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Camp Pee Dee Pride Hosted 2nd Annual Golf Tournament on April 30 to Benefit 28th Year of Camp Pee Dee Pride



Camp Pee Dee Pride held its 2nd Annual Golf Tournament on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at the Country Club of South Carolina, with the Florence County Sheriff's Office and presenting sponsor Temple and Hogsette Law Group. Proceeds will benefit Camp Pee Dee Pride, a free summer camp program now celebrating its 28th year of empowering local youth.

The tournament featured more than 20 four-person teams, with each hole sponsored by local businesses for \$100. Participants enjoyed an afternoon of golf, catered by Julia Belle's, while supporting one of the area's most impactful youth programs. This year's tournament also featured a raffle for a 2024 Mustang GT. All proceeds support Camp Pee Dee Pride and help keep it free for local families.

Founded in 1997 by the late Captain Wayne Howard, E. Hood Temple, Delaine Martin, and the late Eddie Huggins, Camp Pee Dee Pride has served over 10,000 children between the ages of 8 and 12, offering education, mentorship, and life skills training in a fun, engaging environment. The camp is hosted on the

campus of Francis Marion University and is entirely free to families, thanks to generous support from sponsors, donors, and fundraising events.

“Camp Pee Dee Pride holds a special place in my heart,” said E. Hood Temple, co-founder and presenting sponsor. “Over the years, I’ve seen how it transforms lives—not just for the children, but for their families and the entire community. It’s about building character, offering hope, and showing every child that they matter.”

Reflecting on the camp’s origins, Delaine Martin added: “We see former campers in uniform, working in hospitals, teaching in our schools—they’ve taken what they learned here and passed it on. We even have a board member who was a camper and also a camp counselor at the camp. That’s the impact we’re proud of.”

The legacy of Captain Wayne Howard continues to shape its mission. “Wayne’s vision and selfless service stand as a lasting testament to his deep love for this community and its children,” Temple said. “His presence is missed, but his legacy lives on in every child who finds purpose and joy through this camp.”

In addition to Temple and Hogsette Law Group, sponsors for the golf tournament include True Vision Realty, Pepsi, Julia Belle’s, along with others.

Camp activities at Camp Pee Dee Pride include field trips to Myrtle Beach water parks, bowling, movies, and hands-on safety education in fire prevention, water safety, and drug and alcohol awareness.

For camp applications visit <https://www.camppeedeepride.com/>.