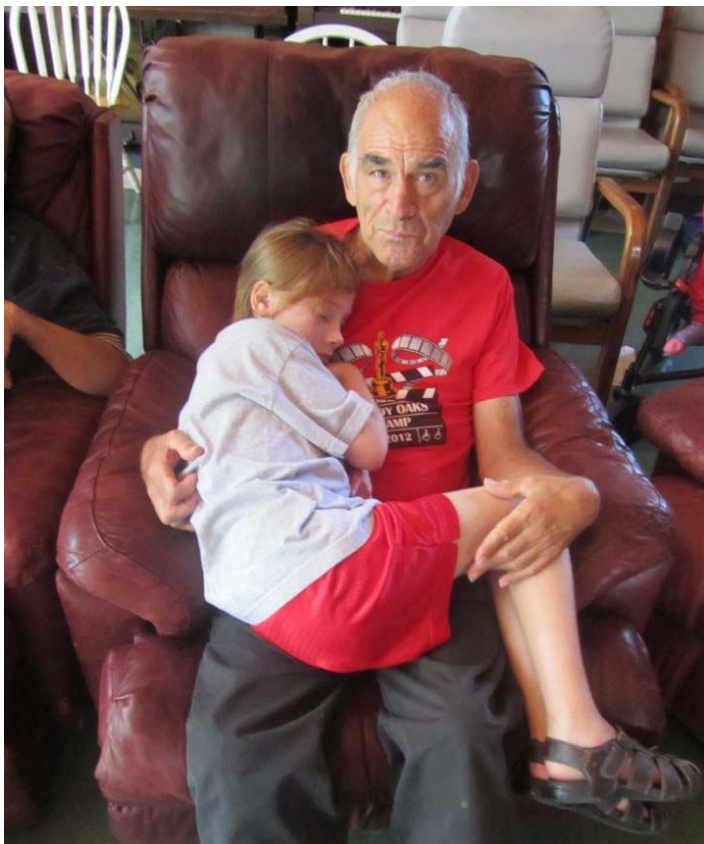


SHADY OAKS BULLETIN

Parents Association for People with Disabilities

NOVEMBER 2012



Upcoming Events

- *Board & General Membership Meeting*
Sun. Nov. 11th
- *Carson Community Days*
Fri. Nov. 9th
Sat. Nov. 10th

Director's Corner

As the temperature drops, clocks get turned back, and the days grow shorter and shorter, I can't help but start counting down the days until summer of 2013. (Incidentally, there is 228 days until camp 2013! ☺) With all that being said, one of the most important times of the camp year is upon us, fundraising time. Now more than ever, we need to gear up our fundraising efforts and work together to raise funds for next camp season. As we all know, it is never easy, or fun for that matter but it is necessary to guarantee we can continue to operate camp for years to come. We just finished our haunted house fundraiser, which was a good start (report to come next month) but we have a long way to go. This month we have Carson's Community days to focus on and we are always looking for new ideas from parents and friends to help raise funds, so don't be shy! No idea is too small so go ahead and send us your suggestions.

A small reminder to members that membership dues are due soon, so please mail them in to avoid the late fee. Also, this month we have a general membership meeting, so please make an effort to attend. The more people we get to a meeting the more ideas we can bounce around. Remember all members must attend a minimum of 4 general meetings a year as part of their membership requirements. This would be a great time for new members to ask questions about fundraising and camp costs.

Well, with Thanksgiving just around the corner I have a long list of things I am thankful for; my family, health, and home just to name a few. I hope you all can take some time this season and reflect on the things you are thankful for as well and don't forget to include Shady Oaks Camp in that list. I want to wish you a happy & safe Thanksgiving!

Good Times,
Scott Steele
Executive Director



Happy Thanksgiving

∞ Fundraisers ∞



Once again we will be participating in the Carson's Community Days coupon book sale. It has been a great fundraiser for us the past few years and this year Carsons is adding a component where we can sell booklets online with 100% of sales going to camp!

