

CAMP KNUTSON VOLUNTEERS

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

Spring 2018

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A Message from the Prez

First, 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 camper's life. Whether it's working behind the scenes or with the campers making jewelry, biking, crafts, fishing, tailgating, cleaning cabins between sessions, or working on our fundraising events. All are equally important, reflect our mission statement and are vital to the successful vibrant life of Camp Knutson.

The CKV (Camp Knutson Volunteer) Board has been very busy over the past few months. We've reviewed and updated job descriptions, refreshed a more user friendly and informative campkfriends.com website, and reviewed our Mission Statement. We are currently working on creating a Vision Statement, determining goals and a vision for Camp Knutson Volunteers for the next few years.

Please make every effort to attend our annual CKV Spring meeting, Thursday, May 31st @10 am in the Dining Hall at Camp K. At this meeting you may complete forms, pay dues, sign up for specific volunteering opportunities, hear the latest news from Jared & Caitlin and others, ENJOY LUNCH, tour the grounds of Camp Knutson, shop the canteen (bring extra \$) and stay for the dedication of the completed waterfront project.

Look for more information in this newsletter about the Night Under the Stars "At the Hop" event and the two newly added events "Family Sundae Funday and the Golf Scramble. Participate and / or Volunteer!! Spread the Word!!!

Special Thanks to Shari Schumacher (NUTS), Carolyn Forney and Susan Derus (Sundae Funday) and Mardy Brodil (Golf Scramble) for stepping up and chairing the 2018 events.

Camp K volunteers, meet new people, reconnect with friends, have fun and leave camp with a joy in their heart.

There are lots of volunteer opportunities for you at Camp to fit your schedule and comfort level. Visit campkfriends.com for volunteer opportunities. Your energy and enthusiasm are priceless. I so appreciate all you do at and for camp.

All I can say is that I'm pumped for a fabulous year!! The excitement is in the air and the dedicated volunteers make Camp Knutson a fantastic place to be!!

See you at Camp,

Lori Nelson

President, Camp Knutson Volunteers



Camp Knutson Volunteers
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Our hearts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Judy Kenobbi . We will miss her smiling face.

Welcome CKV (Camp Knutson Volunteers)

Summer is coming! 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 2018 season. So many energetic, friendly and talented people, all with one mission! Aren't we lucky to serve with such a team? As a Camp K volunteer **you do** make a difference in a child's life!

I love to hear our volunteers talk about camp experiences when they are in a group of new faces! The last couple of years have brought a growing number of "newbies". This year I'd like to encourage you to think about what volunteering means to you, and then introduce someone you know to our CKV team. Is there someone in your neighborhood, at your church, from exercise or mahjonn that hasn't experienced the satisfaction of helping at camp, seeing the joy on the face of campers, or be a part of a successful fundraiser? Bring your guest to the Spring Meeting on Thursday, May 31st at 10:00. Plan on attending "get-togethers", scheduled for June 14th and July 9th, for volunteers to learn more about camp.

We are excited about the changes on our Camp Knutson Volunteer website. (www.campkfriends.com). All volunteer opportunities are detailed and contacts are listed. We hope that you find it easier to sign up for activities and even try some new experiences. We understand how busy summers in Lake Country can be. I promise to make it easy this year to sign up, make adjustments to your schedules, and add more opportunities to volunteer as time allows throughout the summer. Call, text, or email me. When you sign up to volunteer for an activity at the camp you will receive a reminder email with details of where to be and what to expect.

Detailed information about all the volunteer opportunities will also be available at the Spring Meeting with experienced volunteers to answer questions. Bring your Time and Talent form, and I'll be looking to collect the annual forms for volunteers. 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
Text or call: 218-821-7801
herseyonfox@emily.net

CKV Membership Information/Dues

2018 dues are \$10 as in the past. You may wonder why pay dues when we are in fact volunteering? Just a note to explain, CKV organization incurs a few expenses and the dues help defray these costs. Dues ensure member voting rights, printing and mailing expenses, name and contact information in the CKV directory on the website, support of the canteen fund for campers that do not have spending money at camp and website expenses. We greatly appreciate your interest in and support of CKV.

