

# CAMP KNUTSON VOLUNTEERS

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

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## President's Message

Wow! What an amazing two years. In 2012 we celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Camp K volunteers and in 2013 we celebrated the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Camp Knutson. Congratulations. You rock! Now, let's make 2014 as memorable.

Mark your calendars now for our Night Under the Stars western roundup on Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. You won't want to miss it! And don't forget the Taste Luncheon, Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Planning for both events is well underway.

I don't need to tell you how special Camp K is. You know. You see it on the faces of these campers and you can hear it in their laughter. Rob and Kate, camp directors, and the counselors make this a special place where these kids can experience the magic of camping and find a community of acceptance and love. You make a difference and volunteering at Camp K makes a difference in you. You come away feeling fulfilled.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all volunteers for your support – whether it's your time, talent or resources – **You** do make a difference and forever change a child's life. Someone once told me there are three "E's" of excellence: Energy, Enthusiasm and Execution. You display all three characteristics regardless of how you volunteer your time -- whether it's working behind the scenes or with the campers making jewelry, fishing, tailgating, cleaning cabins between sessions, or working on our fundraising events. All are equally important and reflect our mission statement. Your energy and enthusiasm are contagious. I so appreciate all you do.

Our two fundraising events – Night Under the Stars and the Taste Luncheon - were very successful last year. Night Under the Stars raised over \$125,000 (after expenses) including \$50,000 matching funds from an anonymous donor. The funds were used to purchase a much needed van to transport campers and to remodel Renner West. The Taste Luncheon, also a sold out event, raised over \$7,000. Funds are being used for camper sponsorships, horseback riding, art supplies for campers etc. Your generosity and the support from our community are overwhelming and so greatly appreciated.

The friendships made at Camp Knutson are priceless. Love lives here!! I'll see you at Camp K!!

*Mardy Brodil*, CKV President



## Silent/Live Auction

## Night Under the Stars 2014

Find your cowboy boots & hat for this years "Night Under The Stars" Saturday, July 19th. Our roundup begins at 5:00 pm under the tent on the beautiful grounds of Camp Knutson. Yee Haw!

The Silent/Live Auction is an important contributor to this fundraising event. As we begin planning for this year, we need your help to recruit donors. Reach out to known donors from previous years and search out new supporters. This year's theme is Western, so let's get creative! Help us brainstorm and search for items that go along with our Wild West theme (i.e. horseback riding, covered wagon supper, etc.).

### HISTORICALLY POPULAR ITEMS:

- vacation condos
- tickets to sporting events or performances
- skill lesson (i.e. sailing, cooking)
- services (i.e. cleaning, car detailing)
- specialty party ideas

We will bundle some donations to make interesting/fun items.

### DROP OFF LOGISTICS:

**Where?** Linnea Anderson's Carriage House (13380 Rush Harbor Drive)

**When?** Every Monday during the month of June from 4pm - 7pm

**Who?** Leave items with John & Mary Knight

\* Please fill out the Auction Item Donation form **COMPLETELY** for **EACH** item prior to drop off. This form can be found at [campkfriends.com](http://campkfriends.com) on the Forms page.

Watch for a notice for a meeting mid-May for further planning.

For questions contact Silent Auction Chair, Mary Scarborough at 218-568-6152 or [MaryJScarborough@hotmail.com](mailto:MaryJScarborough@hotmail.com)

Beginning at 5:00 - 6:45 pm wander over to the saloon for refreshments and appetizers, bid on the exceptional array of silent auction items, Wine Wall & Beer Wall located in the dining hall. Music will be performed by lakes area's own Bridget & Kai Allen a blend of country/western and rodeo music from 5:00- 6:45 pm.

At 6:45 Dinner will be served buffet style including chicken, ribs and hand- carved beef with all the fixins!

### Ticket Reservations:

Participant - includes saloon, silent auction and buffet  
\$75 per person

"Trigger" Sponsorship - includes saloon, silent auction and buffet  
\$150 per person

"Silver" Sponsorship - includes saloon, silent auction and buffet  
\$300 per person

"Champion" Sponsorship - VIP parking, silent auction and buffet  
\$5000 for table of 8

Silent Auction - includes silent auction and saloon only  
\$25 per person

Tickets are available June 3rd at the CKV Spring Meeting. After June 3rd, contact Sharon Elmquist at 218-692-1142 or email [elms@crosslake.net](mailto:elms@crosslake.net) to reserve your tickets. Seating will be limited, so please act quickly.

