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Camp Knutson Volunteers Spring Newsletter

Greetings from the President

Greetings and wishing you a happy spring! Once again, my heart is filled with joy as I see all the wonderful friends coming together to support Camp Knutson. I see many familiar friends joining the team, but I also see several new people starting to dip their toe in the volunteer pool. It is so inspiring to hear new ideas and plans. It is this constant building of community and fresh perspectives that is the lifeblood of our volunteer team. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Camp Knutson staff for their support in my president's journey. Their constant guidance has been very comforting to me. I really appreciate their support as they work to

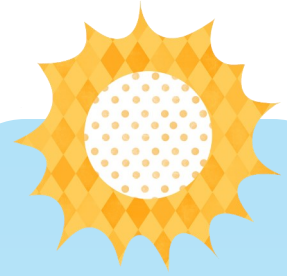


provide the framework for volunteers to hopefully once again be able to interact with the campers at Camp. United we can accomplish anything! I am looking forward to the opportunity to bead with campers by the water's edge and support the campers as they ride their bikes on the property. I understand last year one camper asked "where are our old friends?" We hopefully are coming back!!!!

Recently, my son with an Autism diagnosis that lives and works outside of Philadelphia had a minor traffic ticket. This may result in his losing his license for 60 days. As I once again was thrown back into the anxiety that can arise from a minor bump in the road, I was reminded of how supportive Camp Knutson can be. As a parent with an adult Autistic son, you know that support for both the parents and adult are important. As I see the campers from Camp Hand in Hand smile and laugh as they ride their bikes, I know their hearts are filled with joy and their parents are smiling. It is with gratitude that I enjoy my retired volunteer journey with Camp Knutson.

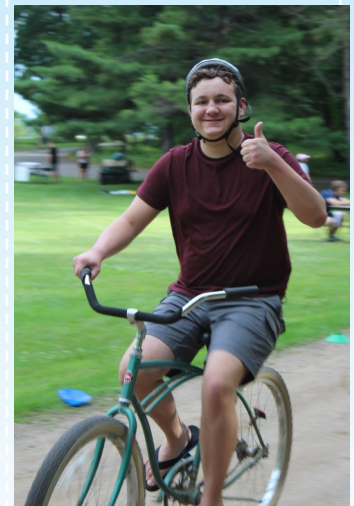
Thank you for your continued support of both myself and Camp Knutson.

Kristie



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Campkfriends.com



CKV Annual Dues

CKV 2022 Optional Dues are \$10 as in the past. The dues help defray CKV mailing and print costs as well as supporting the “fairy fund” for campers that do not have spending money at camp. We greatly appreciate your interest in and support of the CKV.

Easy Options for Dues:

1. Mail your \$10 check payable to “Camp Knutson” to camp.

11148 Manhattan Pt Blvd
Crosslake, MN 56442
2. Pay your dues (check preferable) at the Spring Meeting on June 2nd.
3. Pay dues online at campkfriends.com (click on “membership info”)
4. Drop off a check in the CKV drop box in the lobby of Pauly’s Place at Camp Knutson .

Thank you!

Welcome CKV (Camp Knutson Volunteers)

Greetings and cheers to all CKV who have patiently and faithfully been looking forward to a return to volunteering on campus and to meeting new and familiar friends as we start the 2022 season! So many energetic, friendly, and talented people, all with one mission! Aren’t we lucky to serve with such a team? As a Camp K volunteer **you do make a difference in a child’s life!**

In only a couple of weeks we will be gathering at the Spring Meeting on June 2nd where we will have the opportunity to reserve volunteer slots for the entire list of activities with campers, with fundraisers, gardening/grounds, and maintenance. Each volunteer task will have a sign up sheet for the summer so bring your calendars/phones. You will receive a reminder before each sign up. If it is necessary to make adjustments throughout the summer, it is easy with a call, text, or email to me. Most campus opportunities are a one-time only task taking about two hours of volunteer time. Gardening and fundraiser events offer repeated dates. It will be helpful to check the web site: www.campkfriends.com (not the LSS site) to review the opportunities prior to the Spring Meeting. In addition, please review The Time and Talent Interest form on the website as it will be collected at the Spring Meeting and used to create a source for calling volunteer substitutes for canceled opportunities during the summer season. Forms can be found and printed from campkfriends.com/forms.

