

CAMP KNUTSON VOLUNTEERS

MISSION STATEMENT: "TO SUPPORT CAMP KNUTSON THROUGH ACTS OF SERVICE, INCLUDING CAMP PROGRAMS, FUNDRAISING EVENTS & CAMP MAINTENANCE"

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

BLENDING IN AND STANDING OUT

Welcome to the Camp Knutson Volunteer newsletter and the camping season of 2017. I'm Adele Suomela, newly elected president of the CK Volunteers and I'm excited about the upcoming camp season, June 1st meeting, NUTS, and interacting with all of the volunteers and of course helping out with the kids at camp. Since I'm a fairly new member of the CK Volunteers, first season helping at camp was 2014, I'm going to Blend In and Stand Out.

I attended NUTS (took me a few glances to realize that this is Night Under The Stars) in 2013 for the first time and my first interaction with Camp Knutson. The evening was grand and I reveled in the silent auction, so many neat items and all monetary benefit to this marvelous camp for special needs children. The silent auction was held in the outside tent and there was a bit of confusion when it came to distribution of the items. Don't you know, I commented about the lack of order and then got asked by Lori Nelson to be part of the planning for the 2014 NUTS event. I could no longer blend in.

As my sister, Dianne Engstrom, and I co-chaired the poster division of NUTS we got acquainted with other leaders in the CKV organization. And I was impressed with the integrity, dedication and always the question, 'What's best for the kids?'

This is where I want you to blend in. I want you to get to know many of the volunteers and leaders of this organization that always put the kids of Camp Knutson first. Therefore the June 1st, 2017 meeting of all Camp Knutson Volunteers will be social, blending new and old faces in order that we also 'stand out'. Many of you are leaders from your past jobs, families or other volunteer opportunities. We are in a transitional time, with a new director Jared Griffin and assistant, Caitlin Malin. We need new ideas, new faces, and a willingness to get involved. Join me in getting to be one of the 'old' faces.

June 1st, 2017, Thursday, the spring/summer meeting of all Camp Knutson Volunteers will convene at 10:30 am at the Camp Knutson Dining Hall. We will combine blending in and standing out activities, general meeting, greeting new volunteers and conclude with a potluck salad lunch. Please bring a dish to share, serving approximately 6-8 people. Ask a new person to come along.

Looking forward to the camping season and especially meeting you.

Adele Suomela, President Camp Knutson Volunteer Board





CAMP KNUTSON SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE FOR *2017

June 5 – 9	Camp Benedict (HIV/AIDs)
June 11 – 15	Down Syndrome Foundation
June 18 – 23	Camp Discovery JR (Skin Conditions)
June 25 – 30	Camp Hand in Hand I (Autism)
July 2 – 7	Camp Discovery Teen (Skin Conditions)
July 10 – 14	Camp Odayin I (Heart Disease)
July 15	Night Under the Stars
July 17 – 21	Camp Odayin II (Heart Disease)
July 24 – 28	Camp Odayin III (Heart Disease)
July 30 - August 4-	Camp Hand in Hand II (Autism)
August 6 – 11	Camp Hand in Hand III (Autism)
August 12	Quilt Auction
August 13 – 18	Camp Hand in Hand IV (Autism)
August 21 – 24	Camp Red (Burn Survivors)
August 28 – 30	Youth Experiencing Homelessness
September 2	Pancake Breakfast
September 4 – 8	Minneapolis Community Group (Mental Health)



Camp Knutson 2017 Wish List

- *Horseback Riding*
- *New Picnic Tables*
- *Tree planting (large in size – 3in)*
- *Boat lift canopy*
- *Waterfront Accessibility Project*
- *New Bedding (New pillows and covers, twin sheets, blankets)*
- *New workshop/storage*
- *Youth Experiencing Homelessness Programming*
- *Dining Hall Deck restore*
- *Yoga Mats*
- *Nature Center foundation/flooring restore*

Camp Director Updates:

Happy Spring everyone! We are very excited and looking forward to the upcoming summer season!

