

Camp Knutson Volunteers

Mission Statement: To support Camp Knutson through acts of service including camp programs, fundraising events and camp maintenance.

A Note from Kate



We do believe Spring and Summer will follow our brutal winter weather of 2019. All of us are awaiting the arrival of green landscape, summer birds, open water and excited campers and staff for fun and support at our beloved Camp Knutson!

I am wearing a new hat this year for Camp K and am looking forward to taking the helm for our Camp K Volunteers. I am very grateful to once again be deeply involved with CK. I remember years ago when a group of women came to us and suggested a volunteer organization. Today, we are a large and very successful group of loving, kind, dedicated men and women involved in many ways to promote the health and welfare of our campers and families with special needs. My sincere thanks to all volunteers who have embraced our mission so heartily in all its diverse opportunities.

We continue to welcome new volunteers to join our team and look forward to them sharing their gifts and talents with us. You will find volunteer opportunities, job descriptions, our mission statement and more on our website, CampKFriends.com.

Our annual CKV (Camp Knutson Volunteers) Spring meeting is May 30 at 10AM in the camp dining hall. At this meeting you may complete forms, pay dues, sign up for volunteer opportunities, and get the latest camp scoop from Jared (Camp Director) and Caitlin (Program Director). Then stay for lunch, tour the grounds and shop the camp store.

We are ready for another fun and productive summer and invite all to participate! As you browse through this newsletter you will see a variety of opportunities with which to become involved! Thanks to our CKV board members, chair and co-chair members, and “worker bees” who make our CKV productive and enjoyable.

We are a happy and welcoming crew working together for the benefit of our campers.

Hop Aboard!

Your 2019 Captain

Kate Williams

President, Camp Knutson Volunteers

Save the Dates!

Family Sundae Funday

Sunday, May 26

Games and treats for the whole family!

Volunteer Spring Meeting

Thursday, May 30

Kick off the season with new and “seasoned” volunteers!

Night Under the Stars

Saturday, July 20

Gala dinner, silent auction and live auction!

See inside for additional details!



Welcome CKV (Camp Knutson Volunteers)

Spring is here! Camp is coming alive again with staff and counselors eagerly preparing for the campers, and our Camp K volunteers are looking forward to meeting new and familiar friends as we begin the 2019 season.



So many friendly, energetic, and talented people, all with one mission! Aren't we lucky to serve with such a team? As a CK volunteer **you do** make a difference in a child's life!

It is great to hear our volunteers talk about camp experiences when they are in a group of new faces! The last two years have brought a growing number of new volunteers and so far we are seeing the same for 2019! I'd like to again encourage you to think about what volunteering at camp means to you, and then introduce someone you know to our CKV team from your neighborhood, church, card club, or exercise group. Offer them the experience and satisfaction of helping at camp, seeing the joy on the face of campers, or becoming a part of a successful fundraiser! Bring your guest to the Spring Meeting on Thursday,

May 30th at 10:00. Take the camp tour with them. Tell them about the New Member coffees.

Last year brought some wonderful changes to our CKV website (www.campkfriends.com). All volunteer opportunities were detailed and contact info listed. This year we continue with even more helpful changes to make it easy to sign up, make changes to your schedule, and add more volunteering as the summer proceeds. Call, text, or email me. I promise to send reminder emails again this year with details of where to be and what to expect.

Schedules for volunteer opportunities and other details will be available at the **Spring Meeting on May 30** with experienced volunteers to answer questions. **Bring your personal calendar for sign ups and your Time and Talent Preference Form** to leave with me. I'll have and be asking everyone to sign an **annual Voluntary Disclosure form**. **New Background checks are required every three years** beginning in 2017-18 from everyone who is on campus when campers are present. If you did not turn in a new one last year, I'll be available with forms at the meeting. Together we will officially begin another outstanding season at camp! **Let me thank you in advance for taking the time to make a difference!**

Ginny Hersey, Volunteer Coordinator

Text or call: 218-821-7801

herseyonfox@emily.net

Don't Forget

Camp Knutson Volunteers Annual Spring Meeting

Thursday, May 30 at 10:00 am

Lunch will be provided!

We would love to see you there!

10:00 a.m.

Camp Knutson Dining Hall

CKV Membership Information and Dues

2019 OPTIONAL DUES: \$10 CKV Membership dues are optional with a preferred due date of May 30, 2019. You also receive newsletters, emails, and e-blasts regarding opportunities and activities at Camp Knutson. Dues are used to support the cost of required background checks, website support, printing and mailing of the Spring newsletter/other mailings, craft supplies, jewelry program etc. If you have questions please contact: Jared Griffin, Camp Knutson Director, 712-249-9621.