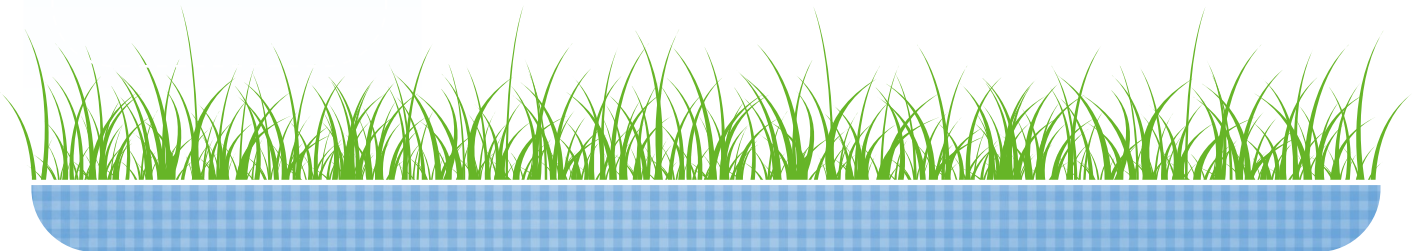
New COVID requirements for volunteers will also be detailed at the Spring Meeting. Staff will be available to answer questions about the process. All volunteers will be able to complete and turn in the necessary annual forms and update any new data for our roster (such as email/phone changes) at the meeting. Please review the opportunities to pay the optional 2022 dues of \$10 also printed in this newsletter.

Finally, if you have a couple of hours to help at camp this month in May **before** the Spring Meeting, check out the article “Adopt a Cabin”, and give me a call, text or email!

So together we will officially begin another outstanding season at camp! Let me *thank you in advance for taking the time to make a difference.*

Thanks,

Ginny Hersey, Volunteer Coordinator
herseyonfox@emily.net, 218-821-7801



CKV Membership Report

Volunteer Membership Coordinator, Lori Lee, is rolling out the new Volunteer Mentor Program this year. The goal is to identify new Camp Knutson members/volunteers from the last three years and ask if they would like to connect with a long-time Camp Knutson volunteer. We will be gathering information on who would like to be a mentor and who would like a mentee assigned to them in the next month. Please email Lori Lee at Loriandronlee@gmail.com if you interested.

We want to offer you the opportunity to ask questions via email, phone or over coffee or cocktails with a veteran volunteer. The goal is to make your involvement with Camp Knutson as smooth and friendly as possible.

We'd also like you to consider introducing someone you know to the CKV team. Is there someone in your neighborhood, at your church or work, from exercise or book club that hasn't experienced the satisfaction of helping at camp, seeing the joy on the face of campers, or be a part of a successful fundraiser? Bring your guest to the Spring Meeting on the 2nd of June.

As always, remember that we appreciate your support and always encourage you to have fun!

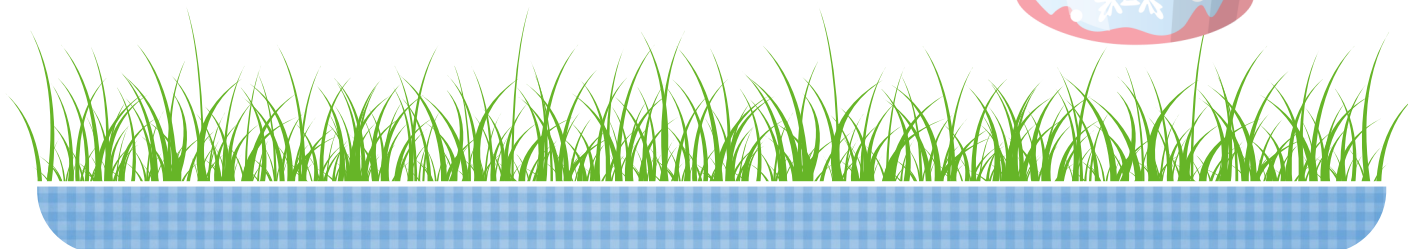
Sundae Funday— May 29th 2022

Camp Knutson Volunteers will be hosting a free community event at Camp Knutson on Sunday, May 29th from 11:00 – 2:00. The event is for all ages! Fun games and tours of the camp will be available to enjoy. Free walking tacos and ice cream sundaes will be served and have been a hit for visitors in the past. This event allows the community to be aware of the camp's purpose and to get a better idea of what happens during the summer for the campers. It is also helpful for new campers and parents to be able to directly see the campus and to meet some of the staff. Our food chairs are, Carolyn Forney (Ph.# 612-817-5830, leave a message when calling) and Susan Derus. The ladies will be looking for volunteers to help with the food preparation and to help serve on the day of the event. Give Carolyn a call if you can help! We will also be looking for several more volunteers as the time gets closer to help with tours, greeting, parking, etc. If you have helped in the past or are a new volunteer it is a great time for you to meet new people, get to know the campus and enjoy the fun. The chair persons for Sundae Funday are:

