

CAMP KNUTSON VOLUNTEERS

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

SPRING 2016

President's Message

Hello! Here we go again! It's 2016 and what a year it will be! A U.S. presidential election, Olympics in Brazil and the year of transition for Camp Knutson. This year's Camp Knutson volunteer season begins with a tearful good-bye to Rob Larson, our Camp director for over 25 years. Rob will be missed in ways more than words can describe, but rumor has it he will be around Camp from time to time this summer! Personally, I believe as a volunteer, it is Rob who demonstrated to me the "roll with the punches" philosophy and gentle smile one needs when volunteering at Camp K. It is my hope as volunteers that we support the new staff in honor of Rob with the same consideration, passion and care he exhibited for the campers. Speaking of the new staff, when you return to Camp K this summer season, please offer a hearty Minnesota welcome to new camp director, Jared Griffin, and wife Joanna. Jared and Joanna arrived last season have settled in and are ready to lead us into another wonderful, fulfilling and fun season at Camp K. Meanwhile, another familiar face, Caitlin Malin, will be returning to Camp as program coordinator alongside Mary Kate Williams. I am thrilled that we have such qualified, generous and spirited individuals with whom we have the opportunity to take direction from and support at Camp K. At this time, please think about where it is YOU would like to volunteer at Camp K. Is it jewelry making/crafting on the beach, card making, gardening, tailgating Wednesday nights, supervising a bike riding whoa! Or serving on a committee or leader ship role? Come to the Spring General meeting June 3rd, at 1:00pm. prepared to sign up for the activities you desire, catch up with friends and get to know our new staff during a Q & A session with Jared and Caitlin. Hear the updates

for Magnificent Minnesota - Night Under the Stars from Mary Scarborough and sign up to volunteer for this spectacular fundraiser we will host on July 16th. CKV board will present news and information from 2:00 - 2:30pm. The canteen will be open to purchase creative new Camp K: T-shirts, sweatshirts, pants etc. to wear all summer long! New Volunteer orientation will begin at 11:30 am on June 3, 2016. At this session new volunteers will meet the Camp Knutson Volunteer board members, Camp K staff, enjoy a Camp K lunch and tour the beautiful grounds of Camp Knutson. Please pass this information on to friends you may have who want to hear more about volunteering at Camp K. Though some of the faces at Camp K have changed, our mission is the same; "To support Camp Knutson through acts for service, including Camp programs, fundraising events and Camp Maintenance". www.campkfriends.com I look forward to seeing you on June 3rd and please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have. See YOU at Camp!

Shari Schumacher
President
CKV



Camp Director's Update



With a strange winter and an early spring, we are looking forward to the adventures this year will bring. All of our sessions are filled and we hope to a record number of campers over a 13-week period. The summer staff is hired and all are enthusiastic and ready for an unbelievable summer. Caitlin Malin has officially joined our leadership team and has been working alongside Kate very closely. We are thrilled to see what Jared and Caitlin are going to be able to bring to Camp Knutson. All of us at Camp Knutson appreciate the love and support that you as volunteers bring to us through this transition as well as everything you provide for our campers. Your presence and enthusiasm adds so much to what we can offer our campers. Thank you for all you did this past year to serve Camp Knutson and what you will achieve this coming season.

~

Jared, Kate and Caitlin



Jared and Rob



Kate and Caitlin

Camp 2016

wish list

- ***New boat lift***
- ***Fencing for path down to the beach***
- ***Interior and exterior painting projects***
- ***Horseback riding***
- ***Tree removal and tree planting***
- ***Camperships***
- ***New swim dock***
- ***Archery equipment - new bows***
- ***Bedding for camper bunks (sheets, pillows, pillow cases)***
- ***Towable tubes for waterfront***
- ***Audio visual equipment***
- ***Storage Garage***
- ***Hydro list for the "mule" 4 wheeler***
- ***Folding Chairs***
- ***New Camp Vehicle - preferred an SUV to replace our old Tahoe and / or a great gas vehicle for longer trips***



**CAMP KNUTSON SUMMER CAMPER
SCHEDULE FOR *2016**



May 23rd	Staff Training Starts
June 6 – 10	Camp Benedict
June 12 – 16	Down Syndrome Foundation
June 19 – 24	(AAD) “Little Pine”
June 26 – July 1	Camp Hand in Hand I
July 3 – 8	(AAD) “Big Trout”
July 11 - 15	Heart Camp I
July 16	Night Under the Stars
July 18 – 22	Heart Camp II
July 25 – 29	Heart Camp III
July 31 - August 5	Camp Hand in Hand II
August 7	Camp Knutson Sunday-Crosslake Lutheran Church
August 7th – 12	Camp Hand in Hand III
August 13th	Quilt Auction
August 14 – 19	Camp Hand in Hand IV
September 3	Pancake Breakfast
Sept. 5 -9	Minneapolis Community Group

**Dates when campers arrive
and depart.**



Last year was once again another successful auction at Night Under the Stars. THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS THAT MADE THIS POSSIBLE!! We hope you will once again help support the auctions at Night Under the Stars “Magnificent Minnesota” 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 13th & 14th AND June 20th & 21st 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 21st!!!