Easy Options for Paying Dues

1. Mail your \$10 check payable to "Camp Knutson" to Camp Knutson, 11148 Whitefish Ave., Crosslake, MN 56442.
2. Pay your dues (check preferable), at the Spring Meeting, May 31, 2018.
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.

Please complete this form if you are a new member **OR** your information has changed:

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: _____ On-line ___ Check ___ Cash

NEW! Camp Knutson

Golf Tournament



A Round for the Kids! - CKV
New Fall Fundraiser to benefit Camp Knutson and the “place to be” Sunday, September 16th. We want to raise monies for and create awareness of the camp.

This event is an 18 hole, 4 person golf scramble played at the Whitefish Golf Club, Pequot Lakes, MN, Sunday, September 16th. The entry fee/golfer is \$125 and includes green fees, cart, lunch and dinner, awards, prizes and loads of FUN!

Event schedule is as follows:

10:30 AM	Check-in, lunch as golfers arrive, team photos
11:45 AM	Welcome and rules
12:00 PM	Shotgun start
5:00 PM	Dinner and awards

Pre-game there will be raffles and mulligans for purchase (\$5/ticket or 5 for \$20) and during the game several contests are planned (longest drive, closest to the pin, hole-in-one, etc.) and a betting hole where golfers will have a chance to win the Grand Prize.

If you are interested in volunteering or if you or someone you know would be interested in sponsoring a hole, please **let me know**.

We are also asking for your help in soliciting items to fill baskets for the raffles and welcome bags. Any questions regarding signing up, volunteering or sponsorship, please contact me at 612-669-3268 or via email at jmbrodil@live.com.



Thank you,
Mardy Brodil, Event Coordinator

Camp Director Updates:

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

This past October, we completed our Waterfront Accessibility Project. The waterfront now features two outdoor rinse stations, paved accessible walk ways, wider steps to the deck, and a new wall surrounding the deck. We are looking forward to seeing all of the camper’s reactions to the enhancements. Join us after the Volunteer Spring Meeting for a Dedication Ceremony and Tour of the Waterfront.

This upcoming summer schedule includes all of our past partner camps including Camp RED and LSS Youth Services – Youth Experiencing Homelessness at the end of August. We look forward to continuing our partnership with both of these camps due to the great success with both groups last summer.

We are excited about all of our events and we are enthusiastic to see what our new events of the Family Sundae Funday on May 27th and “A Round for the Kids” Golf Scramble on September 16th will bring to our camp community.

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 love and support that our volunteers bring to us and everything you do for our campers. Bring on the Summer of 2018!

~Jared and Caitlin



Camp Knutson Summer Schedule for 2018

May 21 – June 3	Staff Training
May 27	Camp Knutson Family Sundae Funday
May 31	Volunteer Spring Meeting/Waterfront dedication
June 4 – 8	Camp Benedict (HIV/AIDs)
June 10 – 14	Down Syndrome Foundation
June 17 – 22	Camp Discovery JR (Skin Conditions)
June 24 – 29	Camp Hand in Hand I (Autism)
July 1 – 6	Camp Discovery Teen (Skin Conditions)
July 9 – 13	Camp Odayin I (Heart Disease)
July 16 – 20	Camp Odayin II (Heart Disease)
July 21	Night Under the Stars
July 23 – 27	Camp Odayin III (Heart Disease)
July 29–Aug 3	Camp Hand In Hand II (Autism)
August 5	Camp Knutson Sunday at Crosslake Lutheran
August 5 – 10	Camp Hand in Hand III (Autism)
August 11	Quilt Auction
Aug 12 – 17	Camp Hand in Hand IV (Autism)
Aug 20 – 23	Camp RED (Burn Survivors)
Aug 24 – 26	Bridging Hearts
Aug 27 – 29	Youth Experiencing Homelessness
September 1	Pancake Breakfast
Sept 3 – 7	Minneapolis Community Group (Mental Health)
Sept 7 – 9	65 th Anniversary Program Staff Alumni Reunion
Sept 10	Volunteer Appreciation Picnic
Sept 16	“A Round for the Kids” Golf Scramble

