



Upcoming Events

- *Board Meeting*
Sun. Oct 7th
- *11th Hour Haunted House*
October 1-31st
- *Carson Community Days*
Fri. Nov. 9th
Sat. Nov. 10th

∞ Director's Corner ∞

Hello all,

Well, camp is all closed up for the winter and its now time to turn our focus to fundraising and rentals. We have a couple of fundraisers this month that will bring in much needed funds for these slow months. Jim Upchurch, owner of 11th Hour haunted house, has graciously let us run the haunted house concession stand with 100% of the proceeds going to camp. We still have a few open slots available for volunteers so if you can give a few hours check the volunteer section in this months newsletter. We also are looking for volunteers to sell Carson's community days books this month in the Orland Park Carson's store. Mary Pisano will be chairing this fundraiser so if you can volunteer a couple of hours give her a call or email.

The next few months will be big rental months for us. The local high school sports team have reserved several dates to hold there fundraisers at camp and we even have a couple of overnight retreat rentals scheduled. We have increased our rentals every year since we started offering the facilities and with all the improvements we have made we can offer even more to prospective rentals. If you know of anyone interested in renting the facilities for a family party, retreat, or other event have them give me a call and I can set it up! Well, its time to get back to work. Talk to you all next month.

Good Times,
Scott Steele
Executive Director



Happy Halloween

∞ Fundraisers ∞



ELEVENTH HOUR
EXPERIENCE FEAR

4 HAUNTED HOUSES IN ONE LOCATION

Group Rates are available and you can purchase your tickets online today!

Eleventh Hour Haunted House

September 30th –October 31st

Closed: Mondays & Tuesdays

7-10pm: Sun., Wed. & Thu.

7-11pm: Fridays & Saturdays

434 E Devon Ave. Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
(at Berthold's Garden Center)

Visit www.eleventhhour.com for more info

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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:

- (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

∞ Thank You ∞

An enormous thank you again to the **Corcoran Family Foundation**. For the 3rd year in a row the Corcoran Foundation provided scholarships for new campers to attend camp. This year 9 campers got to attend camp for the first time that may never have experienced SOC without the scholarship. Thank you for everything Maureen and family. You guys truly are a godsend!

Thank you to everyone who participated in tag days this year. Thanks to all the volunteers, and extreme generosity of the people of Homer Glen, Lockport, Orland and Tinley Park we collected almost \$15,000 for camp this year! We will start tag days again in the spring so please check your newsletter for future volunteer opportunities.

Super special Thank you to **Marianne Kyler and The Dance Studio LTD** of Homer Glen. On September 15th Marianne held a Dance -A-Thon fundraiser for camp with 100% of the proceeds going to camp. All the dancers did a wonderful job and over \$1800.00 was raised for camp!

Thank you once again to the **Lemont Classic Car Club**. On August 18th, the LCCC held a cruise night fundraiser for camp. This has been the 3rd year in a row the LCCC has held a fundraiser for camp. Thanks to all the club members over \$800.00 was raised for camp!

Last, but certainly not least, thank you to the **Kiwanis Club of Orland Park** for their generous donation to camp.



∞ 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!*

Below is a list of upcoming event(s) that we are looking for volunteers to help with.

We are looking for volunteers to help sell Casron's Community Days booklets in the Orland Park store during the month of October.

Interested parties can contact Mary Pisano at agnesmpisano@hotmail.com

We are looking for people to help run the concession stand at the Eleventh Hour Haunted House on

Friday, October 26th 6-11pm
Sunday, October 28th 6-10pm

If interested please contact Scott Steele at (708) 932-3776 or soc16300@sbcglobal.net

∞ A Letter from the President ∞

If you have been reading the recent newsletters, you know Board of Directors Elections were held last month. We have added some new board members and some of the executive board positions have changed which you will be hearing about. I was elected as the new Shady Oaks President; so today I'd like to tell you about myself.

First I'd like to acknowledge and give thanks to the great contributions of our past president, Charlene Baum. She has given outstanding caring and dedication to camp for many years. Her commitment toward camp remains exceptional. She continues to hold a position on the board of directors and I'm sure she will keep an eye on me, and keep me in line.

My wife Sharon and I have a daughter, Lisa, whose primary diagnosis is cerebral palsy. She is 28 and has attended camp for 5 years now. The first couple years for 1 session, and the last couple years for 2 sessions. She lives at home with us in Homer Glen. She really enjoys coming to camp each year and makes new friends each year. She attends the Lutheran Social Services workshop Monday-Friday located on camp property between the Shady Oaks group homes. She is the only non-resident that attends their program, so we drop her off and pick her up every day.

I retired from working for the Federal Aviation Administration in 2010. I was an air traffic controller for over 28 years with the last 19 being a supervisor at the enroute center located in Aurora, IL. Yes, that was stressful and I could tell plenty of stories about working there. So after I retired, Scott Steele (how can you not like this guy) starts with "can you help with some lawn mowing this week?" At first it was once a week, then maybe twice a week, then take home a few weed-whackers here or leaf blowers there for some minor repair. (that's Scott casting the fishing line) So, in February 2011, I was added to the Board of Directors. Then, this past winter and spring my helping grew into devoting up to 40 hours a week working at camp to assist in the rehab of building 1 and the pool house. (now Scott's reeling the fishing line in!) I do enjoy working with my hands, doing any type of home repair, light construction or yard work. So that is why I volunteered for the newly created building and maintenance committee. Scott Steele, Harry Burroughs, Ralph Swanson, the caretaker and myself will be the focal group for work on the facility and grounds. We also now have a newly created fundraising committee, and a records and retention committee

There have been a lot of exciting things happening at Shady Oaks over the last few years. I hope to carry on the 65-year tradition of camp and maybe bring some new ideas so we can continue operating for many years to come. I think we all share the same goal of having a place for our special need camper to come to each year for fun, enjoyment, making friends and recreation.

Please help spread the word about Shady Oaks. Tell your neighbor, friends, or relatives. Forward this newsletter to as many people as you can. We need the help of volunteers to accomplish our goals. A stranger is just someone you haven't met yet. A new volunteer, donor or camper could be someone who just doesn't know about Shady Oaks yet.

Bob Szajkovichs

∞ 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!

Congratulations to Tomas Araujo and Kimberley Ferrett who were married September 15th at Shady Oaks Camp. Tom is an original member of the Mixed Nutz riding club and long time volunteer, and Kim is a former staff member from the UK. Another love connection made at SOC! All of SOC wishes you guys many years of happiness!



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Save The Date...

BOARD MEETING

Date: Sunday, October 7th
Time: 1:00pm
Location: Shady Oaks Camp, Dining Hall

To view this newsletter & past ones, visit us at www.shadyoakscamp.org
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!)