



## Happy 10th Anniversary Camp Knutson Volunteers!

A Note from the Pres.....

Let the fun begin by celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Camp Knutson Volunteers.

We have come a long way in many aspects and the fun continues. The Camp Knutson Volunteers' (CKV) Board has been very busy since last fall implementing the recently passed bylaw structure under LSS. We have revised our accounting procedures and volunteers are now covered under LSS for insurance when volunteering for Camp K.

The Board is currently working on updating our "Job Descriptions" including a timeline as to when the

duties are to be completed for each position.

Volunteers also reviewed a survey that was sent out to Night Under the Stars 2011 attendees and decided on a direction for "Night Under the Stars" 2012 event.

I am so impressed with the following volunteers who gave up their time to discuss many possibilities for "Night Under the Stars" 2012:

Pat Townsend, Jean Jones, JoAnn & Dick Maas, Judy Morgan, Judy Clarke, Linnea Anderson, Ginny Hersey, Bonnie Benson, Gail Peterson, Joey Hodgson, Virgene Johnson, Carolyn Forney, Linda Randall, Mary Johnson, Donna Keiffer, Sharon Elmquist and Karen Struve.

After two brainstorming meetings we had, Judy

Morgan volunteer as the Chair, Linnea Anderson-Silent Auction; Dick Maas - Publicity; Karen Struve-Silent Auction set up; Lori Nelson- Ticket Sales; Jean Jones -Registration/ Check out; and Virgene Johnson-Thank You's. WOW !!!

More have joined along the way !! More details regarding "Night Under the Stars" to follow in this newsletter.

All I can say is that I'm pumped for a sensational year!! The excitement is in the air and the dedicated volunteers make Camp Knutson a fantastic place to be!!

See you at Camp,

Lori Nelson, President  
Camp Knutson Volunteers



## Camp Knutson Volunteers 2012 Events

- Tuesday, May 15, 2012  
POTLUCK FOR VOLUNTEERS  
Time: Noon  
Location: Camp Knutson Dining Hall

- Wednesday, May 30, 2012  
NEW VOLUNTEERS' COFFEE & ORIENTATION  
Time: 10 AM  
Location: Allie's Place

- Tuesday, June 5, 2012  
ALL VOLUNTEER SPRING MEETING  
Time: 1 PM Volunteer signups  
2 PM Meeting  
Location: Camp Knutson Dining Hall

- Wed. June 6, 2012  
TRAINING BY ROB—ANGEL FLIGHT  
Time: 10 AM  
Location: Pauly's Place

- Wed. June 6, 2012  
TRAINING BY KATE -  
VOLUNTEERS WORKING WITH  
CAMPERS  
Time: 10 AM  
Location: Pauly's Place

- Saturday, July 21, 2012  
NIGHT UNDER THE STARS  
Time: 5:00 PM  
Location: Camp Knutson

- Wednesday, Aug 29, 2012  
ALL VOLUNTEERS' FALL MEETING  
Time: 1:30 PM  
Location: Camp Knutson, Dining Hall

- Thursday, Sept 13, 2012  
TASTE LUNCHEON  
Time: 11:30 AM  
Location: Crosslake Lutheran Church



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# Night Under the Stars

Mark your calendars for this year's **Night Under the Stars-- Saturday, July 21st**, on the beautiful grounds of Camp Knutson. Our theme this year is "Making a Difference". Collectively, we as Camp K Volunteers, staff, counselors and donors provide an environment which enriches the lives of each kid who comes to Camp K. They depend on us in many ways--giving of our talents, friendship, time and financially through fund raising. That's why Night Under the Stars, our largest fund raising event, is so important. Each year we ask Rob Larson, Camp Knutson Director, to identify their greatest needs. At the top of their list for 2012 is a new power boat and boat lift for Camp K kids' water sports activities. Other needs include neoprene life jackets, and waterfront equipment. We hope to buy that new boat, lift and other items on the list.

There will be some exciting new things this year in response to feedback from previous years' attendees, volunteers who have worked the event and from planning meetings last fall.

- We have rented a 30' by 60' tent for the silent auction to have adequate space to display items. The wine bar, wild rice and jewelry may also be in the tent.
- Iven's on the Bay will be our caterer. There was a definite interest in switching to a local caterer.
- Since the power boat and lift are high on the list for camp, we decided to have a nautical theme (colors blue, white and gold) for decorations (dining hall and grounds), and attire for attendees---not a requirement, but encouraged! Start planning your wardrobe!
- Everyone will be able to view a list of the auction items on the Camp Knutson website before the event.
- There will be an option for online registration and purchase of tickets.
- Sponsorship of Night Under the Stars. When you buy your dinner ticket for Night Under the Stars, you become a sponsor. Sponsorship means you care about kids with special needs. It means you believe in the mission of Camp Knutson. And, it means we work together to enhance the experience of each Camp K kid, therefore "making a difference" in their lives.

