SHADY OAKS BULLETIN

Parents Association for People with Disabilities

APRIL 2013

Director's Corner

Howdy everyone,

Well, just like I predicted the weather is warming, the trees are budding and flowers are starting to bloom. You can call me Puxotony Scott! With the inevitable change of seasons, so is the approaching camp summer. Staffing is almost complete, with only a couple of counselor positions to be filled. We still have a couple of scholarships available for new campers so if you know of someone who may be interested in attending camp and can become active in the Parents Group pass on my info to them. Our annual camp cleanup days is Saturday, May 18th and we need as many people as we can get to come out and lend us a hand. Lunch and drinks will be provided for everyone. Work will include grounds work, laundry, inside cleaning and building maintenance.

On another note remember our 5th annual dinner dance is Friday April 19th. Tickets are still available for this great event. It looks to be another fun filled night and a much need fundraiser for camp.

Also, remember we have a very important membership meeting on Sunday, April 14th at 12pm. Applications, physicals, camp bills and other important info will be handed out so be sure to attend.

Okay friends, until next month…let the countdown begin!

Good Times,
Scott Steele
Executive Director

Upcoming Events

- *Tag Days*
  Fri. April 5th
  Sat. April 6th

- *General Member Meeting*
  Sun. April 14th
  12pm

- *Board Meeting*
  Sun. April 14th
  2pm

- *Windy City Poker*
  Thur. April 18th

- *5th Annual Dinner Dance*
  Fri. April 19th
  6pm

April Showers bring May flowers

Volunteers Needed

Grab your family, friends & neighbors and lend us a hand!
We can use all the help we can get for our
Camp Cleanup Day on **Saturday, May 18th**
9am-4pm

If you're interested in helping for five hours or just one,
we need your help for **Tag Days** on
Saturday, June 22nd & **Sunday, June 23rd**
at **Corwin Pharmacy** in **Lockport, IL**
from **9am-5pm**

Looking for a good time on a Saturday night?
Then we're looking for you to work the
Homerfest Beer Tent on **Saturday, June 22nd**
from **12pm-12am**
We need 8 volunteers per hour so be sure to spread the word!

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the fundraisers listed above please call Scott at 708.301.0816 or send an email to soc16300@sbcglobal.net

Info from the Treasurer

Camp time deposits are now ***PAST DUE***.
If you have not already done so, please send in your
deposit to secure your child's camp time.
Camp time ***WILL NOT*** be guaranteed unless a deposit is received.

All monies raised for the 2013 camp season
MUST be in by **March 31, 2013**.

Any money raised after April 1, 2013 will be
credited towards the 2014 camp season.

A camp statement will be mailed out by
April 15, 2013 and
all camp money is due by June 1, 2013.

2013 Camp Schedule

Session I: Monday, June 17th – Friday, June 28th
Session II: Monday, July 1st – Friday, July 12th
Session III: Monday, July 15th – Friday, July 26th
Session 1V: Monday, July 29th – Friday, August 9th
Session V: Monday, August 12th – Friday August 16th (Day Camp)

<u>Sessions I, II, III & IV</u>
Campers arrive *NO EARLIER* then 9:00am on Monday
and depart *NO LATER* then 6:00pm on Friday

<u>Session V</u>
Campers arrive *NO EARLIER* then 9:00am
and depart *NO LATER* then 4:00pm

A 25% deposit of your total camp time must be received by Shady Oaks Camp on or before February 28th in order for your camper to attend camp.

Campers attending for 1, 2, 4 or 6 weeks will NOT be able to choose their sessions. They will be assigned sessions depending on availability. Requests for sessions can be made but will not be guaranteed.

Fundraisers

Shady Oaks Camp

Cordially Invites You to our
5th Annual Dinner & Dance
Celebrating

MARDI GRAS

$75/person or $65/person for a table of 8 or more
for tickets contact Kathy (815) 955-7394

FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH 6:00PM

Ruffled Feathers Golf Club
1 Pete Dye Drive, Lemont, Illinois

Dinner Dance Raffle Tickets are now available

Tickets are **$10.00** each
Prize includes; **2 roundtrip airline tickets & $500.00 cash**

Drawing will be held **Friday, April 19th** at out 5th Annual Dinner Dance
(winner need not be present)

If you would like to buy or sell raffle tickets please contact Kathy Borello at kathyb@wenetwork.com or 815.955.7394

Remember parents; selling raffle tickets will be applied towards a 50/50 camp time split.
All monies turned in by March 31st will be applied to camp time for 2013.
Any money turned in after March 31st will be applied towards camp time for 2014.

We will be starting a new fundraiser at the end of February that will assist parents in raising funds for camp time. Shady Oaks Camp will provide plastic donation boxes for parents to place at businesses in their communities. These boxes are specifically for parents to raise money for camp time.

Fifty percent of all donations collected will go directly to campers' accounts and the other fifty percent raised will go towards operating camp. This fundraiser, if done correctly can raise a lot of money for your child's camp time!

In order to receive the boxes parents must follow the guidelines listed below:

1. Because boxes are limited, parents must have location(s) secured **BEFORE** their receive their box. *(Good locations include liquor stores, restaurants and grocery stores.)*

2. Parents are responsible for checking boxes regularly and sending money to camp. If no money is raises during a one (1) month period from a location, the box(es) must be returned to camp.