Easy Options for Paying Your Optional Dues

1. Pay dues on-line at www.campkfriends.com (click on "membership info")
 2. Mail your \$10 check payable to "Camp Knutson" to Camp Knutson, 11148 Manhattan Point Blvd, Crosslake, MN 56442.
 3. Pay your dues (check preferable) at the Spring Meeting, May 30, 2019.
 4. Drop off a check in the CKV drop box in the lobby at Pauly's Place (at Camp).
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Please complete this form every year so we can insure we stay up to date with your information.

CKV Membership Information Form

Name _____ New Member: Yes No

Summer Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Winter Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Cell _____

Email Address _____

Paid \$10 Dues: Online Check Cash

Media Release: I grant Camp Knutson and LSS to take my photo, video, and voice to strength our marketing efforts through social media, newspaper, newsletters, websites, brochures and other materials we see fit. By agreeing to this consent, you grant us the right to use your image and story to further our mission.

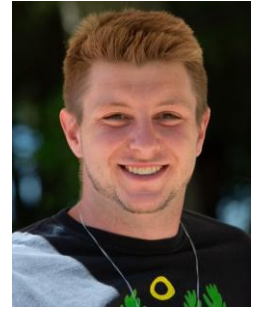
Yes No

Camp Director Updates:

Happy Spring everyone! We are thrilled and energetic about the upcoming summer season!



This spring we added an additional full time staff position to our year round team. Josh Sitarz started April 1st in the Program Coordinator role. Josh has been on summer staff for the last 3 years serving as a Program Specialist, Waterfront Coordinator and in summer 2018 as an Activities Coordinator. Josh brings a wealth of creativity, energy and passion to our team and we are very excited to see the opportunities this position opens camp up to. He will be a familiar face for many of you but when you come out to camp this summer, make sure you introduce yourself to Josh!!



This past fall and winter, we built the Program Support Center and updated the Maintenance Facility. The interiors of both buildings are complete and final pieces of organization are occurring. This new building and updates to the shop have already created great opportunities to adequately store equipment, increase woodworking space, and create more of an efficient work area for our maintenance team and volunteers. We are excited to see the impacts it has on our increased time spent with campers, a fully accessible bathroom for our campers, staff and volunteers staff to use, and the longevity of keeping our equipment up to date for our campers. Join us after the Volunteer Spring Meeting for tours of the Program Support Center and the Maintenance Facility.

Camp added a 4 legged furry friend to our team as Caitlin got a goldendoodle puppy. Cooper is six months old and loves to play ball, play in the snow, take naps, and explore new areas around camp. Caitlin and Cooper have begun puppy training and he is learning quickly with the hope of him becoming a therapy dog by 2020.



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 tender love and support you bring to all of us and everything you do for our campers! The smiles, laughs, and words of encouragement that you share with us bring many rays of sunshine. Here's to another fantastic summer ahead of us!

- Jared and Caitlin

Camp Knutson 2019 Wish List

Camperships

Youth Experiencing Homelessness Programming

Horseback Riding for Autism Campers

Tree Planting (large in size – 3" diameter)

Outfitting Program Support Center (maintenance tools, gears, shelving)

Sound System Updates to the Dining Hall and Waterfront

Kitchen Updates (Small commercial appliances, cookware)

Volunteer Spotlight



Carolyn Forney became involved with Camp Knutson when friends Gwen Orred and Ginger Slind told her about the Silent Auction they were planning as a fundraiser for the camp in 2006. Carolyn had experience with such events, as she had co-chaired an auction for a cancer research organization in the past. “It sounded like fun, so I offered to help,” recalled Carolyn.

She has since helped with numerous fundraisers, including the Taste Luncheon and Night Under the Stars; volunteer experiences with campers such as Jewelry Making and Sundae Funday; preparing dinners for the new counselors and staff in the spring; and developing the community outreach event, Sundae Funday. She has “Enjoyed it all! I can’t pick a favorite activity.”

Carolyn and her husband of 53 (54 in June!) years, John, both grew up in Edina, where their parents were good friends. They began dating in 9th grade. With the exception of a short stint in Boston for John’s career in advertising, the Forneys have always lived in Minnesota. They raised their three children, who now live out west in Mountain View, CA and Denver, CO, in Edina, where Carolyn also worked as an elementary school teacher.