Lori Nelson – 651-246-7292 - lorinelson@brainerd.net

Linda Gates – 507-202-9374 - gates.lb@hotmail.com

Please contact us with questions or to put your name on the list to volunteer at Sundae Funday!



Gardening at Camp Knutson

The gardeners were busy this last summer & fall! We had some great Wed. AM's weeding, deadheading, watering, moving plants from one area to another -- we even trimmed a few shrubs! We planted & cared for the many potted plants around the campus to keep the camp looking colorful for campers, visitors and staff to enjoy. Fun information is gathered from our fellow gardeners during coffee/treat time after the work is done. This is a great group of ladies and there is a lot of laughter! The gardens looked beautiful last summer and we look forward to seeing them grow in 2022. If you are interested in joining us, we meet every Wed. AM at 8:30 AM for 1-1 ½ hours. We are flexible, and you can join in when you are available. Please add your name, phone # and email to the time & talent sheets, and we will be in touch with you.

Chair Person, Linda Gates 507-202-9374



Quilt Auction Update

Spring has arrived and we are excited to get to work on the 36th Annual Quilt Auction! The auction will be held on Saturday, August 13th and we plan to have a "hybrid" event again this year, with both live and online events. The "QAC Squad" needs your help!

If you are interested in being on our team, there will be sign-up sheets at the spring volunteer meeting on June 2nd. Again, no quilting experience is needed!

We are currently looking for a photographer to help with the online event. If you know of a professional or amateur photographer that would be willing to donate a few hours to help with photographing the quilts, please have them contact us.

If you, or anyone you know, is planning to donate an item for the Quilt Auction, we will be accepting donations from May 1st through July 11th. Mail or drop your donations at the Crosslake Log Church or contact one of us.

Please reach out to one of us if you have questions, suggestions, or would like to discuss volunteering opportunities. We thank you for your support!

2022 Quilt Auction Chairs:

Penny Bryce 952-201-6307 penny.orp6@gmail.com

Wendy Bares 763-670-4427 wendybares@yahoo.com

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Night Under the Stars

Looking for S'more Fun?

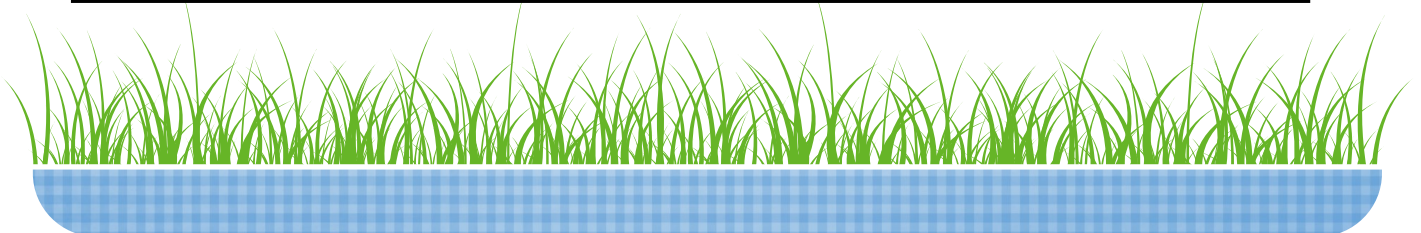
Join us in person at Camp Knutson on Saturday, July 16 for the 19th annual ***Night Under the Stars!*** All the fun starts at 4:30 pm! This year's event will feature: a Silent Auction, Dinner, Program and Live Auction. **Registration and tickets are required for attending in person.** You may register and purchase your tickets, and get complete event details via this link: [Night Under the Stars](#).

If you prefer to participate remotely, you may register to attend Camp Knutson's *virtual* Night Under the Stars. Registration is free and you may still participate in the online auction!