Camp Knutson 2018 Wish List

- Youth Experiencing Homelessness Programming
- Horseback Riding
- Epi Pens
- Boat Lift Canopy
- Archery Targets
- Sound System updates to Waterfront
- Shade Sails for Waterfront
- Program Support Center and Updates to current Workshop

Family Day, Sundae Funday

Sunday, May 27th, 11am—2pm

This event is at Camp Knutson on Memorial Day weekend. Sunday, May 27th from 11am—2pm. The goal of this event is to introduce more people in the lakes area to our wonderful Camp Knutson and all it has to offer to children with special needs.

There will be food, games and activities for children and their families along with information about the camp and tours. Come and bring your family and friends to the first **Family Sundae Funday**. This is a free community event.

Time is fast approaching and we need your help! Please consider volunteering for a couple of hours for this event, which is for kids.

The volunteer opportunities are:

ACTIVITIES/GAMES (Have fun working with the counselors)

Chair: Caitlin 608-632-4201

3 volunteers needed

FOOD COMMITTEE (work with 2 fun and fantastic chairs)

Chair: Cindy Melsby 612-723-0342

and Linda Ferguson

4-5 volunteers needed

TOURS (Lori may share hidden camp secrets)

Chair: Lori Nelson

651-246-7292

2 volunteers needed

PARKING

Chair: Open

2 volunteers needed

SIGNAGE (Discover your inner creativeness)

Chair: Bonnie and Jeff Benson 612-644-3456

2 volunteers needed

GREETERS (First impressions count so put on your smile; all camp materials provided)

Chair: Open

2 volunteers needed



Come and help us kickoff summer at Camp Knutson. Please consider volunteering for this new Camp event and help us continue to spread the Camp Knutson mission.

Please call the chair of the event to volunteer. For Activities where there is no chair, call Carolyn Forney at 612-817-5830 or Susan Derus at 612-209-9454.

Silent Auction



Last year was once again another successful auction at Camp K's "Night Under the Stars". THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS THAT MADE THIS POSSIBLE!! This year we hope you will once again help support our event "At the Hop" on July 21st 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 any new, creative gift 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 an attractive display 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
- Specify part or dinner
- Cabin décor items or outdoor cabin related articles
- Unusual homemade crafts and wood projects
- Travel, condo rentals

Drop off site for donated auction items can be brought to **Crosslake Lutheran Church, 35960 County Road 66, Crosslake**

Mondays, June 11th & 18th AND Tuesdays, June 12th & 19th 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 19th !!!

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:

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

Cindy Melsby: 612-723-0342; melsby2000@outlook.com

KRISTIE Roedl: 612-384-0881; kristieroedl@comcast.net

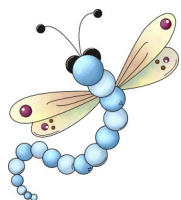
Nancy Hoehn: 507-995-2477; jerryandnancy@jhoehn.com

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

CKV CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2018

MAY	Thursday, May 17	Vision Planning Session Board Members Allies Place	2:00 PM
	Thursday, May 24	Board Meeting Allies Place	2:00 PM
	Sunday, May 27	Family Sundae Funday At Camp	11:00-2:00 PM
	Thursday, May 31	Spring Meeting With Lunch Dining Hall	10:00-1:30 PM
JUNE	Thursday, June 14	Members Coffee Allies Place	2:00-3:30 PM
JULY	Monday, July 9	Members Coffee II Allies Place	2:00-3:30 PM
	Saturday, July 21	"At the Hop" Night Under the Stars Silent Auction and/Dinner	4:30-8:30 PM
AUGUST	Thursday, August 30	Fall Meeting With Lunch Dining Hall	Noon-2:00 PM
SEPTEMBER	Saturday, September 1	Pancake Breakfast Dining Hall	8:00-12:00 PM
	Monday, September 10	Volunteer Appreciation Picnic	5:00-7:30 PM
	Saturday, September 16	Golf Fundraiser "A Round for the Kids" Whitefish Golf—Register <u>Shotgun Start at Noon</u> Dinner/Awards	10:30 AM 5:00 PM

BEADING



"Time Flies" how true! Seems like we just left our friends volunteering at Camp Knutson and now it's 2018 and a new year. We will be creating beaded dragonflies and dream catchers at the beach.