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)

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

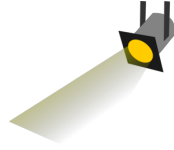
Questions please contact the Silent Auction Co-Chairs at:

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

Jan Laurel: 952-201-0379 jlaurel@tds.net

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

NIGHT UNDER THE STARS 2016



Highlighting the STARS at Camp Knutson
And
MAGNIFICENT MINNESOTA


Mark your calendars for July 16, 2016,



MAGNIFICENT
MINNESOTA

Join us on the beautiful grounds of **CAMP KNUTSON**. Enjoy social time with wine and appetizers, live music by Kai and Bridget Allen (back by popular demand).

Silent Auction, Live Auction and Dinner under the magnificent tent.

This wonderful evening is a fund raiser for the STARS  -- the **CAMPERS**, who attend Camp Knutson for a fun, safe week with kids just like them. Your help allows kids with Downs Syndrome, Heart Disease, Skin Diseases, Autism, and HIV/Aids participate in activities only possible with Medical teams and Counselors specially trained at Camp K.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A GREAT EVENING. Invitations and details to come.

Contact **Mary Scarborough** with any questions or concerns.
maryscarborough@hotmail.com or 612-867-7783



GET OUT YOUR PENCILS

2016 is the year most Camp K Volunteers will need to fill out a new background check form. Every year all of us need to fill out a Voluntary Disclosure Form and every third year we need to fill out a new background check. This is the third year from the time the program started. I will have a list at the meeting of volunteers who need to fill out background checks but if you know that you haven't filled out one in awhile you need to get it updated. You can download the forms from our web site, www.campkfriends.com, or pick up a blank form at the meeting to fill out. You can mail it to me, Gail Peterson (my address is on the website), or bring it to the meeting. **If you work with the campers or are at the camp when campers are present, you need to have these forms current. This includes spouses or friends who come to the camp to volunteer.**


MY ANNUAL CRY FOR HELP


Well summer is coming and the Camp Knutson staff is starting to get geared up for another great group of campers. I get excited just thinking about all the wonderful adventures that are in store for them. Camp K is in a beautiful spot between Whitefish and Trout Lakes. We have volunteers who go to camp every week to take care of the flowers that enrich the area and there is a group of men who come weekly to mow the grass so that the grounds are always ready for the campers.

We have been asked to further help keep the camp in tip top shape by volunteering every week to clean 4 of the buildings. We clean Pauly's Place, the craft roof, the duplex on the hill and Jared's office. We dust, mop, vacuum, clean the bathrooms and do what needs to be done. It takes about 1 1/2 to 2 hours. By doing our part the staff is freed up to spend their time cleaning the building that the campers call home for a week. It is our opportunity to help the staffers who work so hard to make each campers experience a great one. The sooner the camp gets cleaned the sooner they can take a breath and relax until the next group comes.

Friday cleaning dates for 2016:

June 10th	11 AM	July 1 st	11:30 AM	Aug 5 th , 12th, 19 th	11:30 AM
24 th	8 AM	8 th	8:30 AM	Sept. 9 th	11:0
22 nd , 29th	2:00 PM				July 15 th ,

Thursday cleaning dates for 2016:

June 16th 3:00 PM

You may notice that some of the times have been changed. Please check your calendars and if you can help on one of the above dates, you can let Gail Peterson know or sign up at the spring meeting.

These dates are on the website calendar and your name if you are volunteering. If you can't remember what day you are supposed to clean you can check the calendar. We need 4 volunteers each week.

WE ARE UNIQUE

Why? Because we have the opportunity and the privilege to work with these special campers on a one to one basis. We get to see their smiles and hear their laughter as they experience the joy of being like a regular kid. We do tailgating, biking, crafts, helping campers make cards and jewelry, reading or playing games with them help serve special dinners and bake for them. I encourage you to get involved with the campers and join in the fun.

How? Fill out a Time and Talent sheet. T&T sheets let us know what area you want to be involved in this summer. You may want to work with campers, you may want to help with the fundraising, you may want to garden or **you may want to do everything**. Filling out a T&T sheet lets us know how you want to be involved so we can hook you up with what interests you.

The forms are available on the web site, www.campkfriends.com or they will be available at the meeting. After you fill one out, you can mail it to me, Gail Peterson (my name and address are on the forms) or you can give it to me at the meeting in June.

Become involved with the campers this summer. Enrich your lives and theirs.

CKV MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

2016 DUES: \$10 CKV Membership dues are due June 3, 2016. The following easy options are available for paying your dues:

1. Mail your \$10 check payable to "Camp Knutson" to Bonnie Morris, PO Box 228, Crosslake, MN 56442.
2. Pay your dues (check preferable) at the Spring Meeting, June 3rd.
3. Pay dues on-line at 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 (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 Bonnie Morris at PO Box 228 Crosslake, MN 56442. Forms are available on the website and will also be available at the Spring Meeting June 3rd. If you have questions, please contact Bonnie Morris, Membership Chair, at 218-765-3581 or bonmorris@hotmail.com.

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FALL FUNDRAISER	Chair person		

needed

CAMP KNUTSON VOLUNTEERS 2016 BOARD MEMBERS