3. Boxes are property of Shady Oaks Camp and must be returned to camp if the business no longer wants the box at their location or if the parent decides they would no longer like to participate in this particular fundraiser.

4. This fundraiser will be on going and boxes can be left in locations as long as the business allows.

5. Parents should create a flyer/story about their camper and why they are raising funds to place with the box. Shady Oaks Camp will have some informational flyers about camp for parents to place with their boxes if they do not wish to create their own flyer.

Windy City Poker Championship Tournament

Kirk Fallah and Fallah Productions will be teaming up with Shady Oaks and The American Legion Tinley Park Post 615 Women's Auxiliary to host a

4 day poker tournament on **Thursday April,18th**

at the American Legion, Post 615 in Tinley Park.

Proceeds from the Thursday games will go to Shady Oaks Camp with a guaranteed profit of $1500.00!

The more players we have the better our profit will be. Players can win seats to the Fri., Sat. & Sun tournaments and a chance to be on a televised event, as well as valuable prizes.

Buy-ins from as low as $10…all the way up to a $3,000 televise Sit N' Go, there is a tournament tailor made just for you! More information is available at shadyoakscamp.org.

Thank You

Thank you **Tom & Gayle Selcke** for your generous donation to install glass block windows in the basement of Ford Hall. Also a big thanks to Tom for his help with installing them!!!

Chris Beiswenger, Midwest Regional Sales Manager of From the Zoeller Pump Company, thank you for the donation of the above ground sump pump for the caretaker's house.

Last but certainly not least, thank you to **Rubina Oremus**, **Ron & Ginna Jones, and Suburban Service League** for their donations to Shady Oaks Camp.

Did you know...

Shady Oaks Camp currently has 14 buildings on grounds? Camp consists of 5 camper dorms (5, 6 7, 9, 13), staff house (4), office building/male staff house/computer lab/medical office (1), Recreation Hall (Ford Hall/14), Dining Hall (11), Caretakers house (2), Laundry building (8), directors house (12), pool house (15) and equipment storage building (16). Each building has an important purpose at camp and is vital to its operation. Up until 2001 all of the buildings at camp were in disrepair and in need of major renovations. Because the Parents needed to focus on raising funds for operating there was very little money left over for capital improvements. Thanks to the hard work of many, many volunteers the past 12 years camp has undergone a major facelift. Every building at camp has been almost completely remodeled complete with new-handicapped accessible bathrooms and heating and AC. Staff members and campers who have not been at camp since thwe remodel who come out to visit are simply amazed at the transformation camp has undergone. The remodeling and rehab of Shady Oaks Camp was really inspired by one individual person. Mr. William Preuss, a retired contractor, happened to come down to camp one day to take a look around. He offered his services to remodel the bathroom in the dining hall, which was in need of major work. 2 years later, Mr. Preuss had completely remodeled the inside of the dining hall/kitchen. The attention to detail Mr. Preuss put in was simply amazing! Did I mention he literally put is blood and sweat into the job? While working Mr. Preuss accidentally took off the tip of his finger with a saw but that didn't stop him…he was back to work a couple of days later! Mr. Preuss's work inspired the creation of an advisory committee consisting of local citizens who wanted to lend a hand. Key members of this committee were Dale Vogelsanger, Mike Devivio, Mike Rusco, Laurel Ward, Jim Billota and Bill Gleaves. Several other people had key roles in fundraising and networking for this committee including Margaret Sabo, Russ Petrizzo, Pam Meyers, Tom Hahn, Greg Chutnik, and many others. The committee worked hard and raised enough money to rehab Ford Hall (recreation hall) in 2006. Mr. Preuss of course put his imprint on this building as well by giving the building a log cabin look with the tongue and groove siding on the inside. Many volunteers were involved with the rehab of Ford Hall including electricians, plumbers, cook county swap program,, landscapers, painters, etc. The committee even raised enough money to purchase several pieces of new equipment for camp including a new Z-turn mower, commercial coffee pot and ice machine, new sound system for Ford Hall and several other items. Although Mr. Preuss sand the advisory committee started the transformation of SOC one group took rehabbing to the next level. In 2006 a group from Bethel Christian Reformed church in Lansing, IL (led by Arie Vanek) came out for a week during the summer and rehabbed dorm 6. For the next 3 years BCRC came to camp and rehabbed another building (5 total). Because of the generosity, hard work, and dedication of all these people and many not mentioned SOC looks like a brand new camp. Our work is not over however. We still have a major remodel project in dorm 13. 13 is our largest camper dorm and currently is not used. It is in need of major exterior and interior work before it can be opened back up. We are confident that with all of of friends, family and supporters 13 soon will join the ranks of the SOC elite, and now you know!

Save the Date

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 April Fools Day	2	3	4	5 Tag Day at Walt's in Tinley Park	6 Tag Day at Walt's in Tinley Park
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 *12pm* General Mtg *2pm* Board Mtg at Shady Oaks	15 Tax Day $	16	17	18 Windy City Poker Tournament	19 Dinner Dance	20
21	22 Earth Day	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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

PayPal Donate

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.

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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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(Pictures and stories from campers & staff are always welcome!)