

# CAMP KNUTSON VOLUNTEERS

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

SPRING 2015

## President's Message

Happy Spring!

Snow has melted, bulbs are sprouting, and the sun is setting past 6 pm. It's time to prepare for another outstanding season at Camp Knutson! As a Camp K volunteer **you** make a difference in a child's life often times in ways you never know, but you do know personal enriching experience volunteering affords you. Camp K volunteers have fun, meet new people, make lasting friendships, and leave camp with a full heart. Whether you are year round residents or seasonal folk like me, there is a place to serve and make a difference at Camp K! I am looking forward to another terrific year at Camp K, this year we have a new building, new staff member Maria Holmen, new website information and a special memorial honoring our founder Joan Thayer - all in an effort to strive for excellence and support our campers.

I encourage everyone to consider where you enjoy serving the most. While everyone is "all in for the kids", we volunteer in different ways, our unique and special talents, skills and experience work "hands-on" with campers or behind the scenes to achieve our goal. Did you know that cabin cleaning was one of the first needs ever requested and that the Taste Luncheon and Night Under the Stars fundraisers are almost 100% volunteer run! Help Gail Peterson our volunteer coordinator by completing the Time & Talent form. I especially want to encourage anyone who has an interest in serving on the CKV board to inquire with me or other board members at the Spring meeting about the opportunities available. Make every effort to attend our annual Spring meeting Thursday, June 2, a@1:30 pm in the Dining Hall at Camp K. At this meeting you may complete forms, pay dues, sign up for specific volunteering opportunities, tour the newly constructed Renner lodge, and hear the latest news from Rob & Kate and much more. Also the CKV board will propose amendments to the CKV Bylaws, crafted by a diligent, dedicated team lead by Jean Jones. Read the By Law amendments on the website.

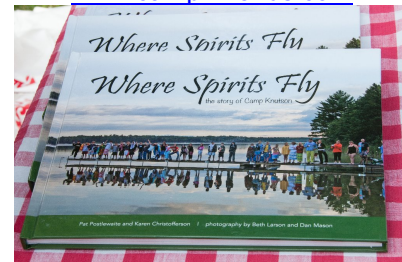
I encourage everyone to take advantage of the CKV website [www.campkfriends.com](http://www.campkfriends.com). The website is informative and user friendly. All our forms, calendar, volunteer roster, event registration and volunteer

opportunities, can be found on the site. This year we have a new tab "Blog" where volunteers can communicate on specific topics - check it out! Make it a goal this year to become comfortable with the site and use it to stay up to date. If you need help navigating the site give me a call.

I am here to serve you and help you serve Camp K.  
See you at Camp!

Shari Schumacher  
President

[www.campkfriends.com](http://www.campkfriends.com)



## 2015 CALENDER OF EVENTS

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| JUNE 2  | <b>Welcome Volunteers</b><br>11:00 AM New Volunteer Orientation<br>1:30 PM All Volunteer Spring Meeting<br>@ Camp Dining Hall |
| JULY 18 | <b>NIGHT UNDER THE STARS</b><br>On Camp Knutson Lawn  |
| AUGUST  | <b>Volunteer Fall Meeting</b><br>1:30 pm<br>@ Camp Dining Hall  |
| SEPT 17 | <b>TASTE LUNCHEON</b><br>11:30 AM<br>@ Crosslake Lutheran Church  |
| SEPT 21 | <b>All Volunteer Celebration</b><br>5:30 PM<br>@ Camp Knutson   |



## Arts & Crafts & Jewelry

The bead ladies are excited about beading on the beach Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. We will be making pendant necklaces and a beaded ankle toe bracelet for the foot. You can sign up at our spring meeting and we look forward to returning beaders and new faces as well. Monday training sessions will start in June

Coordinator: Kathy Morgan



## Gardening

*Please come join us for some fun gardening time! We meet once a week from June - August at 8:30AM on Thursdays. The group gathers by the metal sculpture and then works through the campus. Our tasks are weeding, deadheading and watering. We ask that you bring any tools you may need, a container (bucket or bag) for the weeds, small hand clippers, gloves (if you like to wear them). The work time is about one hour, depending on how many people we have gather that morning and the weather. When our work is done we take time to share ideas and enjoy some coffee. You don't have to be there every Thursday, but why miss out on the fun!! You are all invited to come and make some new friends or catch up with the friends you made in the past. COME enjoy the beautiful mornings at the camp!*