There are five levels of sponsorship and each level has its own ticket price:

**ENSIGN**--\$75 per dinner ticket (regular ticket price in past years), \$50 is tax deductible.

**LIEUTENANT**--\$100 per dinner ticket. \$75 is tax deductible.

**COMMANDER**--\$125 per dinner ticket. \$100 is tax deductible.

**CAPTAIN**--\$150 per dinner ticket. \$125 is tax deductible.

**ADMIRAL'S TABLE**--there will be only one Admiral's table which seats 10. This table will be auctioned off on the Camp Knutson website with a beginning bid of \$2000.

There is significant work already in process for the 2012 Night Under the Stars. Committees are very energized and are committed to having this be one of our best fund raising events--and to have fun doing it! Anyone who would like to join our enthusiastic group of volunteers, please contact me at [judysinmn@yahoo.com](mailto:judysinmn@yahoo.com); or telephone 612-926-2405 / 218-963-7516. There will also be sign up sheets for Night Under the Stars volunteer opportunities at the Spring Meeting on June 5th.

Judy Morgan, Chair  
2012 NIGHT UNDER THE STARS



## **SPRING POTLUCK**

**Come and join Camp K Volunteers to kick off the season with a Potluck on Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at noon in the dining hall.**

**Please bring a dish to share. Beverages will be provided.**

**Socialize, eat and have fun!! See you soon!!**



# Silent Auction

This year the funds raised will be used to purchase a boat and lift for the campers. Their existing boat is 20+ years old and in need of replacement.



The Silent Auction Committee - Linnea Anderson, Judy Knobbie, Sara Egan, Wendy Resler and Carla Parrington - is asking you to start thinking about new and unique items for this year's auction.

We are asking for both items/activities that you would be willing to solicit or donate as well as ideas for the Committee to work on.

- Do you have a relative or friend who has a unique or in demand business/service who would be willing to donate?
- Do you have tickets to a sports team or the theater to donate?
- How about the use of a condo in Florida, Colorado etc?
- Does someone have a skill that they would be willing to teach - cooking, painting etc

There are no limits here!!!! Use your imagination - think of other fundraisers you have attended. Did they have a special auction item that generated a lot of interest????

The Silent Auction Committee will hold its first meeting 3:00 on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Come by and share your ideas or just catch up with folks. The more input the better. Bring a friend/neighbor. It will be held at Carla Parrington's cabin - 9617 Ossawinnamakee Road, Pequot Lakes, MN. If you cannot attend this meeting we will have follow up meetings later in May or early June.

If you have questions please call Carla Parrington 952-334-2760 or email to [cjparrington@hotmail.com](mailto:cjparrington@hotmail.com).

Remember it's for the kids!!!

## TASTE LUNCHEON

Save the Date --- Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> --- 11:30AM

We hope you can join us on September 13<sup>th</sup> for our 2012 Taste Luncheon.

Last year our luncheon raised \$8,000 to purchase a state mandated refrigerated salad bar and to help provide camperships for autistic children. The luncheon also helped tell the Camp Knutson story --- what a wonderful place we have in our area for children/adults with special needs.



You can help now:

We need your RECIPES as the committee is ready to start tasting, organizing the cookbook, etc. This year's theme is Brunches and Lunches.

We are looking for the following different categories --- appetizers, breads, salads, brunch dishes, sandwiches, soups and desserts.

Please e-mail or mail them to:

Bonnie Morris at [bonmorris@hotmail.com](mailto:bonmorris@hotmail.com)  
12049 Pelican Beach Road  
Merrifield, MN 56465

You can help later:

At our Spring Meeting on June 5th, we will have sign-up sheets where you can help in many different areas. Lots of volunteers are needed to make this day successful --- we hope you will join us.

Thanks so much. Co-Chairs --- Mardy Brodil and Sharon Elmquist

## Gardening at Camp Knutson



Please come join us for some fun gardening time! We meet once a week from June - August at 8:00 AM Weds. We gather in the parking lot and work through the campus. Our tasks are weeding, deadheading and watering. Also this summer we will be working with Kate Williams to place "Name Stakes" for the perennial gardens. Our work time is about 1 hour (depending on how many people we have gather that morning). When our work is done we take time to share ideas and enjoy some coffee.