Training dates at my home will be Monday, June 11 and the 18th from 9-11 AM and also, 1-3 pm.

We will need volunteers June 19 and 21st, July 3rd and 5th, the 10th, 12th, 17th, 19th, 24th, 26th, and August 21st.

Beading at the beach will be from 2:00-4:00 PM

Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. There will be sign up sheets at training sessions. Please come and spend a wonderful afternoon with all these great kids!

I look forward to seeing everyone at Camp Knutson!

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 be 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 Spring Volunteer Meeting, May 31st.



GARDENING AT CAMP KNOTSON



Please come join us for some fun gardening time! We meet once a week from June—August at 8:30

AM Wednesdays. We gather in the parking lot and work through the campus. Our tasks are weeding, deadheading and watering. Our work time is about 1 hour (depending on how many people we have gathered that morning). When our work is done, we take time to share ideas and enjoy some coffee we are flexible so come when you can and leave as

you need to. We invite you to make some new friends or catch up with the friends we have made in the past and enjoy the beautiful mornings at the camp!

Gardening Co-Chair

Sharon Elmquist and Linda Gates

Dance to the tunes at Night Under the Stars

\$85 SINGLE TICKET

Stroll

\$250 SINGLE TICKET

Lindy

\$2,500 TABLE FOR 8

Twist

\$5,000 VIP TABLE FOR 10

Jive

\$35 WINE BAR ONLY

Boop

The value of dinner is \$45, remainder is tax deductible. The Silent Auction will be held in the Dining Hall. **A SIT DOWN DINNER**, catered by Jason Freeman, will be outside under a tent.

For corporate or business sponsorships, contact Jared at 218.543.4232.

Seating is limited and is at tables of 8. **EARLY RESERVATIONS ARE ENCOURAGED.**

Your generous contributions support campers with special needs at Camp Knutson, which helps to fulfill their summer hopes and dreams!



4:30 - 6:15 P.M.

Hip Music, Silent Auction & Wine Bar

6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

Dinner, Program & Live Auction

Let us know if you'll make the scene!

RSVP BY JULY 10, 2018

Convenient Online Registration: www.campkfriends.com



Sharon Elmquist

ELMS@CROSSLAKE.NET | 218.692.1142



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: _____

<p>Work with Campers:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Angel Flights (Camp Odayin/Heart Disease) – July <i>Transport campers to/from Brainerd Airport</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Banquet Servers – June/July <i>Serve dinner to the campers (5:00pm – 6:00pm)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Bike Riding (Camp Hand in Hand – Autism) - June/Aug <i>Assist campers in Bike Circle (5:45pm-6:30pm)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Thank you Cards (Camp Odayin/Discovery) – July <i>Assisting counselors and campers with making cards (9am-12pm)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Down syndrome Camp Rest Hour Activities – June <i>Reading, games, music (12:30-2:00pm)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fishing with Campers – All summer <i>Available all camps, any day (2:30 – 4:30pm)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Jewelry Making/Beading (Training Provided) <i>All Summer and various times</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Tailgating Dinners – All Summer <i>Serve dinner to the campers. (4:45pm – 6:30pm) Grills, food and tables are provided.</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES or NO – Will you bring a partner?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Assist with early season - April/May <i>Preparation for summer</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Assist with end of season - Late Aug/Sept/Oct <i>Special Camps or activities</i></p>	<p>Behind the Scenes:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Gardening - All summer Wednesday mornings</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Light cleaning Non-Resident buildings – all summer Various 2 hour blocks on Fridays</p> <p>On occasion activities:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> CKV Website Assist</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance Helper/woodworking</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Photographer</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sew/Mend Costumes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Special Interest: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Special Interest: _____</p>
<p>Events/Fundraisers:</p> <p>Night Under the Stars (July)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Invitation design/procurement</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ticket Sales/Seating</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Publicity</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Silent Auction</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor/dining Decorations</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Indoor Decorations</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Photographer</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Parking</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Set up/Clean Up</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Golf Scramble (September)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Family Sundae Funday (May)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other Special Events: Interest in working day of for event</p>	



