



Chaplain Jack Gilmour signs certificates for the assembled children

Boise Base Kap (SS) 4 Kid (SS) Makes a Big Impression.

On Saturday, the 21st of June, the **Boise Base Submarine Veterans** were privileged to participate in the annual picnic held by the **Mountain States Tumor Institute**, a facility of **St Luke's Regional Medical Center** located in Boise Idaho.

This picnic was for all young cancer patients undergoing treatment and in remission and their families and siblings under the supervision of Kim White, CCLS, Child Life Specialist.

This annual picnic is a big affair for the young patients. It is like a circus with games, bouncing bins, balloons, face painting and other items. The cooking of the food was done by the **Boise Noon Optimist Club**.

The Boise Sub Vets brought the 23 foot model of the **USS Boise SSN-764** for the kids to view and ask questions. The sub vets were delighted with the opportunity to participate with the kids during the picnic. Meeting the mom's and dad's with the kids was a very unique experience. It is truly amazing the stamina these kids show in facing the treatments

they are receiving and the fortitude the parents have in support of their kids.

At the start of the picnic, the Sub Vets set up a table next to the Boise model, where the certificates could be prepared for presentation to the "Honorary Submariner" along with a Kap.

During the two and half hours of the picnic, the sub vets interacted with the families, and members of the Boise Noon Optimist Club. During that time, twelve Kaps and certificates were presented to the youth in attendance. It truly was a learning experience for those submarine veterans that were in attendance.



Kim White from CCLS CTumor Institute assists with the children at the event.



Happy kids with happy faces were the order of the day. Check out that Kool Kap!