We are flexible so come when you can and leave as you need to. We invite you to make some new friends or catch up with the friends we have made in the past and enjoy the beautiful mornings at the camp!

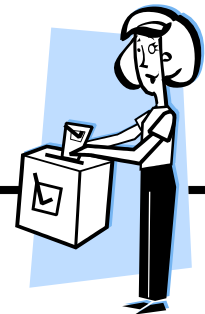
**Gardening Co-Chairs**  
Sharon Elmquist and Linda Gates

### Election Committee:

Please let our secretary, Carolyn Thompson @ 218-692-2534, know if you are interested in serving on the election committee.

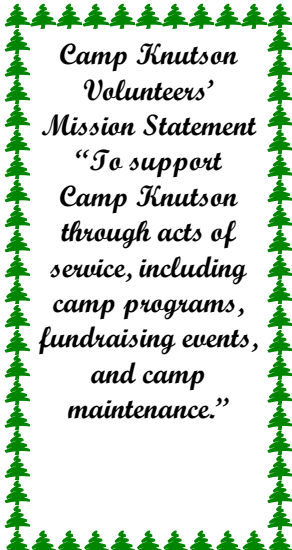
We will also ask for interest from members at the Spring Meeting. The Camp Knutson Volunteers' Board will then select an election committee of five interested CKV members.

The election committee will be formed over the summer. The responsibilities of the election committee are to present a slate of officers for open positions on the CKV Board. The vote for new board members will take place by the CKV membership at the Fall Meeting on Wednesday, Aug 29<sup>th</sup> 2012 @ 1:30pm.



### Camp Knutson Volunteers' Board Members and Contact Information

President:	Lori Nelson	651-246-7292	<a href="mailto:lorinelson@brainerd.net">lorinelson@brainerd.net</a>
Vice President:	Judy Morgan	612-926-2405	<a href="mailto:judysinmn@yahoo.com">judysinmn@yahoo.com</a>
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Volunteer Coordinator:	Gail Peterson	218-562-5472	<a href="mailto:jerryandgail@hotmail.com">jerryandgail@hotmail.com</a>
Night Under The Stars:	Judy Morgan	612-926-2405	<a href="mailto:Judysinmn@yahoo.com">Judysinmn@yahoo.com</a>
Taste Luncheon:	Sharon Elmquist	218-692-1142	<a href="mailto:elms@crosslake.net">elms@crosslake.net</a>
	Mardy Brodil	218-692-2066	<a href="mailto:jmbrodil@live.com">jmbrodil@live.com</a>

  
*Camp Knutson  
Volunteers'  
Mission Statement  
"To support  
Camp Knutson  
through acts of  
service, including  
camp programs,  
fundraising events,  
and camp  
maintenance."*

We're on the Web!  
[www.campkfriends.com](http://www.campkfriends.com)

Hello everyone from Camp Knutson! It is hard to believe that the grass is green and the ice has melted a month earlier than last year. Kate and I are gearing up for another big camping season. We look forward to all the action as we prepare for campers, staff and all of you who help make camp a great place to be. The camping schedule is filled and camper registration is at an all time high. So many children are looking forward to being here. Thank you for your willingness to be a volunteer here at Camp Knutson again this summer. Your energy and spirit add so much to the life of camp and those we serve. See you all soon.

*Kate & Rob*

## 2012 CAMP KNUTSON SUMMER SCHEDULE

May 18	Brainerd Area LSS Group Homes
May 29	Summer Staff Training Begins
June 5	Camp K Volunteers Gathering
June 10 – 14	Down Syndrome Youth Camp
June 16 - 21	Autism Camp I
June 24 – 29	AAD* Junior Camp – Children with skin disease
July 1 – 6	Autism Camp II
July 8 – 13	AAD* Teen Camp – Children with skin disease
July 16 – 20	Camp Odayin I – Children with heart disease
July 21	Night Under the Stars
July 23 – 27	Camp Odayin II – Children with heart disease
July 29 - August 3	Autism III
August 4	Rhino Bike Ride
August 6 – 10	Camp Odayin III – Children with heart disease
August 11	Quilt Auction
August 13 – 17	Camp Odayin IV – Children with heart dise
August 20 – 24	Camp Benedict – Families affected by HIV/AIDS
August 24 – 26	AA Men's Group
August 28 – 31	VASA
September 1	Pancake Breakfast
Sept. 3 – 7	Minneapolis Community Group
Sept 13	Taste Luncheon at Crosslake Lutheran Church

### 2012 Wish List

- Tubing and ski boat
- Boat Lift
- Neoprene life jackets
- Toro Workman
- Portable Staging
- Arrows
- Sound System for new pavilion
- Golf Cart
- 2-tubes for waterfront
- 10 new trees

All volunteers will need to fill out a background check form prior to volunteering.

