



Sun Valley Adaptive Sports

We change lives and make people smile!

Testimonials – Children and Adult Programs

“Adaptive Sports has allowed Sammy to participate in programs that would otherwise not have been available. Through his participation, we have discovered talents and natural abilities that would have gone undiscovered in his life. He has learned team participation, an appreciation for his disability and an appreciation and concern for the kids who live with severe disabilities, and knowledge of how to help those kids. He recognizes adaptive sports equipment and is very interested in discovering ways to help the severely disabled to participate in life activities.

Sammy’s life has been enhanced by SVAS in a way that could not have happened in any other program. We love Sun Valley Adaptive Sports!”

– *Shelley Kuder, mother of 9-year-old Sammy Ruddell*

“Sun Valley Adaptive Sports is an asset to our community. They provide a “next step” option for several of our patients suffering temporary or permanent disabilities. I am confident referring people SVAS. I know they will receive professional and appropriate care, and most importantly, have fun doing their chosen activities.”

– *Jill Pardini PT, SCS, Sun Valley Sports Rehabilitation*

“When we arrived in Sun Valley, Idaho, we were so surprised to find an organization like SVAS! Finally our son Spencer would be able participate in summer activities just like his siblings. He had the best time and we felt so reassured knowing that he was in the capable hands of the SVAS staff. It was so special to see these children with special needs be included in a community, to be treated with respect and love. I only dream that something like this could exist in Los Angeles.”

– *Veronica Roth, mother of 8-year-old, Spenser Roth*

“Our 10-year-old son enrolled in the SVAS program last summer and had a fabulous experience. He has multiple disabilities due to a brain tumor and seizures, but SVAS opened a whole new world to him. This staff is patient, kind, and committed. My wife and I are grateful for such a program. It’s been a blessing our child and many others.”

– *Euthym Kontaxis, MD, father of 10-year-old, Nicholas*

“Thank you Cara and the rest of the staff at SVAS, who perform so well at one of the toughest, most demanding, yet rewarding jobs there is. Your love and passion for the success of our children shines through in your work, and is very evident and profound in their lives.”

– *Lori Hansen, mother of 11-year-old, Kianna*

“Lane now has a life! It would be difficult for us as working parents to duplicate the peer experiences, adventure, and sense of belonging that SVAS has allowed him to be a part of. The community has been extremely supportive and we are very grateful.”

– *Jill Corney, mother of 10-year-old, Lane Corney*



“Partnering with Sun Valley Adaptive Sports has been a very positive experience for the participants of YMCA programs, in that, the diversity of cultures, ages, and abilities working and playing together has fostered a sense of appreciation and acceptance among all of the kids.”

– *Jason Fry, Program Director, YMCA*

“SVAS provides an invaluable service to Wood River Valley residents, visitors, and veterans by providing opportunities for the disabled community to share in the great outdoors this area is blessed with. The experiences SVAS provides enhances the quality of life for disabled participants and boosts their confidence to handle everyday challenges. I am pleased to support and volunteer for such a fine organization.”

– *Erik Shultz, paraplegic*

“Kaila is now rock climbing back here in Bellingham. For the first time in her life, she’s not only doing as well as the able-bodied children, but she’s the best in the class!” Your entire staff was wonderful. They were all qualified to understand and handle the medical and emotional needs of Kaila.”

– *Judy Kaiser, parent of Kaila*

“Your organization is simply phenomenal and I will be sure to tell that to as many people as I can.”

– *Erick Larson, Manager, Career Advising and Professional Development, University of Idaho*

“It is SO great for Alex to feel successful . . . I cannot tell you what your after school program (BLAST) means to us. His frustration level at home has improved dramatically. Thank You!”

– *L'Anne Gilman, parent of Alex*

“We would like to thank you for Sarah’s wonderful day camp experience. She absolutely loved camp and we noticed significant improvements in her that we contribute to her camp experience with SVAS.

Sarah is calmer, happier, and her ability to handle frustration has improved. She is significantly less explosive and she’s handling social situations much better. Sarah is more flexible and her strength has increased, especially in her upper body. Her self-esteem has also improved; she is more joyful and there is less tension between her and her sister.

Sarah’s doctor is very pleased with her progress. Because of a caring SVAS staff, the future is much brighter for Sarah. Thank you!

– *Mike and Leslie Feltman, parents of Sarah*

“Sarah is having so much fun! It is so heartwarming to see. She told us this weekend that she wanted to marry her ‘camp.’ That about says it all. Thank you, thank you.”

– *Mike and Leslie Feltman, parents of Sarah*

“Your staff and volunteer directly touched and enhanced the lives of 54 deaf/hard of hearing and blind/visually impaired students. For many, this was their first experience at learning to snowboard or ski. Students not only learned basic skills, they established a positive relationship with their instructors. Many students are already talking about ‘next year.’ We’re appreciative for all you’ve done.”

– *Janet Stout, Principal, Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind*