We also welcome a new Administrative Assistant to our team. Julie has moved to the area within the last few years. Julie has an extensive background in working in the insurance industry as well as administrative work. We are thrilled to have Julie as part of our camp community.

We will be adding a new summer camp partner from August 21 - 24th. Camp RED is through the organization of Firefighters for Healing. Camp Red will serve campers who have been burn survivors and their families. Camp RED stands for Realize, Every, Dream and its mission is a perfect match with Camp Knutson.

For the second year, we are excited to be partnering with another line of service through LSS for a camp serving Youth Experiencing Homelessness. This will take place August 28 - 30th. We can't wait to take these campers tubing, fishing, and star gazing!

The summer staff are hired and are gearing up to spend their summer at Camp Knutson. We have nine returners and seven new staff coming to us this summer. Summer will be here before we know it and your presence and enthusiasm adds so much to what we can offer our campers each and every summer. All of us at Camp Knutson appreciate the love and support that our volunteers bring to us and everything you do for our campers. Bring on the Summer of 2017!



~Jared and Caitlin



Gardening at Camp Knutson

Please come join us for some fun gardening time ! We meet once a week from June - August at 8:30 AM Weds. (day change from last year). We gather in the parking lot and work through the campus. Our tasks are weeding, deadheading and watering. Our work time is about a 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



BEADING AT THE BEACH

Summer will soon be here and our great campers will be returning. Beading at the beach will be on Tues and Thurs from 2:30-4:15. We will need volunteers:

June 20th and 22nd for Camp discovery JR(skin conditions).
 July 4-6 for Camp discovery teen.
 July 11-13, July 18-20, July 25-27 for Camp Odayin 1-2-3.
 August 22-24 for Camp Red (burn survivors).

I will have practice beading sessions:

June 5th 10:0-12:00 and 1:00-3:00
 June 19th 10:00-12:00 and 1:00-3:00.

We will be beading turtles and creating dream catchers as our projects this year. I am looking forward to seeing all of you and hope you will come and spend time beading with these amazing kids.

The bead lady (Kathy Morgan)!!!!!!



Creative Cards

Looking for a great volunteer opportunity? Assisting campers with supplies as they make thank you cards for their sponsors is a great way to involved. It's easy and a fun way to get to know the campers. No card making experience is necessary. Can you commit to one morning for a 2-3 hour session? Sign up at the volunteer spring meeting June 1st.



Linda Andrews Creative Card Coordinator

SAVE THE DATE of JULY 15th!

Camp Knutson Volunteers Present the 14th annual running of Night Under the Stars.

“Run for the Roses”



Featuring racing games on “The Green”, music, silent auction and wine bar beginning at 4:30 pm.

Dinner under the Tents catered by Jason Freeman at 6:30 pm.

Evening Program and Live Auction at 7:30 pm.

Dress: “Derby Style”, resort casual.

Wear your favorite hat as prizes will be awarded

2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 25 Board Meeting

10:30 AM Ally's Place

June 1 Welcome Volunteers

10:30 AM Camp Dining Hall

**SECRETARY ELECTION—nominations accepted
from floor, ballot created. -MEMBERS TO**

VOTE

11:30 AM Potluck Salad Luncheon

Bring dish to share.

12:00 PM Camp tours start.

July 15 Night Under the Stars

Camp Knutson Lawn

August Volunteer Fall Meeting

to be determined

Sept All Volunteer Celebration

to be determined

CAN YOU FEEL IT?

Can you feel the excitement in the air? School is almost done. Summer is just around the corner. In just about 6 weeks the doors of Camp Knutson will be opened for a summer of camping adventures. And we as the Camp Knutson Volunteers have an opportunity to help make campers have the very best camping experience possible. As volunteers we are called on by the Camp to help out with certain activities such as jewelry making, crafts, serving at special dinners, tailgating, biking and the list goes on. The rewards for volunteering to work with the campers include things like seeing the joy in a camper's eye when they achieve a goal, hearing the joyous laughter of kids experiencing life to the fullest or meeting a new friend.