Gardening Co-Chairs  
Linda Gates and Sharon Elmquist

Thank You

## *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 2

## **Camp Director's Update**



Spring has sprung and we are gearing up for another big year at Camp Knutson. We are looking forward to everyone's return as we plan for the upcoming camping season. Please join us on June 6<sup>th</sup> for the Dedication of the new "Renner" boy's dormitory. The event kicks off at 11 a.m. followed by a picnic lunch. This will be a wonderful way for us to get the summer started. So many kids can't wait to return for another full filled week. All of us here at Camp Knutson appreciate the love and support that you as volunteers bring to our campers.

In so many ways we all work together to create the "special" experience for the Camp "K" kids.

Rob and Kate



## **Camp Wish List 2015**



Stand Up Paddleboard  
SUP's  
Storage Garage

Furnishing for great room in boys cabin

Bunk Beds for the new boy's cabin

Horseback riding funds for "Autism Camp"  
Tree planting and landscaping  
Kitchen Shelving

## **CAMP SCHEDULE**

May 26	Summer Staff Training Begins
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	“Renner Dedication”
June 8 – 12	Camp Benedict
June 14 - 18	Down Syndrome Youth Camp
June 21 – 26	Skin Disorder (AAD) “Little Pine”
June 28 – July 3	Autism I
July 5 – 10	Skin Disorder (AAD) “Big Trout”
July 13 - 17	Heart Disease Camp I
July 18	Night Under the Stars
July 20 – 24	Heart Disease Camp II
July 27 - 31	Heart Disease Camp III
August 2 – 7th	Autism II
August 8 <sup>th</sup>	Quilt Auction
August 9 <sup>th</sup> - 14	Autism III
August 16 – 21	Autism Camp IV
September 5	Pancake Breakfast
Sept. 7 - 11	Minneapolis Community Group
Sept. 17	Taste Luncheon

Dining Room tables

Windshield for the 4-wheeler



### **6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TASTE LUNCHEON and FUND RAISER**

Thursday, September 17, 2015 – 11:30

You don't want to miss the Taste Luncheon this year because **“IT'S A PARTY!”**

There will be Party Food, Party Decorations and Party Prizes, as well as raffle tickets, extra cookbooks and Camp Knutson craft items to purchase. Last year we raised \$7750 that was used to purchase **DOWNPOUR DERBY**, an outdoor water activity that is fun for all ages and abilities.

The **PARTY** theme will emphasize four kinds of “snack food” such as: Cold Canapés (chilled finger food including dips); Warm Hors d'oeuvres (warm finger food including dips); Small plates (snacks eaten with a fork or spoon); and last, but not least, Decadent Desserts!

All this lovely party food will be prepared by Camp Knutson Volunteers so **PLEASE** start sending your recipes **NOW!!** Be creative! Have fun!

Email your recipes to [sderus09@gmail.com](mailto:sderus09@gmail.com) or snail mail to Ginny Hersey, 40897 Peninsula Road, Fifty Lakes MN 56448. Be sure to include your name, phone number and email so we can notify you if your recipe is selected!!

If you are interested in helping with the Taste Luncheon you can sign up at the All Volunteer Spring Meeting on June 2 or Lynn Olson at [auntielincoln@yahoo.com](mailto:auntielincoln@yahoo.com). We always can use extra hands and welcome new faces, especially new volunteers.

Thank You.

Lynn Olson, Chair

## **SILENT/LIVE AUCTION**

Last year the Night Under the Stars event raised over \$83,000 and over \$25,000 was from the silent and live auctions. We hope you will once again help with this part of the Night Under the Stars “All that Jazz” 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 again able to use Linnea and Jim Anderson's garage off Route 66 as the drop-off site for all gifts.

