

# Big Ben Cheer Camp



## “In It to Win It” 2008 Big Ben Cheer Camp

Forty-three young campers and fifteen camp leaders gathered at the Children’s Harbor Family Center July 17-18, 2008, for the sixth annual Big Ben Cheer Camp. This camp features cheerleading-related activities for girls with chronic illnesses as well as for girls who have siblings with chronic illnesses. While having a lot of fun, the girls joined in activities to promote values such as a positive self-image, teamwork, determination, and leadership.

The camp was taught by extraordinary volunteers led by Audrey Lampkin, Clinical Director of the Family Center, and her daughter Joy who founded the camp six years ago.

Erica Leonard, Miss UAB, former University of Kentucky cheerleader, and current ACE cheerleader, along with other college and high school students, also gave their time to teach campers to believe in themselves and achieve their dreams regardless of their medical issues.

Parents, Children’s Harbor staff, and Children’s Hospital staff were treated to the “Big Ben Cheer Camp Showcase” at the end of the two-day camp. To the delight of everyone, Children’s Harbor mascot Big Ben made an appearance at the showcase as well.