Join the Children’s Cardiomyopathy Foundation (CCF) and the American Camp Association (ACA) on a summer-long scavenger hunt to locate automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in camps across the nation. Campers and staff are encouraged to join this national initiative to emphasize the importance of using an AED during a cardiac emergency.

**Participate in the AED Scavenger Hunt**

The CCF Camp AED Scavenger Hunt is fun and easy! Find an AED at your camp and take a selfie with the AED. Then post the photo with the hashtag #mycampAED, along with the camp name and AED location, on social media outlets (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter).

**AEDs Can Save Lives**

The CCF Camp AED Scavenger Hunt highlights the importance of emergency preparedness and early defibrillation in an adverse cardiac event. Quick action and knowing the location of the nearest AED is key to survival when seconds count.

**Facts to Know**

- Approximately 7,000 children, age 18 or younger, experience a cardiac arrest every year.*
- Cardiomyopathy is a leading cause of sudden cardiac arrest in children, especially among young athletes.*
- Two-thirds of sudden cardiac arrest deaths occur without warning or prior indications of heart disease.**
- Immediate CPR and early defibrillation with an AED can double a victim’s chance of survival.*

CCF continues to work with Members of Congress and federal agencies to increase awareness of the symptoms, risk factors, and family health history component of cardiomyopathy, as well as the risk of sudden cardiac arrest when cardiomyopathy is not diagnosed. CCF encourages you to reach out to your congressional representative to alert them of this important issue and to ask for their support of research funding and public education programs.

* American Heart Association
** Heart Rhythm Society

Photos from top: St. John’s Soccer Camp, Montclair, NJ; Eisenhower High School Marching Band Camp, Cheboygan, MI; Camp Amnicon, South Range, WI