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Camp Asthmania to provide outdoor, asthma-friendly activities for children

(Anderson, S.C. – July 6, 2016) –Camp Asthmania will provide a traditional summertime experience for a group of kids who usually stay home when their friends head off to camp.

AnMed Health designed Camp Asthmania to provide the fun and excitement that summer camps traditionally provide. However, the camp combines these elements with a safe and educational environment; camp counselors help children recognize and then control their asthma symptoms as they arise.

Asthma is one of the most common chronic disorders in children and currently affects an estimated 7.1 million children under the age of 18. Pollen, mold spores and certain extreme climate conditions can set off asthma symptoms in sensitive children. Each individual child reacts differently to the factors that trigger asthma, so Camp Asthmania workers provide personal, individualized attention to each attendee.

Now in its 17th year, Camp Asthmania will be held July 12 -15 at North Pointe Elementary School. Children ages 6 to 12 are invited to participate in educational games, kayaking, canoeing, rope courses and even archery. Day trips to the zoo or bowling alleys may also be included. In inclement weather, camp activities will still take place at North Pointe.

Camp Asthmania will be sponsored by the AnMed Health Foundation, Coca-Cola, Anderson School District 5, North Pointe Elementary and the Anderson Area YMCA.

About AnMed Health

AnMed Health is a five-hospital, 695-bed not-for-profit health system serving the South Carolina Upstate and northeast Georgia. The AnMed Health System includes 50 practices and more than 400 physicians. The system is anchored by AnMed Health Medical Center, a 461-bed acute care hospital that carries the prestigious Magnet[®] hospital designation. Facilities include AnMed Health Women's and Children's Hospital, AnMed Health Rehabilitation Hospital, Cannon Memorial Hospital in Pickens, and Elbert Memorial Hospital in Elberton, Ga. A charter member of the Levine Cancer Institute, AnMed Health also has an affiliation with Carolinas HealthCare System in Charlotte, N.C.

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