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## **Camp High Hopes' 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Easter Egg-Stravaganza is a big success with campers and the community**

**Sioux City, IA** – Camp High Hopes held its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Easter Egg-Stravaganza on Saturday, March 31st. The camp opened its doors to campers, their friends and families, and the community for a day full of spring fun and Easter activities.

Nearly 150 people stopped by the camp on the chilly, but sunny day. They collected candy, met Smiles the Bunny, and enjoyed free activities like Easter basket making, egg crafts, an accessible egg and spoon challenge, and seasonal games. It was also a chance for people to tour the 90-acre camp that sits on the eastern edge of Sioux City.

“Our annual Egg-Stravaganza is about giving our campers, community members with disabilities, and their families the opportunity to participate in activities that are adapted to meet their varying needs,” says Jonathan Mauk, the Operations Director of Camp High Hopes. “By offering adaptive Easter egg hunts and activities, these individuals and their families experience a more flexible environment where they can be more comfortable, more engaged, and less overwhelmed, as opposed to traditional community egg hunts. It also gives everyone the opportunity to experience a small taste of what Camp High Hopes has to offer in making smiles happen.”

While many places offer traditional Easter egg hunts, Camp High Hopes offers sensory, accessible, and disability friendly egg hunts, scavenger hunts, activities, crafts, and games. This is to allow kids and adults in Siouxland with disabilities and special needs, including those in wheelchairs and other mobility devices, to collect candy and Easter prizes. The special event also focused on inclusion and catered to those looking for calmer, slower-paced Easter egg hunts and activities. During the Easter Egg-Stravaganza, Camp High Hopes gave out hundreds of stickers, tons of pounds of candy and treats, and created thousands of smiles!

Camp High Hopes offers individuals and groups, year-round, barrier-free recreational experiences that are fun, safe, and adaptive for children, teens, and adults with disabilities, special needs, and chronic illnesses in the Siouxland area. For more information on Camp High Hopes, visit [www.camphighhopes.com](http://www.camphighhopes.com) or call the camp at 712-224-2267.