Campsite/Team Theme Ideas

Here are some campsite themes from around the country!

While campsite themes are highly encouraged and a fun part of the Relay For Life experience, participation is optional. All decorations must be safe and need to fit within the team’s allotted campsite area. In addition, they must be set up and removed by the team. Please do not leave behind any items that have been brought in to decorate the team campsite.

* Angels: Decorate your tent with cotton clouds and silver paper, and have all team members wear white.
* Beach: Beach bums; Gilligan’s Island; palm tree decoration; Hawaiian atmosphere with grass skirts, leis, and music; "Waikiki Walkers"/“Luau For Life”/“Marga-Relayville”/“Lifesavers”
* Boxing: “Fighting For a Cure”/“Kick Cancer to the Curb”; have a local high school wrestling team set up a boxing ring.
* Cancer Crushers: Have big feet or piles of crushed cans all around your campsite.
* Car: “Cruisin’ For a Cure”/“Little Red Corvette”/“Car Wash For a Cure”/“Car Bashers For a Cure”/“Racing For a Cure”
* Carnival: “Carnival For a Cure”; circus theme, clowns, etc.
* Cartoons: “Cartooning For a Cure”/“Toon Out Cancer”; team members dress as cartoon characters; decorate tents like a cartoon house; use cartoon themes like Jetsons, Flinstones, Disney characters, etc.
* Clock: “Relay Around the Clock”
* Farm: “Moo-ving For a Cure”/“Moo-ve Cancer Out”; Hay bales, inflatable cows, cow mascot, etc.
* Fishing: “Fishing For a Cure”/“Reeling For a Cure”
* Food: “Hot Eats and Cool Treats”/“Cooking up a Cure for Cancer”/“Put a Chill on Cancer”
* Generations: Hippies, The ‘50s, Roaring ‘20s, The ‘80s, etc.
* Girl Scout/Boy Scout: Scouts make their badges really big and put them on their tents.
* Happily Ever After: “Making the fairytale of a cure come true”; team members dress up as favorite fairy tale characters.
* Highway Department: Signs that read "Cancer Cure Ahead” or “Yield to a Cure”; participants wear reflective vests, hardhats, etc.
* Holidays: Halloween, New Year’s, etc.
* Hunting: “Hunting For a Cure”; decorate the tent in camouflage and have team members wear fatigues.
* Jail and Bail: Cops and Robbers
* Kiss Cancer Goodbye: Dress like Hershey’s kisses; don foil and kiss streamers on tops of tents.
* Lettuce Make a Difference: Dress up as salad vegetables, carrots, tomatoes, broccoli, etc.
* Living Dolls: Make tents into doll houses; decorate with dolls.
* Mexican Fiesta Theme: “Spice up the Fight”
* Movies: “Night at the Movies”; provide a list of movie themes; Grease theme; Academy Awards; Recreate characters, sets, scenes; play movie soundtrack to add to the mood, etc.
* “No sleeping 'til we find a cure”: Decorate campsite like a bedroom and all team members wear their pajamas and slippers.
* Noah's Ark: Stuffed animals (2 of each), boat, etc.
* Olympics: Carry the torch for the team's first lap; wear togas; have rings to make the five circles, etc.
* Patriotic: Uncle Sam; Statue of Liberty; Presidents; red, white, and blue decorations; etc.
* Pink Lady: Breast cancer survivors, pink ribbons, pink flamingo, pink outfits, etc.
* “Put a Chill on Cancer”: Transform tent into an igloo; bring healthy frozen treats for everyone to share.
* “Raisin' Money for Cancer”: Good theme for banks; money trees with fake money; dress as California raisins.
* Realtors: Build a house around the tents, complete with a fake door.
* “Relay Around the World”: Dress in the traditional costumes of the country of your choice; serve appropriate national cuisine; decorate tents accordingly.
* Running: Set up stick figures around campsite with running T-shirts, old Relay T-shirts, old sneakers; lay down black garbage bag to represent track.
* “Scrubbing Out a Cure for Cancer”: Hang a clothesline and old metal wash buckets.
* Sitcoms: “Comedy For a Cure”
* Space: aliens
* Spies/Detectives: Columbo, Holmes, 007, etc.
* Sports: “Take me out to the Ballgame”/“Teed Off at Cancer”; each team dresses up as their favorite sports team.
* Survivor: Dedicate campsite to a survivor with their picture and favorite things as the theme.
* Super Heroes: Team members dress up as their favorite super heroes; decorate campsite with comic book panels like “Punch out cancer!” and “Pow!”
* “Take a Bite Out of Cancer”: Decorate tents with big mouths.
* Victory Garden: Design an English cottage garden; use flower stakes with cancer statistics and inspirational sayings throughout.
* Vikings: Dress with blond braids, horned hat, breastplates, etc.
* Wellness Chuck Wagon: Big wagon filled with food and healthy eating pamphlets.
* Western: Boots, hats, saddles, country music, etc.
* Winter Wonderland: Decorate tent with cotton for fake snow, holiday lights, and serve hot chocolate.
* Wizard of Oz: “Follow the Yellow Brick Road to Battle Cancer”; use construction paper to create a yellow brick road, and include stuffed animals to represent the Wizard of Oz characters, or have team members dress up.
* Woodstock: Peace signs, braided hair, tie dyed shirts, 60's music, etc.
* Wedding: Team members dress up as a wedding party.