## The American Cancer Society's RELAY FOR LIFE of Northeast CT

## **CAMPSITE/TEAM THEME IDEAS**

Here are campsite themes from around the country!



**Please note:** While campsite themes are highly encouraged and a fun part of the Relay For Life experience, participating is optional. All decorations must be safe and need to fit within your allotted campsite area. In addition, they must be set up and removed by your team. Please do not leave behind any items that you have brought in to decorate your site. We must leave the field as we found it – spotless!

Aloha theme - Hawaiian atmosphere with grass skirts, leis and music. "Waikiki Walkers"

**Cancer Crushers** - Have big feet everywhere or piles of crushed cans

Carnival For A Cure: Have all your teams have a carnival/Circus 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

Christmas theme - Decorate your tents like Christmas trees. Team members wear a stocking cap.

**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"

Cultural theme - French food and Perrier water, Eiffel Tower, French berets

**Farm Theme** - Hay bales, inflatable cows, cow mascot (this is easy in Woodstock!)

**Favorite Movie:** Recreate characters, sets, and your favorite scenes. Bring the movie soundtrack along to add to the mood.

**Fighting for a Cure-** local high school wrestling team sets up a boxing ring

Fishing for a Cure - Boat, fishing rods, fish hanging from the tents, fake oyster shell

**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

Gilligan's Island - Palm tree decorations

Girl Scout/Boy Scout Pride - Scouts make their badges really big and put them on their tents.

Golfer's: Teed off at Cancer

**Happily Ever After:** Use fairytale themes and make your event slogan "Making the Fairytale of a Cure come true"

**Heavenly Angels**- decorated with cotton clouds, silver paper, and all team members worewhite.

**Highway Dept theme** - signs that read "Cancer Cure Ahead or Yield to a Cure," etc. Participants wear reflective vests, hardhats, etc.

Hot Eats & Cool Treats, Cooking up a Cure for Cancer, Put a Chill on Cancer – (Local ice cream stand to sponsor...)

**HOTTT**: Helping Others Through Tough Times

**Hunting for a Cure:** Decorate the tent in camouflage. Team members wear fatigues.

## **RELAY FOR LIFE CAMPSITE/TEAM THEMES - Continued**

"**Kiss Cancer Goodbye"** - Dress like Hershey's kisses, with hats of tin foil and on-site fundraising theme \$ for a kiss (give a chocolate kiss.) Tin foil and Kiss streamers off the top of the tents.

Lettuce Make a Difference - Dress up as salad vegetables, carrots, tomatoes, broccoli, etc.

Living Dolls - make tents into doll houses, decorate with Barbie & Ken dolls.

M & M's: Mad and Mashing out Cancer

MASH - Hospital gowns, Klinger look-a-like contest

Mexican Fiesta Theme - "Spice up the Fight"

**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!

Night at the Movies: Use the list of movie themes below

**No sleeping 'til we find a cure-** decorate campsite like a bedroom and all team members wear their p.j.'s and slippers.

Noah's Ark Theme - stuffed animals (2 of each), boat, etc.

**Olympics** - Carry the torch for the Team's first lap. Wear togas, have rings to make the 5 circles

Pink Lady Theme - Breast cancer survivors, pink ribbons, pink flamingo, pink outfits etc...

**Put a Chill on Cancer:** Transform your tent into an igloo and bring lots of healthy frozen treats for everyone to share

Racing for a Cure - Car racing theme. Pace car, with a track around the site

**Raisin' money for Cancer** – This is a 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

**Running club theme** - Set up stick figures around your campsite with running t-shirts, old Relay t-shirts, and old sneakers. Lay down black garbage bag to represent the track.

Scrubbing out a Cure for Cancer - Hang a clothesline and old metal wash buckets.

**Survivor Theme** – Dedicate your site to a survivor, with their picture and favorite things as your logo.

**Take Me out to the Ballgame:** Each team could dress up as a Major League Baseball team.

**Take a Bite Out of Cancer** - Decorate your tents with big mouths (or use Suzie Racine as your mascot!)

The 50's - Hoola hoops, bobby socks, saddle shoes, jeans, leather jackets (Fifties outfits)

**Victory Garden** - Design an English cottage garden. Use flower stakes with cancer statistics and inspirational sayings throughout.

**Viking Ship theme** – Dress with blond braids, horned hat, breastplates. Finally a chance to be a Viking king or queen!

Wellness Chuck Wagon - Big wagon filled with food and healthy eating pamphlets

Western Cowboy themes - Boots, Hats, Saddles, Country music

**Wizard of Oz theme** - Follow the Yellow Brick Road to battle Cancer, yellow brick road, stuffed dog, Lion, Tin man, Dorothy and friends

Woodstock Theme - Peace signs, braided their hair, tie dyed their shirts, played some 60's music.

## Additional theme ideas:

101 Dalmatians Jetson's/other cartoon themes

Aliens / Space Jungle Theme

Angels Jurrasic Park

Beach Theme/Beach Bums

Kicking Cancer to the Curb

Beatles/ Rock Groups Luau For Life

Carnival Margaritaville

Winter Wonderland Marga-Relayville

Clowns Mighty Ducks

Cops/ Robbers Moms on the Move

Disney Theme/ Characters Movie theme/ Academy Awards

Flintstones Patriotic - Uncle Sam/ Statue of Liberty/ Presidents

Foreign Country Theme Punk Rockers

Grease Theme Reeling For a Cure

Greek Theme Sitcoms / Comedy For A Cure

Haunted House Smokey the Bear

Hawaiian Spies/Detectives (Columbo, Holmes, 007, etc..)

Hippies/That 70's Show Sports/Hockey

Relay Around the Clock Star Trek

The Wild Walkers Storybook Characters

Lifesavers Super Heroes (Xmen, Spiderman, Underdog)

Jail & Bail Theme/ Ball & Chain Wedding theme