**13380 Rush Harbor Drive, Crosslake**

**Drop-Off dates and times for Silent Auction items are Monday and Tuesday**

**June 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> AND June 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>!!!**

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)

**There will be a Silent Auction Brainstorming Session to get some creative ideas flowing – We will meet on May11th at 2pm at Jan Laurel's home, 11358 Manhattan Pt Blvd. Crosslake- Just down the road from camp. Please attend and bring some fun ideas!!**

We may try something new this year with some of the silent auction donations. Guests will have the option of making a “donation” to camp then receive XX number of tickets based on their donation. Then they would place the tickets in bags next to one of the packages/prizes that have been put together; gift certificate, household products, beauty products, outdoor clean-up, etc. The drawing would take place during dinner.

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

Questions please contact the Silent Auction Co-Chairs at:

Lori Nelson 651-246-7292 [lorinelson@brainerd.net](mailto:lorinelson@brainerd.net) or

Jan Laurel: 952-201-0379 [jlaurel@tds.net](mailto:jlaurel@tds.net)

Keep the main focus in mind: **IT IS FOR THE KIDS AT CAMP K.**



## *Night Under the Stars 2015*



*Night Under the Stars will present "All That Jazz" Saturday July 18 at the picturesque grounds of Camp Knutson. A special sit down dinner is being created by caterer Jason Freeman. Expect a jazzy evening with wonderful friends.*

*Registration begins at 4:30 while you enjoy a beverage from the wine bar with appetizers served by our camp counselors. An exceptional array of silent auction items will be available for bidding from 4:30 to 6:30 in the camp dining room. Jazz music will flow through the trees during this time. Sweet Treats will be in the entrance to the silent Auction.*

*At 6:30 dinner will be served under our large white tent. Dinner begins with a colorful salad, and follows with a main course combo of bacon wrapped tenderloin and seared salmon stuffed with shrimp. Dessert will bring sweet notes to your palette!*

*The proceeds from Night Under the Stars will be used to complete the furnishings and décor for the new boy's cabin that can house 58 campers. Landscaping in front of the cabin will also be provided by our event. Funds will also be used for additional seating in the dining room to accommodate the increase in number of campers. Guests will be able to tour the new boy's cabin. It is heartwarming to know that "Night Under The Stars" brings smiles and happiness to lives of children with special needs.*

### **Tickets for "All That Jazz" include the following musician sponsorship:**

*"Lena Horne" Sponsorship - includes wine bar, silent auction, and sit down dinner  
\$75 per person*

*"Ella Fitzgerald" Sponsorship - includes wine bar, silent auction, and sit down dinner  
\$150 per person*

*"Duke Ellington" Sponsorship - includes wine bar, silent auction, sit down dinner & VIP parking  
\$300 per person*

*"Louis Armstrong" Sponsorship - includes a table for eight for the sit down dinner, VIP parking, wine bar and silent auction  
\$5000 for table of Eight*

*Silent Auction Only - includes wine bar and appetizers, and silent auction - (dinner not included) \$30 per person*

*Tickets will be available at the June 2, 2015 CKV Spring Meeting. Online registration will be available at [www.campkfriend.com](http://www.campkfriend.com) after the spring meeting. If you have ticket questions contact Sharon Elmquist 218-692-1142 or [elms@crosslake.net](mailto:elms@crosslake.net)*

*Dress is glitzy, jazzy, zippy or spiffy casual! We can all expect a Note Worthy evening. Invite your friends to join you for a great event!*

*Co-chairs- Karen Struve and Mary Scarborough*

## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR-GAIL**

### **My Annual Plea for Help**

Every year it is a real struggle to fill the needs of Camp K with enough volunteers to help clean the camp. Each week when the last camper leaves, the staff swing into action cleaning the camp in preparation of the next group of campers. Kate, Rob and all the counselors, who have just spent a week of high energy activity making camp life amazing for these kids, have to prepare the camp for their new charges before they can stop and put their feet up. We can help them thereby giving them a little extra down time. We are responsible for cleaning four buildings—the main office, the craft room, Rob’s office and the duplex. If we have four volunteers each week, we are not there more than 2 hours and most of the time less. Below is a list of dates and times for cleaning camp this summer. Please look at your calendar and the camp schedule and come to the Spring meeting ready to sign up to help in this important task.

