March 2020

Greetings Camp Knutson Volunteers

Greetings from CKV President, Bonnie Benson

Happy Spring Camp Knutson Volunteers!

S - <u>Special</u> things are happening at camp in the preparation for a great summer ahead for campers, staff and volunteers. Caitlin Malin and Josh Sitarz are busy hiring counselors.

Cooper (Caitlin's wonderful dog) has been doing more training to become a service dog.

The calendar is being organized and filled by Jared Griffin.

CKV Board members are working on projects.

Sundae Funday Chairwomen are very organized and making plans for the May event!

NUTS Chairperson, Jeannine Acker is working on invitations & poster design for advertising. Auction Committee Chair Kristie Roedl has some fabulous suggestions for auction items. Hope you are working on your new auction item finds!! Go for it! Now is the time!!!

- P <u>Priceless</u> The experiences CKV have with the campers, other Camp Knutson Volunteers and staff are priceless!
- R <u>Ringing</u> the Camp Knutson Bell will happen before our CKV Spring Meeting on June 4, 2020 at 10 AM in the Dining Hall at camp. We will share lunch afterwards, chat, and discuss ideas!
- I Interesting and talented You are interesting and talented individuals!
- N <u>Necessary</u> people (ALL OF YOU CKV MEMBERS) will come together to hear from Jared, Caitlin and Josh, plus our board members about working together and celebrating campers!
- G <u>Get ready</u> to have a great time VOLUNTEERING! See you at Camp Knutson!





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Important Dates

05/31 Sundae Funday 06/04 Spring Volunteer Mtg 07/18 Night Under the Stars 8/08 Quilt Auction

IN MEMORIAM KIND, CARING, SELF GIVING WOMEN WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY



Marie Fischer 7/25/1942-11/16/2019



Linnea Anderson 5/29/1943-11/2/2019



Mary Lu Dietz 8/19/1936-2/10/2020

"They spread their branches wide!"

These women were true gifts to Camp Knutson in so many ways. Their care and concern for campers. Fundraising with extraordinary attention to detail. Creative thinking to bring new ideas to camp. Consistent support of Camp Knutson Staff and fellow Camp Knutson Volunteers.

What blessings they were in our lives!

Linnea Anderson, Mary Lu Dietz, and Marie Fischer will be truly be missed!

God's Peace Special Ladies!

2020 VOLUNTEER EVENT CALENDAR

5/31 Family "Sundae Funday" Open House - 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

6/4 Spring Volunteer Meeting - 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

6/10, 6/16, 6/19 New Member Gatherings - 10:00 - 11:30am

- 7/18 Night Under the Stars (NUTS) 4:30 8:30 pm
- 8/2 Camp K Sunday @ Crosslake Lutheran Church 8:30 (indoor) & 10:00 am (outdoor)
- 8/8 Quilt Auction 9:30 am 4:30 pm
- TBD Fall Volunteer Meeting
- 9/5 Pancake Breakfast 8:30 10:30 am
- 9/14 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 5:30 7:30 pm

Warm up Volunteers

The sun is shining, the temps are rising, and our Camp Knutson spirit for 2020 is beginning to stir. As we begin to "warm up" our thoughts for the annual Spring Volunteer Meeting and the first

fundraiser and camps in June, we hear the enthusiastic cheers from our volunteers.

While we wait for the official summer start, if you are in the Crosslake area please join your volunteer friends at Camp on April 14th for one of our traditional "Game Nights" from 5:00 - 8:00 pm at Allie's Place. Bring a snack to share, a few nickels and a beverage. Pizza, laughs and fun are guaranteed. Please call or text Caitlin to RSVP at 608-632-4201.



We look forward to all CKV finding ways to participate from over 312 opportunities on campus, and endless involvement with our great fundraisers throughout the summer. Information about



specific volunteer opportunities can be found on our updated website (www.campkfriends.com). The volunteer slots on campus can be reserved at the Spring Volunteer Meeting on June 4. After that, please give me a call, a text or email to sign up for on-campus opportunities. Contacts for fundraiser sign-ups are also listed on the site. All of us might note on the 2020 Time and Tal*ent Form* the opportunity to sign up for Event General Committees.

The 2020 Time and Talent Form, and the Voluntary Disclosure Form (found on website) can be turned in prior to the Spring Meeting. A reminder, however, that the T&T form is not a sign up, but a list of your preferences for the summer. Please sign up on June 4th or contact me to volun-

teer for a specific task. Don't wait for someone to call you. We use this form for calling subs or trying to fill the odd vacancy in a volunteer opportunity.

Finally, this is a great time for all of us to be thinking about friends and neighbors who have yet to discover our wonderful Camp K. Give us a call and invite them to tour the camp. Looking forward to seeing each of you. Bring on the warmth!!

