



**LISTEN CI CAMP**  
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## *Meet the Galoobs*

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*From their first year as one of camp's founding families to their ongoing service as volunteers, the Galoobs spent more than a decade inspiring and mentoring countless children and parents as they helped shape the heart and spirit that define Listen CI Camp today.*

Reflecting on our experiences at the CI summer camps, we, the Galoob clan, always looked forward to attending CI summer camps for several years for many reasons. Our reasons are: meeting up with old friends and meeting new people from all over the United States, learning new and different things from each other through the courses they offered, participating in a variety of outdoor activities with CI kids along with their parents and interacting with everyone. One of the most important aspects of the camp was witnessing the children with cochlear implants thrive, knowing they could achieve because they saw others with CI doing so. The staff were consistently wonderful working with the children and parents. CI camps have always been exciting, and they remain so for those who continue to attend!

As a role model, being both a deaf wife and mother of three children with varying degrees of hearing loss, I have loved meeting the parents of children with cochlear implants and sharing our experiences with deafness and cochlear implants. We encouraged parents to advocate for their children and to know that their children could become independent. One of our favorite mottos is "I can do it, not can't!" We consistently share that anything is possible!



*Galoob Family, 2006*

Just recently, a service man worked in our yard. I immediately recognized him as someone with a cochlear implant and asked him if he had attended the CI camp. He replied, "Yes!" We realized we had been at the camp together all those years ago. We couldn't believe we would cross paths again. It was heartwarming to see how successful he had become, achieving his goals thanks to the CI camp experience. We are glad and grateful that we have remained friends since those summer camps.

Lastly, we always remember the CI camps as summer approaches. We treasure our wonderful memories of everything from those camps. Whenever we meet new people with children who have CIs, we encourage them to send their children to the CI camp so they can gain experiences and feel like they belong, rather than feeling alone."

*-Barbara Galoob*

Camper 2001-2010 & Volunteer Thereafter