June 12 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 AM	July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	11:00 AM	Aug 7 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 AM
18 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 PM	10 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	14 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 AM
26 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	17 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 PM	21 <sup>st</sup>	11:00 AM
		24 <sup>th</sup>	3:00 PM		
		31 <sup>st</sup>	3:00 PM	Sept 11 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 AM

I want to give a special **thank you** to Betsy and Gary Simons and Jerry Peterson for volunteering to help clean the camp on the Fourth of July last year.

### **Paperwork Always Paperwork**

Remember, if you want to volunteer at camp this summer—gardening, jewelry, cleaning, Angel Flights, etc.—you must have a current background check on file with the camp as well as a Voluntary Disclosure Form. Both of these forms are available on our website [www.campkfriends](http://www.campkfriends) and can be downloaded or there will be blank forms available at our spring meeting. Everybody needs to fill out these forms once every three years even spouses who just come to help out at tailgating events. I have a list of volunteers who are current through 2015 and don’t need to fill these forms out. So check with me if you are not sure. All completed forms should be given to me. Gail☺

### **Get Ready, Get Set, Let’s Go**

Summer is almost here and already I can hear the squeals of delight of the Camp K campers as they experience an awesome week of fun with their friends at camp. Join in that fun. Sign up to work with the campers. There is a Time and Talent sheet included in this newsletter. Look over all the diverse opportunities available for volunteers and pick out some that interest you. Give your T&T sheets to me and I will match you up with the areas of interest to you. I have already received my first T&T and as a result have scheduled the first volunteer to help at the Down’s Camp.

The Down’s Camp usually needs a lot of volunteers. They arrive on Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> of June and leave on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup>. If you are available that week any day (even Sunday) from about 12:45 to 2 PM, consider signing up to read books, play games, or do simple crafts with the kids. They love it and so will you.



## Camp Knutson Volunteer Friends

**By Laws** are the frameworks by which organizations operate. In the spring of 2011, a document to guide our organization was created by seven volunteers, and subsequently reviewed and approved by the Camp Knutson Volunteers. In November of 2014, another committee volunteered to review and update these By Laws to reflect our current membership's vision and needs. We will be asking our members to review and comment on the updated version prior to voting for approval at the Spring meeting on June 2, 2015. The new draft will be posted on the website and sent out as an eBlast to our members that communicate with email. If you'd like a hard copy, contact Jean Jones (402-643-8386) and request the copy sent to your address. Please take time to look over the new By Laws, so you too are familiar with the structure of our organization. The proposed revisions are in "red", so you note the changes. If you have questions or ideas, please don't hesitate to contact Jean Jones or Judy Morgan (612-926-2405), committee chair/co-chair or email [jones.jean@gmail.com](mailto:jones.jean@gmail.com). Thanks to all of you for your wonderful support and willingness to work with this organization and the "kids" at Camp Knutson!

Jean Jones and Judy Morgan

## CKV MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION


**2015 DUES:** \$10 CKV Membership dues are due June 2, 2015. The following easy options are available for paying your dues:

1. Mail your \$10 check payable to "Camp Knutson" to Mardy Brodil, PO Box 228, Crosslake, MN 56442.
2. Pay your dues (check preferable) at the Spring Meeting, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
3. Pay dues on-line at [www.campkfriends.com](http://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.

**NOTE:** Your membership contact information is very important to us. To ensure we have your most current information, please visit our website at [www.campkfriends.com](http://www.campkfriends.com) (click on "address book") to verify your information. You will also be able to verify your contact information at the Spring Meeting. If everything is accurate, you do not need to complete a new CKV Membership Information Form. However, if there are changes please complete a form and return to Mardy Brodil at PO Box 228 Crosslake, MN 56442. Forms are available on the website and will also be available at the Spring Meeting June 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you have questions, please contact Mardy Brodil, Membership Chair, at 612-669-3268 or [jmbrodil@live.com](mailto:jmbrodil@live.com).

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