I was a little disappointed last year by our response to some of the needs at camp. More than once I had to call Caitlin and tell her there were not enough volunteers to fill some of the slots where volunteers were needed. So I encourage all of us to make a commitment to work with the campers at least once this summer.

Of course, not all of the activities we help out with every week include working with the campers but they help to make the camp a better place. For example, the volunteers who gather each week to garden help make Camp Knutson a place filled with color and beauty. And then there are the volunteers who help make the camp more inviting by helping the staff clean.

Cleaning is about a 2 hour commitment once a week and it is something that directly helps both the staff and the campers. Please consider volunteering at least once this summer to clean. Following is a list of dates for cleaning to help you plan ahead:

JUNE DATES :FRIDAY 6/9 @11:00AM , 6/23@8:00 AM, 6/30@ 11:45AM; THURSDAY 6/15@
3:00PM

JULY DATES: FRIDAY 7/07 @ 8:00AM, FRIDAY JULY 14,21,28 @ 2:30PM

AUGUST DATES:FRIDAY 8/4 @ 2:30, FRIDAY 8/11 & 8/18@ 11:45AM, THURSDAY 8/ 24
@3:30PM

SEPTEMBER DATES: FRIDAY 9/8 @ 11:00AM



Volunteer Coordinator, Gail Peterson

CKV Membership Information/Dues

2017 DUES: Dues for our organization remain at \$10 per year and are used to support the website, printing/postage, funding the Canteen, and the jewelry program. By paying dues, you are entitled to voting privileges, newsletters, and an opportunity to make lifetime friendships!

Easy Options for Paying Dues

1. Mail your \$10 check payable to "Camp Knutson" to Camp Knutson, 11148 Whitefish Ave., Crosslake, MN 56442.
 2. Pay your dues (check preferable) at the Spring Meeting, June 1, 2017.
 3. Pay dues on-line at www.campkfriends.com (click on "membership info" on the left side)
 4. Drop off a check in the CKV drop box in the lobby at Pauly's Place.
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Please complete this form if you are a new member **OR** your information has changed.

CKV Membership Information Form

Name _____ New Member: Yes ___ No ___

Summer Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Winter Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Phone: _____ Cell _____

Email Address _____

Paid \$10 Dues: ___ On line ___ Check ___ Cash



SILENT AUCTION

Last year was once again another successful auction at Night Under the Stars. THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS THAT MADE THIS POSSIBLE!! We hope you will once again help support the auctions at Night Under the Stars “Run for the Roses” event and make it the best ever.

Where we need help:

- ❖ Contacting donors who have been supportive in the past. See us, we have a list. We don't want to duplicate asking businesses.
- ❖ Let us know of any new, creative gift ideas you might have seen on your winter forays or other fund raising events you have attended,
- ❖ Be thinking of interesting gifts you would be willing to solicit or donate.
- ❖ **Requesting at least one (\$10 value) bottle of White or Red wine from each volunteer. This wine will be used to make attractive displays for bidders. Wine to be dropped off at CKV Spring meeting, or on Drop-off nights. Dates, times and address listed below.**

Some items that have done well in the past are:

- Skill lessons someone is willing to teach - food prep, flower arranging, computer, swimming lessons
- Specialty party or dinner ideas,
- Cabin décor items or outdoor cabin related articles
- Unusual homemade crafts and wood projects.
- Travel, condo rentals

We are using **Crosslake Lutheran Church** as the drop-off site for all gifts.

35960 County Road 66, Crosslake.

Mondays June 12th & 19th AND Tuesdays June 13th & 20th from 4 to 7 pm.

PLEASE remember the earlier we get the items the sooner we can let our guests know the catalogue of items. PLEASE!!! WE NEED ALL ITEMS BY JUNE 20th!!!

We ask that you please fill out **COMPLETELY** the “Auction Item Donation” form for **EACH** item prior to dropping of your items. This form can be found on the Campkfriends.com website. (On the “forms” page)

PLEASE- Make certain we have your current email - each person is vital to the success of our Night Under the Stars event and we appreciate your contribution.

Questions please contact the Silent Auction Co-Chairs at:

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FALL FUNDRAISER	Chair person needed		