Volunteers are essential to this event! Perhaps you are interested in helping with décor, setup, guest check-in, parking or the silent auction? Sign-up sheets will be available at the Spring Volunteer Meeting on June 2 at Camp Knutson.

Please join us on July 16 as we celebrate Camp Knutson campers, staff, volunteers and supporters at our annual ***Night Under the Stars!*** Your support is needed now more than ever as we welcome campers back this summer with new Covid safety procedures. Be sure to log on for more details and to register for onsite or remote participation!

"I have attended many events at Camp Knutson including Night Under the Stars and was impressed by all of them. Because of this, and all the great things Camp Knutson does for individuals with disabilities and medical needs, I began volunteering last spring. Since then, I have developed many new friendships and have maintained skills I thought I would lose after retiring." - Lori Lee



Silent Auction Details

The silent auction committee has met several times already to work on various aspects of the auction and to create fun new ideas. There has been electric energy among all the members of the committee, and it is exciting to see where this energy will lead.

Many Camp K volunteers are purchasing gift certificates from local businesses to support the community and Camp Knutson. These gift cards will then be incorporated into silent auction gift baskets. If you are attending the all-volunteer meeting on June 2, you may drop off baskets, wooden boxes, or anything we could use to create gift baskets for the Silent Auction. If you are unable to attend, we will provide a drop off time and location later this month. If you need help with ideas for donations, please contact a Silent Auction Committee member.

Later this month, all Camp Knutson volunteers will receive an email detailing the Silent Auction and a link to the donor form. If you do not receive an email please contact Mardy Brodil at jmbrodil@live.com. Volunteers are what make this event successful!



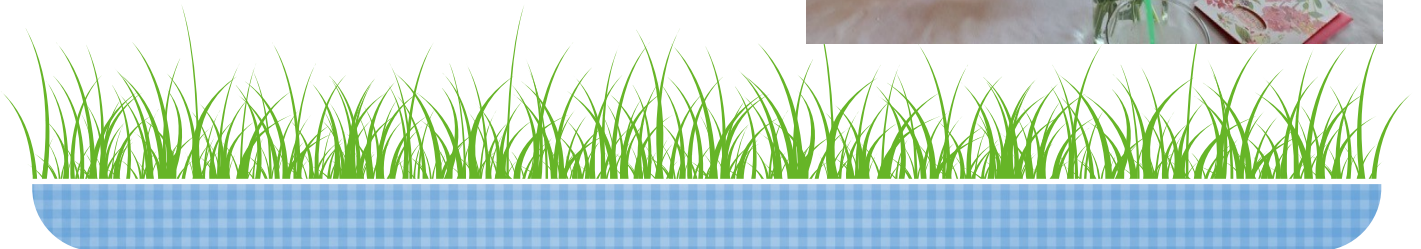
Remembering Gail Peterson

Gail Peterson passed away to her heavenly home on February 18, 2022. She had a strong and beautiful faith. Gail is survived by her husband, Jerry Peterson, and her sister-in-law, Renee Hanning and family. Gail Peterson was an active Camp Knutson Volunteer for many years. Gail was the first Volunteer Coordinator and did an outstanding job. She would talk with each volunteer before they volunteered to make sure the volunteer understood the expectations, where at camp to check in, and made sure the volunteer was comfortable.

Message from Camp K Staff

Gail will be greatly missed by all at Camp Knutson. She always had such a positive spirit, and a “can do attitude about life”. Gail did everything from baking treats for campers, supervising campers biking after dinner, to cleaning cabins with her husband Jerry and other volunteers after campers went home. Gail was an incredible advocate for Camp Knutson, and her camp spirit always shined brightly. We will truly miss her.

God’s Peace, dear friend.



Camp Knutson Director's Letter

Dear Camp Knutson Volunteers,

The signs of spring are starting to arrive ever so slowly at Camp Knutson. But the thaw is happening, and it will not be long until the summer fun is here. We have an amazing group of K staff hired and they will be welcomed to a full season of adventures. It's shaping up to be the busiest summer in our 69-year history. At this point in time, all our camp partners from 2019 are planning on in person camp experiences again. Our newest partner, Camp Norden, will also be joining us for their 2nd summer as well. With all these camp programs and special events back in full swing, Camp K needs your help more than ever. I am confident that you will find meaningful ways to make a difference this summer.

