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**PUNTA GORDA
WOMAN'S CLUB
SUPPORTS CAMP
BOGGY CREEK**

How Giving Transforms
Lives and Communities

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 **COMFORT, COURAGE,
AND CARE—STITCHED
INTO EVERY BEAR**

At the Punta Gorda Woman's Club, we believe that compassion is best expressed through action—and sometimes, through a needle and thread. As part of the GFWC Florida President's Project for 2022–2024, our club proudly joined the statewide effort to support Camp Boggy Creek, a transformative haven for children with serious illnesses and their families. Nestled in the heart of Florida, Camp Boggy Creek offers a free, medically safe, joy-filled camp experience where love, respect, and laughter are woven into every moment. Each child who attends receives a stitched bear—a soft companion that symbolizes comfort, courage, and care.





Create Boggy Bears & Afghans for Campers

When children with serious medical illnesses come to experience life-changing camp experiences, they play, laugh, make new friends, and build resilience. As a part of their welcome to Camp, they receive a handmade Boggy Bear and Afghan. These are gifts that our campers cherish and keep as keepsakes from their time at Camp. You can help create these amazing gifts no matter your location.

Afghan Sizing Guidelines:

- Afghans: Afghans can be crocheted or knitted and should be 35-40 inches wide by 40-50 inches long.
- Quilts for beds: Please use cotton or flannelette. Quilts should be 60 inches by 80 inches, machine-washable, and lightweight.
- Decorative Quilts: Quilts that we will use to decorate walls should be no larger than 7 feet by 10 feet.

Boggy Bears:

- Visit <https://www.boggycreek.org/boggybears> for directions and sizing.

Want to get involved and learn how you or your group can create bears or afghans? Scan the qr code or visit <https://www.boggycreek.org/boggybears>



OUR MISSION

Camp Boggy Creek makes it possible for children with serious illnesses and their families to experience a free, life-changing camp where safety, respect, love, and joy come together to enrich their physical and behavioral health.



Inspired by this mission, our very own Martha launched "Sip & Sew," a warm and spirited initiative that brought our members together in fellowship and purpose. Over conversation and bursts of laughter, we stitched, stuffed, and sewed with intention.

The result? A remarkable donation of approximately 50 handmade bears, a dozen cozy blankets, and over \$3,000 in financial support—all gifted to Camp Boggy Creek with love stitched into every seam.

These contributions are more than fabric and funds—they are symbols of hope, crafted by hands that believe in the healing power of joy and community. We are honored to be part of a movement that uplifts children facing physical challenges and reminds their families that they are not alone.



To learn more about how you can contribute to Camp Boggy Creek, we encourage you to explore their vibrant flyer, which outlines how handmade Boggy Bears and Afghans become cherished companions for children facing serious medical challenges. The flyer includes sizing guidelines, donation tips, and a direct invitation to get involved. Simply scan the QR code featured on the flyer to visit their website and discover how your stitches can become symbols of comfort, courage, and care.



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