Day of achievement

KIDS WITH DIABETES WELCOME IRONMAN TRIATHLETE TO EVENT

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CHARLTON — Summer camp — a time for volleyball going strong, angling around the campfire and swimming, throwing Frisbees and measuring blood sugar, playing soccer and perfecting the use of your insulin pump.

What? Oh! Yes, the summer camp experience at Camp Joslin is all the fun things that kids age 6-16 might enjoy but also a whole lot more — including plenty of diabetes-education. “If your blood sugar is lower than 100, be sure you eat,” said the camp counselor on the megaphone. “If you’re on a benign pancreas, disconnect over there!”

The occasion was preparation for a morning biathlon — competitive swimming and running portion of the biathlon at the camp’s soft-top field. Water pumps were timed and awards were presented to the top three finishers for both boys and girls. The focus was much less on competition than on “preparation, participation, and personal achievement,” according to its organizers.

“We want to give from the whole experience,” said Bissell. Who’s been at the summer camp for seven years and is your-road-director for two. Monthly events take place year round from the Barton Trails Center, which opened in 1992. The Charlton camp, named for Dr. Elbert P. Barton, is a summer in the study and treatment of diabetes, opened in 1948.

Bissell himself has had diabetes for 35 years, and both his wife and daughter also have diabetes. “It was a visionary P. Barton who recognized that diabetes was far ahead of the times that they weren’t accurately acknowledged — until the 1960s,” said Bissell. At that point, few people knew what diabetes was or how to manage their diabetes during strenuous activity.

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