

Come Out And Camp Under The Stars On Feb. 19

Ever wish you were camping instead of dancing at a gala?

Combine both at Camp W.A.M.P.'s "Camping Under the Stars" event Saturday, Feb. 19 at the Coronado Island Marriott.

The fundraiser will provide camperships for 100 handicapped campers - 30 at Camp W.A.M.P. in the High Sierras and 70 at other camps.

Camp W.A.M.P. stands for Wheelchair Accessible Mountain Programs. The 80-acre camp is at a 6,700-foot elevation and has a lake and facilities, but no dorms. Campers sleep on mattresses outdoors, although a cabin is available if it rains. Camp W.A.M.P. is the dream come true of Coronado resident Steve Wampler, the camp's executive director.

"Camping Under the Stars," will be held under a tent at the Marriott and guests are asked to wear "camp casual" clothing, Wampler said.

There will be chicken or fish dinners, followed by s'mores for dessert. Entertainment includes a camping sing-a-long. Live and silent auctions

will be held, and a winning raffle ticket will be selected for a 6-night 7-day stay at Bora Bora Lagoon Resort. Airfare for two, and all meals are covered. Raffle tickets are \$10 each, or six for \$50. The resort is not near the tsunami-struck areas.

Invitations have been sent to Coronado residents, although Wampler says they accidentally say "Friday" instead of "Saturday." Feb. 19.

Tickets are \$100 per person, and the event is limited to 300 participants.



A committee of Coronado residents is coordinating the "Camping Under the Stars" fundraiser for Camp W.A.M.P. From left are Elizabeth Wampler, Paige Shuman, Meridith Metzger, Sheryl Matney, Cindy Truscott, Steve Wampler and JJ Hogan. Committee members Tari Williams, Marlys Simmons, and Francine Howard are not pictured.

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