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## Buzz it for Boards to benefit Camp Casey for kids with cancer

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The Wayne State University School of Medicine's Class of 2012 will be taking a little – actually a lot – off the top to raise funds for children battling cancer.

The second-year students are encouraging classmates and faculty members to make a date with the clippers for the second annual Buzz it for Boards fundraiser.

The class is recruiting students and faculty to shave their heads as part of a fundraiser to benefit Camp Casey, a nonprofit horseback riding and outreach program headquartered in Birmingham, Mich. Camp Casey's Cowboy Camp Outs provide overnight mini-vacations at dude ranch resorts for children fighting cancer and their families. Planning and expenses associated with the trip are completely subsidized by Camp Casey.

"As a group, we decided that this year we wanted to donate to an organization based in Michigan and the greater Detroit area," explained Cole Kreofsky, president of the Class of 2012. "The selection of Camp Casey as our charity was based on the recommendation of a member of the Class of 2012 senate who was familiar with their efforts to give children battling cancer opportunities that they might now otherwise have. Camp Casey was very warm and receptive when we reached out to them and our group thought that they would fully utilize the funds we raised this year."

There are a number of ways to participate: If you shave your head, the Class of 2012 will donate \$5 on your behalf to Camp Casey. Those who are gun shy about parting with their locks can either make a lump sum donation to the cause or pledge an amount for each head shaved. Those brave enough to expose their craniums for a few months are encouraged to secure pledges for their shearing from classmates, family and faculty. All donations to Camp Casey through the Class of 2012 Student Senate are tax deductible and will be provided with a receipt.

On May 4, male volunteers will gather in the cafeteria in Scott Hall to undergo their date with the barber for a group shave off.

Organizers have arranged for female students and faculty to donate their tresses to Locks for Love in conjunction with Buzz it for Boards. Women may still collect pledges without committing to a shaved pate. Instead, they can raise funds and have their hair cut and collected for Locks for Love, which provides wigs for female cancer patients. Medical students and faculty who want to participate can get their hair cut for only \$1 at the Curl Up and Dye salon located on Cass Avenue.

For more information and pledge forms, email Kreofsky at [ckreofsk@med.wayne.edu](mailto:ckreofsk@med.wayne.edu)