This needs to be done annually. You can print and fill out a form at [campkfriends.com](http://campkfriends.com) website.

Look under "Member Info"; or fill out a form at the Spring Meeting on June 5th.

### Calling All Volunteers

This summer is going to be a very special summer. Maybe it will be special for a young boy who has never gone tubing to be able to go tubing despite all of his bandages or for a little girl who finally gets to meet someone who has a pace maker just like she does. As Camp Knutson Volunteers we have the opportunity to make the week each camper spends at Camp K the highlight of their summer.



There are many ways we can help out at camp from fund raising to reading a book to a child with Downs Syndrome to helping the counselors clean-up after one camp and prepare for the next one. The possibilities are endless. Each week one of the counselors calls me and tells me ways that they could use our help for the upcoming week. I then post these opportunities on the web site under "News". If you see something that looks interesting to you, you can call me and volunteer for that particular project. Otherwise I will call people to ask if they are available to help out.

We are asking each volunteer to fill out the Time and Talent sheet included in this newsletter. I collect all these papers and use them when I call and ask for volunteers. When you fill out the T&T sheet, please be as specific as possible. Maybe you only want to be involved in the fund raising, or maybe you only want to work with the heart camp or the skin camp and if you put that on your T&T sheet I won't call you to work if it isn't what you are interested in doing. Maybe you want to be involved in all of it which is okay too. The amount of time you spend volunteering is strictly up to you. If you can't help out when I call, no problem I know schedules get busy during the summer and things come up. I will just try you again some other time.

Please fill out the T&T sheet and then either mail it to me (my address is on the sheet) or bring it along with your calendar to the Spring Meeting on June 5th.

When you see a camper beaming or hear their laughter as they jump into camp life, you will understand the sense of satisfaction all of us volunteers experience. I am looking forward to seeing you all at camp this summer.

Gail Peterson,  
Camp Volunteer Coordinator

### Membership Dues

Membership dues of \$10 are due by or at the Spring Meeting, which will be Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1 pm (social and volunteer sign ups with the meeting starting at 2 pm). We encourage all of you to support the Camp Knutson Volunteers' organization by paying your dues. Only volunteers who pay their dues are considered members and have the right to vote, per our Bylaws that were adopted June 2011. We will be updating the CKV membership list this summer reflecting those volunteer members who have paid their dues. Have you ever wondered why we need to pay dues? I did ...so I asked around and was astonished at what that \$10 from each of us can do. It supports the background checks we need to do on all volunteers, newsletters – printing, paper and postage (we hope to get more sent electronically), supplies for cleaning, crafts, camper activities, donations for camp projects, etc.

#### The benefits to volunteers who pay their dues are:

1. Recognized as members of the Camp Knutson Volunteers organization.
2. Vote on CKV Elections and other CKV business
3. Receive newsletters, Blasts and other communications
4. Have name and contact information on the CKV website with quick access to be able to communicate with fellow volunteers.
5. Hold an Executive Office position
6. Be on the Election Committee

It may seem like a small amount, but when everyone pays their dues, it can accomplish a lot for the campers.

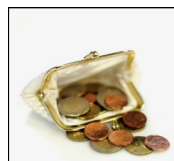
#### Pay your \$10 dues by June 5th.

Four options to pay dues:

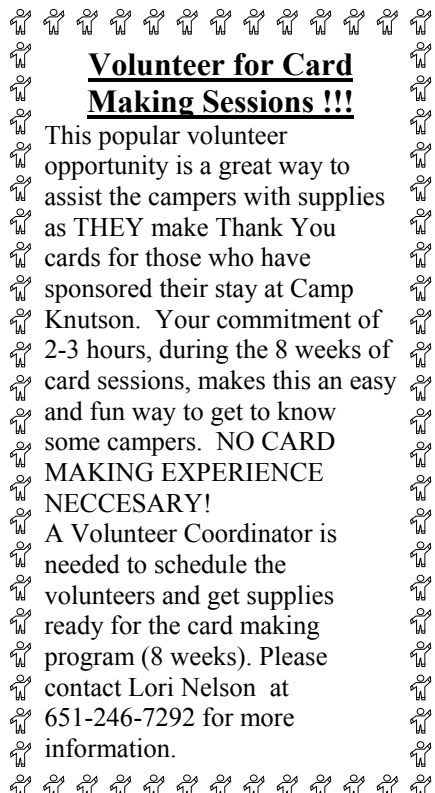
1. Mail your \$10 check made payable to "Camp Knutson", directly to:

Claudia Genung  
33811 Winnamakee Shores Rd  
Pequot Lakes, MN 56472

2. Paying at the Spring Meeting.
3. Pay by credit card on our website at [www.campkfriends.com](http://www.campkfriends.com) - click on "Membership Info" on the left side.
4. Drop a check, payable to "Camp Knutson" in the CKV drop box at Pauly's Place in the lobby.