While we are overflowing with excitement for what will feel like a summer filled with homecoming events, we remain diligent about maintaining the health and safety of our campers, volunteers, and staff. Extra precautions will be in place to protect the well-being of everyone. More information will be forthcoming to volunteers regarding these safety measures, especially for those who would like to participate in activities working with campers. Stay tuned and please reach out with any questions or concerns that you might have as we move forward.

I also want to express my deep gratitude to our volunteers for their generous spirit that has helped sustain us the last couple of years. Camp K is in a strong position to offer top quality care to our campers this summer because of our volunteers' tremendous efforts. We couldn't do what we do without you.

Thank you!

We have all been longing for the summer ahead and I can't wait to celebrate with you. Afterall, 'together is what makes Camp K our happy place'.

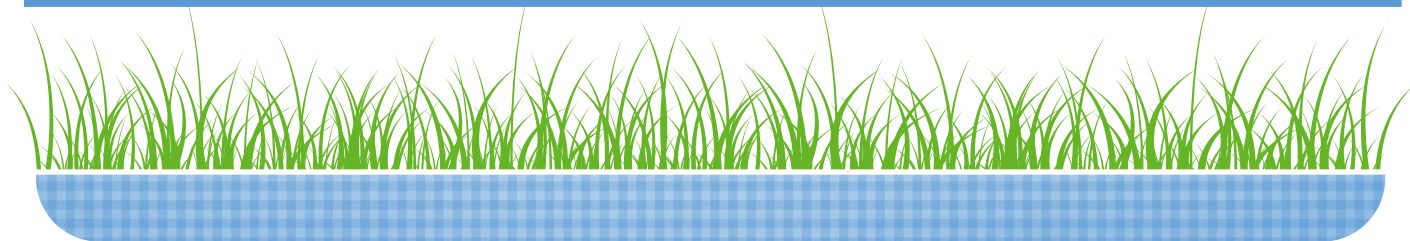
See you at camp!

Jared Griffin



Adopting a Cabin

"We are looking for help this month to get Camp K ready to welcome back our campers! Consider "*Adopting a Cabin*" with friends, neighbors, family to clean it inside and look for any repairs. **This is a one time clean.** (usually not more than 2 hours) You can find your own small group to clean OR have Ginny add you to a smaller group. She would be happy to give you the details and options. Please call or text Ginny Hersey at 218-821-7801 or email at herseyonfox@emily.net





CKV Summer Event Schedule

- May 13— Spring Cleaning Yard Day and More
- May 29— Sundae Funday Open House 11—2
- June 2— Volunteer Spring Meeting
- June 9— New Volunteer Member Gathering
- June 13, 14, 20, 21— Silent Auction Item Drop Off for NUTS
- July 9— Live Music on the Docks
- July 16— Night Under the Stars
- August 13— 36th Annual Quilt Auction
- August 14— Camp Knutson Sunday at Crosslake Lutheran
- August 25— Fall Volunteer Meeting
- September 3— Pancake Breakfast
- September 12— Volunteer Appreciation Picnic



Camp Knutson Summer Schedule

- May 23— Summer Staff Orientation Begins
- May 29— Sundae Funday Open House 11—2
- June 6—9 Camp Benedict (Families impacted by HIV/AIDs)
- June 11—15 Down Syndrome Camp (Down Syndrome)
- June 17— 20 Camp RED (Burn Survivors)
- June 22—26 Camp Hand in Hand 1 (Autism)
- June 28— July 2 Camp Hand in Hand 2 (Autism)
- July 5—9 Camp Odayin 1 (Heart Conditions)
- July 11—15 Camp Odayin 2 (Heart Conditions)
- July 16— Night Under the Stars
- July 18— 22 Camp Odayin 3 (Heart Conditions)
- July 24— 29 Camp Discovery 1 (Skin Conditions)
- July 31— August 5 Camp Discovery 2 (Skin Conditions)
- August 8—12 Camp Hand in Hand 3 (Autism)
- August 13 — Quilt Auction
- August 14— 18 Camp Hand in Hand 4 (Autism)
- August 20—24 Camp Norden (Cancer)
- August 26— 28 Bridging Hearts (Learning Differences)
- August 29—31 Youth Services (Housing Insecurity)
- September 3— Pancake Breakfast
- September 5— 9 Minneapolis Community Group
- September 23— 25 Ampersand Families (Adopted Youth)