Here is how we need YOU to help make this fundraiser a success: Please donate WINE (Red or White) value of \$10 a bottle or greater for the Wine Wall. New this year: a Beer Wall. Please donate ONE Bottle of craft/unique beer. This bottle of beer should **not** have been refrigerated. We are aiming for 99 bottles! Please sign up to help in various areas for this event, sign up sheets will be at the Spring Meeting or contact either co-chair.

So roundup all your friends and come!

Thank you, your Co-Chairs: Lori Nelson and Karen Struve  
651-246-7292 612-720-5167



### Arts & Crafts & Jewelry

Summer is fast approaching and we are getting ready for our summer beading program. My buying trip to the Tucson Gem and Mineral show was very successful. This year we will be making beaded spiders after our last summer's success with beaded lizards. We will also be designing bookmarks or bracelets from beautiful fabric from Hawaii. I will be teaching classes on how to do these on Mondays at my studio.  
Coordinator: 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 get 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 3rd.  
Coordinator: Linda Andrews

### Gardening

Please join us for fun gardening time! We meet once a week on Thursdays from June to August at 8 a.m. for an hour, depending upon weather and volunteers. The group gathers by the metal sculpture and then works through the campus. Our tasks include weeding, deadheading, and watering. Please bring any tools you may need, i.e. a container (bucket or bag) for the weeds, small hand clippers, and gloves. When finished, we take time to share ideas and enjoy coffee. Weekly attendance is not necessary, but why miss out on the fun! Come enjoy the beautiful mornings at Camp Knutson.  
Coordinators: Sharon Elmquist & Linda Gates

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2014

### Tues. June 3rd

Welcome volunteers!

11:00am - 12:45pm

New Volunteer Orientation

LOCATION: Camp Dining Hall

1:30pm

All Volunteer Spring Meeting

LOCATION: Camp Dining Hall

### Sat. July 19th

5:00pm

Night Under the Stars

LOCATION: Camp Knutson Lawn

### Mon. Aug 25th

1:30pm

Volunteer Fall Meeting

LOCATION: Camp Dining Hall

### Thurs. Sept 18th

11:30pm

Taste Luncheon

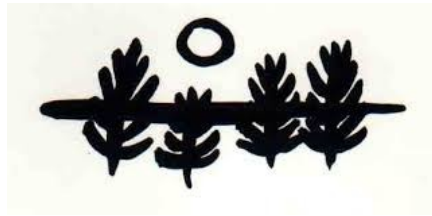
LOCATION: Crosslake Lutheran

### Mon. Sept 22nd

5:00pm

All Volunteer Celebration

LOCATION: Camp Knutson



**Camp Director’s Update:**

The brutal winter of 2013-14 is behind us and all things spring/summer are upon us! Our summer staff members have been hired. They are hired to plan, prepare and play with our eager campers for another life changing experience. Every year brings new life and challenges which we look forward to with high expectations. We so appreciate the love and support that all of you volunteers bring to our campers. All of us working together in so many aspects and areas of camp create the “special” experience for our campers.

Thanks to all of you volunteers for your contribution of time, talent and resources. We all help to make a difference in the lives of these children! **“Let the good times begin”.**

Rob & Kate

**Summer Camp Schedule**

May 16	Brainerd Area LSS Group Homes
May 27	Summer Staff Training Begins
June 9 - 13	Camp Benedict
June 15 - 19	Down Syndrome Youth Camp
June 22 - 27	Skin Disorder (AAD) “Little Pine”
June 29 - July 4	Autism Camp I
July 6 - 11	Skin Disorder (AAD) “Big Trout”
July 14 - 18	Heart Disease Camp I
July 19	Night Under the Stars
July 21 - 25	Heart Disease Camp II
July 27 - Aug. 1	Autism II
August 2	Rhino Bike Ride
August 4 - 8	Heart Disease Camp III
August 9	Quilt Auction
August 11	Heart Disease Camp IV
August 17 - 22	Autism Camp III
August 22 - 24	AA Mens Group
August 30	Pancake Breakfast
Sept. 1 -5	Minneapolis Community Group