When asked how they “discovered” the Crosslake area, Carolyn shared, “Our parents’ friends had cabins on Pelican and Bay Lakes, which are where we first visited the Brainerd Lakes.” Carolyn also spent a month one summer on Whitefish and Trout Lakes at Camp Wabigoniss as a girl.

In 1990, the Forneys bought a cabin in Crosslake, where they spent many weekends. In 2000, they built a new home here, and moved full-time to Crosslake last May. Carolyn’s favorite hobbies are needlepoint, knitting, and Bible studies, wonderful activities for the long snowy winter this past year, along with settling into their new full-time home. We’re so happy they are here full-time!

- Mary Nielsen, Membership Chair

New CKV Website!

After ten years, our [CampKFriends](#) website is undergoing a facelift! Last fall Mardy Brodil, Caitlin and I put together our thoughts, based on our research and your feedback, and submitted our recommendations to the Board of Directors for approval of contracting with a web designer that we felt best met our needs and expectations. Tuck Creative, led by Ian Tucker, was chosen to redesign, update, modernize and simplify the website experience for our users and volunteers.

We are in the process of reviewing the beta site and will continue to edit and update the new website! The address, www.campkfriends.com will stay the same, but our focus will be on changes in functionality, more concise information without repetition, improved navigation and appearance, as well as our continued commitment to security.

Stay tuned! We’re continuing our work with Ian on the design, and plan to have it ready to go prior to the summer season!

Jean Jones and Caitlin Malin

Camp Knutson Summer Schedule 2019

May 20-June 2	Staff Training
May 26	Family Sundae Funday
May 30	Volunteer Spring Meeting
June 3-7	Camp Benedict (HIV/AIDS)
June 9 - 13	Down Syndrome Camp
June 16-21	Camp Discovery (Chronic Skin Conditions)
June 23-28	Camp Hand in Hand (Autism, males 19-23, females19-26)
June 30-July 5	Camp Discovery (Chronic Skin Conditions)
July 8-12	Camp Odayin (Heart Disease, grades 1-5)
July 15-19	Camp Odayin (Heart Disease, grades 6-8)
July 22-26	Camp Odayin (Heart Disease, grades 9-11)
July 28-Aug 2	Camp Hand in Hand (Autism, males 15-19)
August 4-9	Camp Hand in Hand (Autism, males 24+ and females 27+)
August 11-16	Camp Hand in Hand (Autism, males 9-14, females 9-18)
August 19-22	Camp Red (Burn Survivors)
August 26-28	Youth Experiencing Homelessness
August 31	Pancake Breakfast
September 2-6	Minneapolis Community Group (Adult Mental Health)
September 9	Volunteer Appreciation Picnic



Camp Knutson Volunteer Events 2019

MAY	Friday, May 24	CKV Board Meeting	Allies Place	2:00 – 3:30 pm
	Sunday, May 26	Family Sundae Funday		11:00 am – 2:00 pm
	Thursday, May 30	Spring Meeting Lunch provided	Dining Hall	10 am – 1:00 pm
JUNE	Thursday, June 6	New Members Coffee	Allies Place	10:00 – 11:00 am
	Tuesday, June 25	New Members Coffee	Allies Place	10:00 – 11:00 am
JULY	Saturday, July 20	Night Under the Stars “Luau at the Lake”		4:30 – 8:30 pm
AUGUST	Saturday, August 10	Quilt Auction		9:30 am - 4:30 pm
	Thursday, August 29	Fall Meeting Lunch provided	Dining Hall	12:00 – 2:00 pm
	Saturday, August 31	Pancake Breakfast	Dining Hall	8:30 am – 10:30 pm
SEPTEMBER	Monday, September 9	Volunteer Appreciation Picnic	Dining Hall	5:00 – 7:30 pm



Night Under the Stars
LUAU AT THE LAKE

(Gala for Camp Knutson campers with identified needs.)

Saturday, July 20, 2019



4:30 - 6:15 P.M. Silent Auction & Wine Hut

6:30 - 8:30 P.M. Dinner, Program & Live Auction

LET US KNOW IF YOU'LL JOIN THE LUAU!

RSVP BY JULY 10, 2019

Online Registration: WWW.CAMPFRIENDS.COM

Sharon Elmquist

ELMS@CROSSLAKE.NET | 218.692.1142



Join us at Camp Knutson

11148 MANHATTAN POINT BOULEVARD | CROSSLAKE, MN 56442

NUTS Silent Auction Info

ALOHA! The Silent Auction has been an exciting element during our previous NUTS events. Our CKV volunteers solicit auction item donations, reach out to others who have given in the past, and enlist new supporters of Camp Knutson by telling them the story of this amazing place and its dedication to our wonderful campers.

