

# The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp Timeline



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**September 17, 1986**  
Paul Newman announces plans to build Camp

**December 10, 1986**  
Groundbreaking ceremony held at Camp

**October 5, 1987**  
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia announces \$5 million gift to help build Camp

**June 4, 1988**  
Pearson Pond dedicated in honor of founding medical director Howard A. Pearson, MD



**June 18, 1988**  
Camp opens

**September 14, 1991**  
First Annual Fandango Performance

**December 2, 1989**  
First Holiday Party

**September 1988**  
Life Magazine article "Paul Newman's Dream" appears

**June 1992**  
"I Will Sing Life: Voices from The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp" published

**July 24-26, 1992**  
First COPE parents' weekend

**April 1995**  
First Annual Boston Big Top Bash Circus

**June 16, 1996**  
Olympic torch passes Camp on its way to Atlanta

**October 8, 1996**  
Camp receives LEGO prize for outstanding dedication to children

**December 1, 1998**  
Camp celebrates its Tenth Anniversary

**December 2000**  
Camp serves more than 10,000 children

**September 2002**  
Camp's Hospital Outreach Program begins

**May 27, 2003**  
Discover Card tree house is dedicated

**June 2004**  
Archery program opens

**November 6, 2004**  
Team Hole in the Wall runs first marathon

**May 7, 2005**  
Lulu's Lodge dedicated

**December 2005**  
Camp named one of five Best Charities for Kids by Good Housekeeping Magazine

**September 2007**  
Camp's Hospital Outreach Program grows to ten Outreach Specialists in four states: MA, RI, CT and NY

**November 2007**  
Team Hole in the Wall breaks \$1,000,000 goal in funds raised for the year

**May 2008**  
Stars in the Sky Alumni Society kicks off at 20th anniversary celebration

**July 2008**  
Hero's Journey Program starts at Camp

**September 2009**  
First annual Camp Challenge Ride held

**July 2011**  
Hospital Outreach Program serves 20 hospitals

**September 2012**  
Camp concludes its 25th summer and kicks off a year-long anniversary celebration with Natalie Merchant's "Wonder" music video featuring our campers.

**September 2013**  
Camp's CampOut program begins



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