Your \$5 donation gets you a special coupon booklet filled with great saving coupons and exclusive bonus offers including:

- Booklet contents worth over \$400!
- (1) Coupon worth \$10 off on a \$10 or more item
- (1) Tiered shopping pass for 20%/15%/10% off each regular or sale priced item.
- (16) Merchandise offers: *Customers must have the coupon to receive the special pricing on these offers.*
- (2) Web Exclusive Offers

For more information visit http://communitydayevent.com/orglookup_detail.php?orgID=40589



Condolences to Kathy Borello and family on the passing of her mother.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of sorrow.

Parents Association membership dues are due now.

If paid *before December 31, 2012* dues are only **\$50.00**
If paid *after the 31st* they are **\$100.00**.

Please note dues **MUST** be paid to be an active member in the association and for your child to attend Shady Oaks Camp.

If dues are not paid your child will not be eligible to attend camp for 2013.

∞ Volunteers Needed ∞

*It doesn't matter if you're a group of 1 or 100;
we are always looking for volunteers to help with various fundraisers & events.*

Call (708) 301-0816 or email soc16300@sbcglobal.net
if you are interested in volunteering!



☞ Thank You ☜

Thanks to **Peter Mitchell** and **Boy Scout Troop 49**. Peter completed his Eagle Scout project on October 14th and 16th. For his project Peter built 2 ramps to the picnic table area, 2 new handicapped accessible picnic benches and poured a concrete walkway to the picnic area. Because of the hard work of Peter and the scouts from troop 49 our picnic area will now be accessible by all campers. Thanks Peter!

Thank you to **Amir Khalaf** and **Boy Scout Troop 63**. Not to be outdone by the kids in troop 49 the scouts of troop 63 rallied around Amir for his Eagle Scout project who had 22 tons of gravel delivered with which they regraded the parking area across from the caretaker's house. Amir also had parking lot signs made so it was easier to find the parking lot as well as a handicapped parking sign. On top of the grading, Amir and the scouts laid out 4 X 4 treated timbers to section of the parking area. Because of this, we now have a nice flat parking area that can hold another 10 cars! Thanks Amir!

Shady Oaks Camp would also like to thank **Cheryl Bentley and the BP Fabric of America Fund** for their generous donation to camp.

A big thank you goes out to **Geri & Ed Stupay** as well for their generous donation to provide day camp scholarships for summer of 2013.



Peter Mitchell



Boy Scout Troop 49



Boy Scout Troop 63



Amir Khalaf



∞ Donations ∞

If you would like to donate to Shady Oaks Camp
Please make checks payable to *Shady Oaks Camp*
and mail to:
Shady Oaks Camp
16300 Parker Rd
Homer Glen, IL 60491

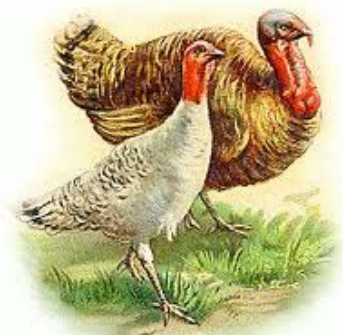
You can also donate online through our website
www.shadyoakscamp.org
click the PayPal button



Corporate Matching Grant Program

Several companies participate in matching grant programs meaning the amount of money raised by the individual or a group of individuals is matched by your corporation.

So don't forget to talk to your company's human resources department to see if they are willing to match a donation that you make to Shady Oaks Camp. If so, then spread the word to your co-workers as quickly as you can. Every penny counts!



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Save The Date...

BOARD MEETING

Date: Sunday, November 11th
Time: 1:00pm
Location: Shady Oaks Camp, Dining Hall

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Date: Sunday, November 11th
Time: 3:00pm
Location: Shady Oaks Camp, Dining Hall

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Any additional news or corrections, please contact Michelle at
shadyoakscamp@writeme.com or (708) 301-0816.
(Pictures and stories from campers & staff are always welcome!)*