Ginny Hersey CKV Coordinator of Volunteers (218) 821 - 7801



Please remember you need to turn in your Time and Talent form and Voluntary Disclosure Form every year! Background check forms need to be turned in every three years. You can find these forms at www.campkfriends.org under the Volunteers and Forms tab.

Sundae Funday - Sunday, May 31, 2020

Camp Knutson Volunteers will host a free community event at Camp Knutson on Sunday, May 31, 2020 from 11 am -2 pm. This event is for all ages, a festival of fun and games and tours of the camp. Free food such as walking tacos and ice cream sundaes have been the hit for the past three years. The goals of this event are 1) to raise awareness in the local community of Camp K and 2) to give those shy first-time campers and their anxious parents a closer look at camp.

Our food chairs, Susan Derus 612-209-9454, Carolyn Forney 612-817-5830 and Cheryl Evenson 763-478-8562 are looking for volunteers to help serve food the day of the event. Please contact one of these chairs if you are interested. We will have more volunteer needs closer to the event in May.

Please feel free to contact the Co-Chairs with any questions:

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

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





2020 Quilt Auction Update

We are very excited to be working on this awesome fundraiser. This is our first year chairing together and we are having a blast! Come join the fun and help us as "co-leaders" of one of the following areas: Live Auction, Silent Auction, Buy It Now/Fat Quarter area, Concessions, and Publicity. We are also seeking volunteers for the day of the Auction: greeters, parking attendants, golf cart drivers and a photographer.

We are still in the planning stages and would welcome your involvement and ideas! There will be Quilt Auction informational meetings coming in April and/or May (once the snowbirds return!) <u>be-fore</u> the CKV Spring Meeting. So don't wait until summer to get involved! If you're interested, watch for those dates or contact one of us.

We will be receiving quilts earlier and longer this year, May 1st - July 20th. Donations may be mailed or dropped off at the Crosslake Log Church (37218 Co. Rd. 66, Crosslake, MN 56442) or please contact one of us.

New this year are "Fat Quarters" (fabric cut in 18"x22"sections). It's a great way to use up some of that stash and donate to the auction if you are not able to donate a quilt or a handmade item.

Please spread the word to all your family and friends. Maybe you know someone who would love to join our team and/or donate? Then bring a friend to the 34th Quilt Auction on August 8, 2020.

 Thank you for your support!

 Penny Bryce (952) 201-6307
 Beth McConville (563) 271-6459
 Cindy Melsby (612) 723-0342

NIGHT UNDER THE STARS

Things are beginning to take shape for this year's **Night Under the Stars** fundraising gala on Saturday, July 18. Our theme is Italian!

Camp Knutson Volunteers Present

Night Under the Stars – That's Amore

This year's event is featuring a local business partner. We are proud to announce that **Maucieri's** will be catering the appetizers and a wonderful sit-down dinner!

We always need plenty of help to bring this event to life. There are opportunities to get involved in many areas. Are you interested in:

**Directing traffic, parking	**Helping with décor
**Manning the signature drink stand	**Event set-up
**Silent auction team assistance	**Event tear down

We will have sign-up sheets at our Volunteer Spring Meeting and Luncheon on June 4. If you are unable to attend or would like information before then, please contact me directly at <u>JKAcker@comcast.net</u>.

The registration link to attend *Night Under the Stars* will be on the Camp Knutson website beginning May 1. We hope to see you there!

Ciao!

Jeannine Acker 2020 Night Under the Stars Chair

A quick update from the **NUTS Silent Auction Committee.** We are thrilled to soon be communicating with new and exciting individuals and businesses about donations for the 2020 NUTS Silent Auction. One of the donations is from an Artist by the name of Bjorn Meisner who does classic portraits. Samples of his work can be found on the following website: www.bjornmeisner.com.

We will also be in communication with people about donating an Italian Wine Tasting party, custom cutting boards, custom signs and another wine tasting party paired with food. If you have any ideas about who is an excellent fishing guide or has a week at a vacation property they would be willing to donate to the Auction, we would be thrilled. We find that services do really well in the auction. We are asking you to please connect with the Silent Auction team (Kristie's email below) prior to making any donation asks.

If you would like to talk more about a possible donation ideas please email Kristie Roedl at Kristieplummerroedl@gmail.com.

Many volunteers have been helping Dennie this winter with a variety of maintenance tasks! We are grateful for your support year round!



Camp Knutson has an Amazon Wishlist! Check it out at:

http://a.co/fGRcUM2





We are excited for summer 2020 and looking forward to working with each of you to put on an incredible summer season for all of our campers! We are grateful for all of YOU!

