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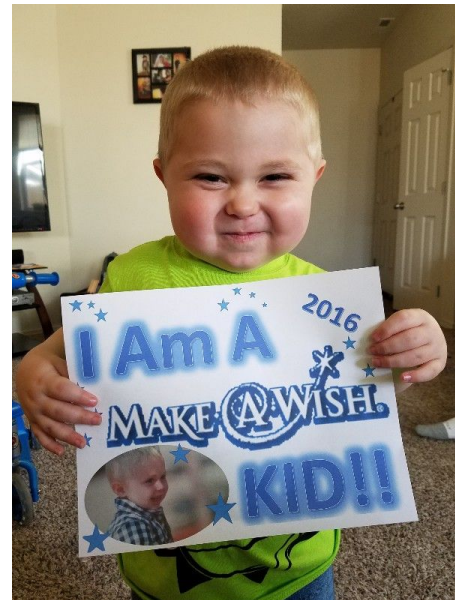
### Make-a-Wish Grants Medford Youngster Trip to Disney World

Gabriel Johnson's send-off party to see Donald and Mickey will be celebrated on July 16th at Union Creek Campground Amphitheatre -- Supporters welcome!

**Trail, OR—JULY 07, 2016**—An avid Donald Duck fan and tent camper, 3-year-old Gabriel “Gabe” Johnson’s team of family, friends, and supporters are celebrating his Make-a-Wish send-off with a potluck party at the Union Creek Amphitheatre on [Saturday, July 16, Noon to 6:00 p.m.](#), before the family travels to Disney World to enjoy time with his favorite Disney characters, Donald Duck and Mickey Mouse.

Young Gabe suffers from Still’s Disease, a severe form of juvenile arthritis that racks his body with continuous pain, and also is challenged by a life-threatening complication called “macrophage activation syndrome” (MAS) that almost killed him at just 19 months old.

“He’s my hero,” says his mother, Rachelle Johnson. “He’s so smart, reads people’s moods very well and so compassionate, especially with his baby brother, Hayden, who suffers from Cerebral Palsy.”



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Gabe’s father, Donald “Don” Johnson, is a former Military Funeral Honors Infantryman and Military Police veteran stationed in Alabama before moving back to Medford with his family. He works tirelessly as a Substance Abuse Counselor for Ontrack in Medford to pay the constant pile of medical bills and to support his wife and four children--Nathan, 10; Caitlin, 8; Gabe, 3; and Hayden, 2.

It was Don's tattoo of Donald Duck that first sparked young Gabe's fascination with the Disney character.

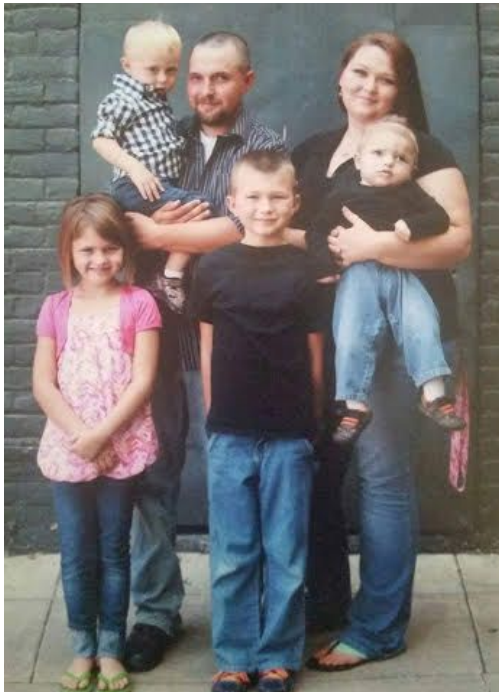
"One of the biggest things I tell people when asked about Gabe or my family's situation is how important it is to never take life for granted, mine or my children's," said Don. "I really try to live each moment to the fullest now."

Not wanting to risk losing time, the Johnsons took their family to Disneyland over Spring Break where Gabe finally "met" Donald Duck. When asked what his favorite part was when meeting Donald Duck, he answered, "Riding him!", referring to being picked up by the Disney character he loves so much. Gabe's meeting with Donald Duck only strengthened Gabe's feelings for his adored Disney character, making his greatest wish to reunite with Donald Duck and Mickey Mouse, a wish granted to him by the [Make-a-Wish Foundation](#).

Gabe copes with pain on a daily basis, his mother relays. He is constantly going to the doctors and recently received 38 cortisone injections throughout his body, so he could gain more pain-free mobility. He gets monthly x-rays and infusions in Portland plus takes six medications daily. She said that he copes by distracting himself with play or, if in too much pain, he will sleep.

Gabe also loves to fish. He has a junior fishing pole and has become proficient at casting, catching his first Rainbow Trout at Union Creek.

"Union Creek is our family's happy place," said Rachelle. "Gabe's love of camping brings out his true nature. He just loves to fish, hike and watch the chipmunks and gets to be a little boy. We come up here as much as possible during the summer."



Rachelle's family has a long history at [Union Creek Campground](#). Her grandfather, Floyd Skinner, helped pave the roads in the Union Creek area about 50 years ago, and thus began a family tradition, including aunts and uncles, of camping there.

Don and Rachelle have more challenges than most couples could imagine. They stay strong by appreciating each day spent with their children as a gift and get much of their inspiration from Gabe's own strength and tolerance. When asked the last time they had some time alone as a couple, the answer was February of 2015 when they were able to get away for a dinner and a movie.

This family can be helped in many ways, and they also want to pay it forward to organizations for whom they are especially grateful by listing them here as

well:

[Gabriel's Go Fund Me page](#)

[Gabe's Facebook page](#)

[Give Kids The World Village](#)

[Gabe's "Sparrow Projects" Bio](#)

### **About Outdoors in Oregon, LLC**

Rogue Recreation Campgrounds, operated by Outdoors in Oregon LLC, is a concessionaire for the High Cascades Ranger District located in the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest operating with a special use permit issued by the USDA Forest Service. They manage eight campgrounds under the jurisdiction of the USDA Forest Service: [Doe Point](#), [Farewell Bend](#), [Fish Lake](#), [Fourbit Ford](#), [North Fork](#), [Union Creek](#), and [Whiskey Springs](#). Our mission is to continually maintain and improve the campgrounds, so guests and visitors can enjoy the beautiful forests and creeks in a clean, friendly, and comfortable venue. Visit Rogue Recreation's website at [roguerec.com](http://roguerec.com) for maps and camping information.

Gabe's Story: [Watch Video](#)



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