

Meet Charlie

I wish to:
**Go on an RV trip to
Yosemite National Park**

Age: 7

Condition: Bilateral Valves
and Goldenhar Syndrome

Hometown: Marysville

Siblings: Alexa, 14
Shelby, 9



When a child with a life-threatening medical condition travels, it means so much more than a vacation. Their trip is an opportunity to escape, quite literally, from their exhausting medical routine.

Seven-year-old Charlie who is battling a rare congenital defect relaxes by watching his favorite television show, *SpongeBob SquarePants*. This courageous young boy has not had much time to feel at ease. Charlie is also battling a heart disorder that requires he undergo multiple open heart surgeries and a valve transplant. In the meantime, he must make several visits to medical appointments.

When volunteers visited Charlie and his family, they were ready for a special vacation that would allow them to spend time together outside of a waiting room. With the help of his family, Charlie shared his wish to go on an RV trip across the country to California.

Charlie's wish trip itinerary includes a visit to Yosemite National Park and a train ride during their two week stay. Charlie also hopes to see his favorite animal, a horse, on his trip to the West Coast.