**Camp Wish List**

- Stand Up Paddle board SUP’s
- Shuffle board equipment
- Storage Garage
- New beds and furnishing for boys cabin
- New commercial grill
- Horseback riding
- New swimming dock
- New sound system for the dining hall
- Tree removal and tree planting





## Fifth Annual Taste Luncheon

Thursday, September 18, 2014, 11:30 AM

Come to the luncheon and bring your friends to enjoy dozens of recipes submitted by fellow volunteers. Last year we raised \$6,900 for camper sponsorships, more opportunities for horseback riding and loads of new craft supplies! This is a really fun fundraiser - all you have to do is eat for a couple hours and hope you win a door prize!

- 2014 Theme: Entertaining at the Lake V, **Celebrate the Seasons** - emphasis on memories of favorite food at the lake and a season associated with that food. Each seasonal category will include appetizers, salads, soups entrees, sides, breads and desserts.

Please send your recipe to Bonnie Morris at [bonmorris@hotmail.com](mailto:bonmorris@hotmail.com) or to 12049 Pelican Beach Road, Merrifield MN 56465. Include your name, email, phone and season of your recipe.

Thank you, Co-chairs Jane Reiersen and Lynn Olson

### CKV MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

**DUES:** Membership dues are due on June 3, 2014. Due-paying members receive newsletters, e-mails, and e-blasts about volunteer activities and opportunities at Camp Knutson. Members are listed on the CKV website, can hold offices in the CKV organization and serve on the election committee. The organization uses the dues to help defray the cost of required background checks, mailings, craft supplies, etc. For questions regarding dues, please contact Sharon Barsness, Membership Chairperson, at 218-692-4583 or [stbarsness@crosslake.net](mailto:stbarsness@crosslake.net).

### **EASY OPTIONS FOR PAYING DUES**

1. Complete the Membership form and pay dues at the Spring Meeting, June 3, 2014. Or include a \$10.00 check payable to Camp Knutson and mail to Sharon Barsness, 12571 Arrowhead Ln, Crosslake, Mn 56442. Include your membership form. (Membership forms are on the website).
2. Fill out the Membership form and pay dues on the website – [www.campfriends.com](http://www.campfriends.com) (click on "Membership info" on the left side.)
3. Drop off a check and Membership form in the CKV drop box in the lobby at Pauly's Place. Please clip or staple check to the form.

## **A message from our Volunteer Coordinator - GAIL**

Isn't it exciting! Summer IS coming. And summer means Camp Knutson! Over a thousand kids will come to camp this year; some apprehensive because it is their first time visiting and others returning with overflowing eagerness knowing what fun is in store.

Several years ago, Mary Lu Dietz and I helped a group of teenage girls make thank you cards. While crafting, their counselor asked what Camp K meant to them. As we listened to each of the girls answer, we were moved to tears as we realized how life changing this camp experience was for them.

This summer you have the opportunity to be a part of this life changing experience. Take a moment to fill out the **Time and Talent** sheet included in this newsletter. Mail it in to the address on the sheet or give it to me at the Spring Meeting June 3rd.

Weekly, the Camp Volunteer Coordinator calls and notifies me of the number of volunteers the camp needs for the following week. I then call the those who have filled out T&T sheets to see who is available to volunteer.

Our first week of campers will arrive the second week of June. The Down's Syndrome kids will be there from June 15<sup>th</sup> through June 19<sup>th</sup>. The Down's camp requires the most help and includes anything from reading books, playing games to assisting with craft activities. Please check your calendar to see if you are available to volunteer.

### **I NEED YOUR HELP!**

Last fall, I talked to Rob and Kate and asked them how important it was to them for us to help clean the camp each week. They were both very grateful that we are willing to come and clean four small buildings. I know none of us likes to clean, but it is only a two hour commitment and it fills a real need at camp. It doesn't require any heavy cleaning. We need 4 cleaners every week.