Questions??  
Call Claudia Genung, Membership Chair  
218-543-4236


  
**Volunteer for Card Making Sessions !!!**
  
 This popular volunteer opportunity is a great way to assist the campers with supplies as THEY make Thank You cards for those who have sponsored their stay at Camp Knutson. Your commitment of 2-3 hours, during the 8 weeks of card sessions, makes this an easy and fun way to get to know some campers. **NO CARD MAKING EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!** A Volunteer Coordinator is needed to schedule the volunteers and get supplies ready for the card making program (8 weeks). Please contact Lori Nelson at 651-246-7292 for more information.

## TIME & TALENTS



### Some of the ways you can volunteer at Camp Knutson! Please check everything you might be interested in doing:

- Meet and/or return “Angel Flights” at the Brainerd Airport for Camp Odayin (4 weeks needed, but can be shared with other Volunteers) A vehicle record check & personal record check will be done.
- Assist in new areas that the counselors create to facilitate programs
- Cleaning between camp sessions
- Jewelry making with campers (requires session of training before you participate)
- Card making/Thank You cards with campers (Assist campers with supplies—no experience necessary with card making; a counselor is with you)
- Serving at Tailgating dinners - (Grills are provided and started by camp staff; you cook hamburgers or hotdogs; all food provided by camp kitchen and you serve it out of your truck/SUV/car & table)
- Reading to campers/ Story Telling
- Playing games with campers
- Biking (Usually a 45 minute time commitment at 5:45 PM or 6:00 PM)
- Crafts with Campers
- Gardening (Wednesday morning at 8 AM)
- Serving special dinners & treats at parties
- Making treats for parties and dances
- Fishing with campers
- Carnival games
- Basketball
- Teepee—Native American games, music, stories
- Musical Instruments or Rhythm Instruments with campers
- “Night Under the Stars” Committees
- “Silent Auction” Committees
- “Taste Luncheon” Committees
- Drive boat or pontoon
- Assist with special projects during the off season

### Skills and Strengths

- \_\_\_ Leadership interest-Co-Chair of committee or position on the CKV Board
- \_\_\_ Accounting
- \_\_\_ Excel spread sheet knowledge
- \_\_\_ Woodworking
- \_\_\_ Sewing
- \_\_\_ Fund raising
- \_\_\_ Webmaster/ website experience

Most of these activities will take between 1-3 hours. The amount of time needed if you work on any of the Taste Luncheon or Night Under the Stars committees depends on what you sign up to do.

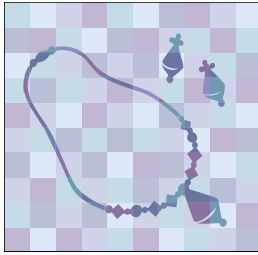
- Do you want to work directly with the campers?
- Can you work mornings, afternoons, or evening? Do you have a preference? \_\_\_\_\_
- Does your spouse want to work with you?
- Are there times when you will not be available for work (i.e., going on vacation or having company)?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Do you prefer to only volunteer with fundraising?
- Are there specific camps that you would like to work with?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Do you have special areas of expertise that you feel would be beneficial to the campers and camp?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Time & Talent forms may be obtained at [www.campkfriends.com](http://www.campkfriends.com). Click on “About Us”, go to the bottom of the page, and print a copy to fill out.**



### **CKV Jewelry Making**

This summer's beading program will be the best ever. We will be making ankle bracelets, beaded book marks, and glow in the dark beaded earrings and necklaces.

It should be a fun learning process for all our beading volunteers as well as all of our campers.

Please consider helping out in this program. We will need help at the Dermatology camp, the Heart camp and with VASA. You will have an opportunity to take a class learning how to create all of the above in June. Hope to see many of you.

Kathy Morgan



***Please go to the website, [www.campfriends.com](http://www.campfriends.com) to see the minutes of the Fall Meeting. It was a good meeting and if you weren't there, it will give you some insight as to what was accomplished for the camp and kids last year !***

Remember to visit our website : [www.campfriends.com](http://www.campfriends.com)

**A special thanks to Jean Jones, our Marketing and Communications Board Member— for keeping our website current and adding some exciting features for 2012.**