We are looking for interesting, creative items for the event. Popular donations include:

- Metal sculpture, pottery, or carving
- Hand knit and embroidered items
- Useful services in landscaping, window washing, tree trimming, etc.
- Cabin décor items, furniture
- Dinner parties
- Sports equipment or landscape items
- Themed gift baskets
- Vacation destination condos
- Restaurant gift certificates
- Tickets to popular sports' venues

Or consider soliciting businesses for donations. A packet with posters, camp/event information, suggested talking points and business contacts is given to confirmed volunteers in early May.

Beginning May 1, you can log on to www.campkfriends.com and register each donated item online or print out a donation form. Bring the donation forms and auction items to **Crosslake Lutheran Church** during one of the Drop Off dates. They are **Mondays, June 10 and 17**; and **Tuesdays, June 11 and 18th**. NUTS attendees will receive an email listing the silent auction donations in late June.

We are asking volunteers to donate a bottle of \$10 wine, which can be brought to the Spring Meeting on May 30. These are used to create wine baskets for the Silent Auction. These can also be dropped off at Crosslake Lutheran Church on the dates listed in the preceding paragraph.

We will also need set-up help on **July 19** at camp and/or on the day of the event, **July 20**.

For questions or to volunteer, contact one of us!

MAHALO!

Silent Auction Committee:

Cindy Melsby 612-723-0342

Kristie Roedl 612-384-0881

Jan Laurel 952-201-0379

Nancy Hoehn 507-995-2477





Camp Knutson
Hosts
Family Sundae Funday

Sunday, May 26th 11am – 2pm

- * Walking Tacos
- * Ice Cream Sundaes
- * Lawn Games
- * Minnow Races
- * Face Painting
- * Tours
- * And more!



Fun Community Event

Free will Donations

At Camp Knutson
11148 Manhattan Pt Blvd Crosslake
www.campknutson.org

TIME AND TALENT PREFERENCE

Please check all that may interest you. Complete this form and mail to:

Ginny Hersey: 40897 Peninsula Rd Fifty Lakes, MN 56448 **Phone:** 218-821-7801 **Email:** herseyonfox@emily.net

Or bring the completed forms to the Spring Meeting

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____ **Email:** _____

Text: _____

Work with Campers:

- Angel Flights (Camp Odayin/Heart Disease)** – July
Transport campers to/from Brainerd Airport
- Banquet Servers** – 2 Dinners June/1 Dinner in July
Serve dinner to the campers (5:00pm – 6:00pm)
- Bike Riding (Camp Hand in Hand – Autism)** - June/Aug
Assist campers in Bike Circle (5:45pm-6:30pm)
- Thank you Cards (Camp Odayin/Discovery)** July
Assisting counselors and campers with making cards (9am-12pm)
- Down syndrome Camp Rest Hour Activities** – June
Reading, games, music (12:30-2:00pm)
- Fishing with Campers** – All summer
Tuesdays (2:30 – 4:15pm)
- Jewelry Making/Beading (Training Provided)**
All Summer and various times
- Tailgating Dinners** – All Summer
Serve dinner to the campers. (4:45pm – 6:30pm)
Grills, food and tables are provided.
 - YES** or **NO** – *Will you bring a partner?*
- Assist with early season** - April/May
Preparation for summer
- Assist with end of season** - Late Aug/Sept/Oct
Special Camps or activities

Behind the Scenes:

- Gardening** - All summer
Wednesday mornings
- Light cleaning of buildings** –
all summer
Various 2 hour blocks on Fridays

On occasion activities:

- CKV Website Assist
- Maintenance Helper/woodworking
- Photographer
- Sew/Mend Costumes
- Special Interest: _____
- Special Interest: _____

Events/Fundraisers:

Night Under the Stars (July)

- Invitation design/procurement
- Ticket Sales/Seating
- Publicity
- Silent Auction
- Outdoor/dining Decorations
- Indoor Decorations
- Photographer
- Parking
- Set up/Clean Up

Family Sundae Funday (May)

- Idea for new fundraiser?**
- Other Special Events:** Interest in working day of for an event



Please call me on last minute needs.

Thank you for all of your service and being a part of Camp Knutson's Mission! We look forward to seeing you this summer!



****Most volunteer activities take between 1 – 2 hours. NUTS activities may require more time depending on area of Volunteering. All volunteers must submit a Background Check Form and a Volunteer Disclosure Form to Camp Knutson****



Summer fun with Camp Knutson campers, staff and volunteers!



See you soon!

Camp Knutson Volunteers
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