Each year at the spring meeting, I circulate a signup sheet with dates and times for cleaning, however, last year it only made it half way around the room because, it takes time to look at the dates, go over your calendar and check with a friend to see if they are available at the same time. As a result, I had very few volunteers for August and September. This year I thought it may help if you knew in advance the days and times to come prepared to sign up at the meeting. Call me if you cannot attend.

In an effort to provide more time for sign-up and coordination with others, I wanted to provide the dates and times for cleaning in advanced.

<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>
13 <sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM	4 <sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM	1 <sup>st</sup> 11:00 AM	5 <sup>th</sup> 11:00
19 <sup>th</sup> 3:00 PM	11 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM	8 <sup>th</sup> 3:00 PM	
27 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM	18 <sup>th</sup> 3:00 PM	15 <sup>th</sup> 3:00 PM	
	25 <sup>th</sup> 3:00 PM	22 <sup>nd</sup> 11:00 AM	

### **Good News!**

LSS has decided that we only need to fill out a background check form and a Volunteer Disclosure Form once every three years. If you completed one last year, you are good until 2016. I have a list of everyone who filled one out and I will bring it to the meeting in June.

### Time and Talent

Please let us know how you would like to volunteer.

Check all that may interest you. Complete this form and mail to;

Gail Peterson, 8890 Breezy Point Dr. #505, Breezy Point, MN. 56472 (Phone 218-562-5472)

Or, bring the completed forms to the Spring Meeting.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Work with Campers</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> “Angel Flight” (Camp Odayin (Heart)) Transport campers to/from Brainerd Airport. A vehicle record check and personal record check will be done. 1 hour online defensive driver training course required.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Thank you cards (Camp Odayin (Heart)) Set out and organize supplies, assist campers AM opportunity</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator for Camp Odayin Card Sessions Coordinate volunteers for morning sessions.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Reading/Story telling (Down Syndrome Camp)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Karaoke/Music (Down Syndrome Camp)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Basketball/Kickball (Down Syndrome Camp)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Supervise Bike Riding (Autism Camp) Generally 5:45 to 6:30 PM</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Assist with crafts (except Down Syndrome Camp) 9:15 to 11:30 AM. Set-up supplies and assist/mentor campers. 2-3 mornings/week.</p> <p>Afternoons at the waterfront 2:30 to 4:00 PM Camper options instead of water activities (All camps except Autism)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fishing with campers</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Jewelry making (training provided)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Supervise tetherball/horseshoes/croquet</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Board games</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tailgating dinners (except Autism) 4:45 to 6:00 PM. Grills, food and tables are provided. Does your spouse/other wish to volunteer with you? <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Assist with early season (April/May) Special camps or activities</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Assist with end of season (late Aug/Sept/Oct) Special camps or activities e.g. Pancake breakfast</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Behind the Scenes/ Other administrative volunteer opportunities</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Clean between camp sessions (Extremely Important!!) See schedule to sign up.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Gardening (Wed. 8: AM)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Make treats for parties/dances (Wed./Thurs.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Website</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Photographer</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Woodworking/Carpentry</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Art/Draw/Paint</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sew/Mend costumes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Assemble craft kits offsite (home)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Excel/Computer Skills</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fundraising</b></p> <p><b>Night Under the Stars!</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Co-chair</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Publicity</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Decorating</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ticket Sales</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Silent/Live Auction</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Willing to work at event</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Corporate sponsorship</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Set-up/Clean up</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Data Entry</p> <p><b>Taste Luncheon</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Co-chair</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Publicity</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Decorating</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ticket Sales</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Set-up/Clean-up</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cookbook</p>
<p>Most camp activities will take between 1 and 2 hours. Working on Night Under the Stars or the Taste Luncheon will require more time depending on what you sign up to do. All volunteers must submit a Background Check Form and a Volunteer Disclosure Form. Forms are available on our website <a href="http://campkfriends.com">campkfriends.com</a></p> <p>Name _____ Phone # _____ E-Mail _____</p>	

Thank you for your volunteer service!



We look forward to seeing you at Camp!

**Camp Knutson Volunteer 2014 Board Members**

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