

I have been coming to camp since approximately 2008. That first year resulted in so many new friendships that I still have to this day. I had never seen a group of people (with disabilities) being treated as absolute equals to those without a disability. I was very new to the world of disabilities. Despite having a disability myself, my mom always isolated me from making other friends that struggled in the way I did. Camp opened my eyes to a new world, and I really wanted to challenge myself, as Horizon says. I ran, and won, for Ms. Wheelchair Illinois, and I was able to lean on the message that Association of Horizon lives by. I was reaching out, educating, and learning more about myself during my reign. I am needing a new accessible bed. I have a medical bed but my service dog does not fit in it with me. Getting a bigger bed would mean needing both an adjustable frame and mattress. Due to problems with my disability I can not sleep on a normal bed. Having something comfortable to sleep on, plus being able to cuddle with my pup would mean the world to me.