartooning For A Cure** – THIS WORKS FOR THE WHOLE RELAY EVENT!!!!!!! – One relay event had Cartoons as the THEME FOR THE WHOLE EVENT, and every campsite had a cartoon theme!!!! Talk about neat! One site had a Dora Theme, another had Scooby Doo, another had Bugs Bunny and Daffy Duck… You could have a Scooby Doo Theme for your campsite, or a Bugs Bunny Road Runner show theme…

• **“Cartooning For A Cure” or “Toon Out Cancer”** – Have each of your team members dress as a cartoon character to form your team… Decorate your tent like a cartoon house – maybe crazy colors, or something