

DBS Wearers Camp—Friday, August 15 –Sunday, August 17, 2014, Easter Seals Camp, Empire, Colorado. The first every DBS wearer’s camp will be conducted in the Rocky Mountains about ?? miles west of Denver, elevation around 8000 feet. This camping experience allows DBS wearers an opportunity to meet with other wearers, share their “war stories,” meet with orthotists to have their braces evaluated and possibly tweaked, and with physical therapists to have a gait analysis while, at the same time, enjoying the mountain environment, enjoying camp activities such as swimming, fishing and hiking, and just relaxing. This camp will be preceding the Colorado Post-Polio/Easter Seals Camp/Retreat at the same site, from Sunday, August 17 to Thursday, August 20. Those interested are invited to make a week of it and attend both camps.

WE NEED SHOES!!! One of the activities planned for the camp is to discuss shoes as they relate to wearing the DBS. We hope that you can join us at camp, and if you do, that you can bring some of your shoes with you. If not, you can be with us in spirit by taking pictures of your shoes and sending them to [margarethinman551@gmail.com](mailto:margarethinman551@gmail.com) and to [strmbrgr44@gmail.com](mailto:strmbrgr44@gmail.com) We will attempt to set up a slide show of shoes from your pictures that will be shown at the camp and then posted on the Human Gait Institute web site.

When sending your pictures, please also send as much of the following information as you can about each pair of shoes—Men’s or women’s, brand, style, when purchased and where, and if they needed to be modified. There are several categories that we would like to highlight. So, identify one of the following categories for each of the pairs of shoes:

1. Training shoes—that first pair you used to learn how to walk in your DBS
2. Favorite or best fitting shoes—the ones you discovered that make you feel like you walk your best, or look the best, etc. and why they are your favorite
3. I tried but did not work—those shoes you tried on, took home and tried to wear but for some reason they are sitting in your closet, and why.
4. I wish I could wear these shoes—those shoes that you look at, think about trying on and/or wish you could wear but know or feel that they would not work.

Thanks for your help!