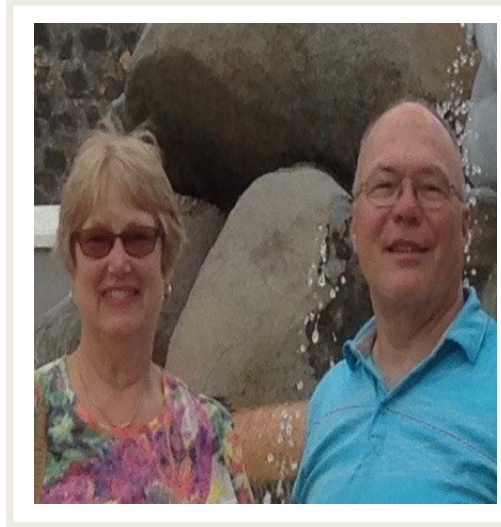
Please call me on last minute needs.

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****

Volunteer Spotlight



Lori and Herb Nelson have been members of Camp Knutson Volunteers since 2009, shortly after Herb retired from a career as a civil engineer and they moved from Cottage Grove, MN, where they raised their two daughters, to “Lake Country”. They began remodeling their home on Lake Edwards and sought out volunteer opportunities. “We knew no one in the area and knew the best way to meet people was to get involved.” When they visited Camp Knutson, they knew they’d found a special place. Lori states with a smile, “it’s truly a place where

you can feel God’s presence, love, and acceptance and be surrounded by the beauty of His creation.”

Lori began volunteering with camper activities like beading and card-making, and then got involved with fund-raising. Herb volunteered with the “Men’s Work Crew”, mowing, landscaping, moving docks, firewood, and wood chips. “I don’t care what Denny asks us to do,” says Herb, “I just love to be there!” If you’ve attended a Night Under the Stars, you probably recognize them both, as Herb is often in charge of parking and Lori has chaired the auction and the entire event more than once!

Lori has also served in several leadership positions, as Vice President in 2010, 2011, 2017 and as President in 2012 and 2018. They both enjoy “Tailgating”, hosting campers for the “cookout” dinner that is a highlight of each week. “We love the camp and its mission to serve these special campers. It’s great to see the campers be themselves.”

When not volunteering at Camp Knutson, the Nelsons are active at Crosslake Lutheran Church, and enjoy spending time with their three grandchildren (ages 4, 4 & 3), wine-making, or traveling. Lori also works part-time at Breezy Point Resort. In the coldest winter months, you may find them at South Padre Island in Texas, where they ride bikes, fish, and volunteer with a local food pantry.

Lori remarks, “the Camp Knutson staff and campers always share their heartfelt thanks and appreciation. It’s what keeps us coming back to camp each year!”

By Mary Nielsen, Membership Chair

**Camp Knutson Volunteers
presents**

Night Under the Stars

At the Hop!

**Mark your calendars for
Saturday, July 21, watch for
your invitation or go on line to
www.campkfriends.com, and
register immediately for this fun
event that benefits every
camper at Camp Knutson.**



**As you know space fills quickly
and this year we anticipate more first time guest than ever.**

Think about Sock Hops, Doo Whop, Grease, Poodle Skirts, rolled up jeans and slicked back hair as we transform the grounds of Camp Knutson to the 1950’s. Enjoy the wine bar and silent auction starting at 4:30 while listening to the juke box playing your favorite songs.

The Night Under the Stars Team is hard at work preparing invitations, acquiring new silent auction items, creating decorations, etc. If you would like to join the team, please call Shari Schumacher 727-698-4474 or email: dsschumacher@gmail.com

I look forward to hearing from YOU!