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TALES FROM THE POND

LILY'S PAD NEWSLETTER



"LET'S TACO 'BOUT LOVE" VALENTINE FIESTA!



We celebrated Valentine's Day with a fiesta party! Our kiddos got a visit from the characters of Encanto who brought water tattos and balloon animals. We tried our luck with pull string pinatas, painted our own maracas and feasted on mini tacos and burritos.

Of course, the kids went home loaded with candy and other treats, including a valentine stuffy to cuddle. Big thanks to the [Tempe Diablos Charities](#) for their monthly party grant and to this month's sponsor, the [David R. Sellers Foundation](#)!



To see a video clip from our "Let's Taco 'Bout Love" Fiesta, please click [HERE!](#)



FAMILY BAY SPONSORS NEEDED!

Our Range Partee is just around the corner and we could use your help! Thanks to [Smart Marketing](#) and a private donor, several of our families will have the opportunity to attend this event at no cost. We would love to be able to offer this to additional families that have expressed interest.

Immunocompromised children go up and down in their immunity levels. Because this is an all outdoor event, with separated playing areas, families who have children with higher immunity levels, are able to come and take part in the festivities.

If you are interested in sponsoring an additional bay to allow us to open this event up to more families, please click [HERE](#). Family Bay Sponsorship packages are \$200 and will allow additional families to play in a bay, enjoy a catered dinner and be a part of the overall event experience.

OUR FIRST REUNION PARTY!

It's hard to say goodbye to families we have come to love so dearly...so we decided not to!

On January 31st, we hosted our first member reunion party. It was a mix of current and past members, all coming together to enjoy an afternoon of play and to continue to support each other.

There were kids who had rang the bell, signifying the end of their cancer treatments. Some were siblings of children we had lost over the past years. And others were still deep in their medical challenges.

In spite of these differences, we celebrated the joy they had found at Lily's Pad and a sense of community formed from shared journeys. We laughed, we cried, we enjoyed the healing power of play, and we took comfort in being together.

It has been an honor to be part these families' journeys and we hope to continue to see these beautiful faces return year after year for more reunion fun.



1st place winner - \$2,000

2nd place winner - \$1,000

3rd place winner - \$500



Purchase 1 frog for \$5, 5 frogs for \$20
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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 7 Chandler Elks Fish Fry
 March 14 Tempe Elks Charity Ball
 March 28 *Range Partee and Frog Drop
 *Packages still available: www.lilyspadaz.org/golf