



Upcoming Events

• *Board Meeting*
Sun. May 5th
1pm

• *Camp Clean up*
Sat. May 18th
9am-4pm

• *Tag Day*
Sat. June 22^d & Sun. June 23^d

• *Poker Run*
Sun. July 28th

∞ Director's Corner ∞

Howdy all,

April record showers have indeed brought May flowers! Tress at camp have begun to bud and within the next week or two they should be covered in beautiful green oak leaves. This time of the year can only mean one thing...camp is little over a month away! We are now in the home stretch getting things fixed and cleaning up the grounds. This year more than ever our camp cleanup day on Saturday, May 18th is very important. We have had very few volunteer groups this spring so we need as many people to come out and help as possible. Lots of leaves still remain on the ground and all the buildings are in need of a good scrubbing. We will be starting at 9am so if you can lend a hand come on out. Bill from Midas will be bringing out his giant grill and cooking up hamburgers and hot dogs for everyone so it should be a great day.

On another note please remember all camp forms are due in by June 1st. It is really important I get those forms so we can prepare our staff for your campers arrival. Please note that all camp monies are due by the first as well for residential camp. Day camp papers and monies are due by July 1st.

One more important piece of business for everyone. Starting June 7th and continuing through the week I will need some help picking staff up at the airports. When flight details are available I will let everyone know. If you can help that would be great since many times we have multiple pickups during the same times and both airports.

Okay everyone got to split for now. Talk to you soon!

Good Times,
Scott Steele
Executive Director



Happy
Mother's
Day

☞ SOC Camp Clean Up Day ☜

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



☞ Volunteers Needed ☜

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 ☜

All camp money is due by June 1, 2013
Please also turn in all paperwork by June 1, 2013.
This paperwork is needed in order to prepare for staff and campers arrivals.

☞ 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 IV: Monday, July 29th – Friday, August 9th
Session V: Monday, August 12th – Friday August 16th (Day Camp)

Sessions I, II, III & IV

Campers arrive **NO EARLIER** then 9:00am on Monday
and depart **NO LATER** then 6:00pm on Friday

Session V

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.

HAPPY *Mother's Day*





☞ Fundraisers ☜

We have begun a new fundraiser 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!

If you are interested in placing a box in your community, please contact Scott at 708.301.0816

Sunday, July 28, 2013

Register *before* July 1, 2013:
\$15/Rider \$15/Passenger

Register *after* July 1, 2013:
\$20/Rider \$15/Passenger

SOB Riders who joined last year are **FREE**,
but still need to register

- Registration day of from 9-11am *at Shady Oaks Camp*
- First Bike out at 11am/ Last Bike in at 4:30pm
- Pancake Breakfast before the Run starts at 8:30am
- Entertainment provided by **Dancing Noodles**
- Grand Raffle Prize of \$10,000 cash!
- Prizes for Highest & Lowest Hands
- Last stop at Chitown Harley in Tinley Park

Visit shadyoakscamp.org for more info



☞ Did you know... ☜

Shady Oaks Camp staff comes from all over the world? Up until 1996 staff at SOC came strictly from the US. Most of the staff were local kids ages 16 and up looking for a summer job. Because of the difficulty and intensity of the job many staffed were not equipped to work at SOC and would quit before the end of the summer. In addition, because of the nature of the job, most of the staff under the age of 18 were simply not mentally ready to handle the personal care aspect of camper care. Because of these reasons, and many others, in 1996, 3 agencies were contacted who dealt with international staff recruitment (Camp America, Camp Counselors USA, and Interexchange Camp USA).

The first year only 10 of the 50 plus staff came from overseas. The agencies put the prospective staff through an intensive interview process which includes criminal back ground check, drug test, language and skills evaluation and a face to face interview with a recruiter. The applications are then posted for review. The quality of International staff is extremely high and although many have no special needs experience, they all are open and willing to learn. In 2012, all but 3 of the 35 staff at camp were from overseas.

This summer, 75% of our staff will be from all over the world. They will be coming from Ireland, England, Scotland, Wales, Australia, New Zealand, South Korea, Poland, Russia, Vietnam, Czech Republic, Jordan and Hungary. The international staff not only bring a lot of enthusiasm to camp but they also bring along games, recipes and other things from their cultural that our campers can learn about. Many of our campers will never travel outside the USA, but working during the summer with our staff is the next best thing! So if you happen to be in the neighborhood why don't you stop by and say dobré ráno, szervusz, الخير صباح, Privet, xin chào, shwmae, witaj, 안녕하세요 or just plain hello! No matter how you say it, you can be guaranteed a smile and a howdy right back at ya! As we all know shady oaks is a world within itself, and our staff diversity is a big part of what makes us unique, and now you!

☞ Thank You ☜

Our 5th annual dinner dance was held at Ruffled Feathers Golf course in Lemont on April 19th. We had a great turn out and made almost \$20,000 for camp! Thank you to event chairman **Kathy Borello** for all her hard work in planning the event. A big thank you to Dance Committee members **Sheila Newcomb, Mary Pisano, Kelly Carpenter** and **Tracy Flake Bratcher** for all the time they put into the event as well.

Special thank you's to:

Girl Scout troop 75 for their help before and during the event.

Marianne Kyler and the kids from The Dance studio LTD for their performance

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Pigtails & Crewcuts

Mary Pisano & Family

Starbucks – Wolf Rd. & 179th

Torie Schaefer

Bob & Sharon Szjakovics

Tender Touch Massage

Finally, thank you to all those who attended, without you this event would not have been such a great success!

∞ Thank You can't ∞



Thank you to **Kirk Fallah** and **Fallah Productions** for all their help with our poker fundraiser that was held at the American Legion in Tinley Park on April 18th. We made over \$2000.00 from this event! Thanks to everyone who came out and played and to all those who volunteered their time!

A SUPER big thank you to **Michael McGrath** and **Marylouise Mccord** for all their support with their run/walk/wheel half marathon fundraiser for camp. Thanks to their efforts they raised over \$1800.00 for camp! This is a feat in itself, but what makes it more impressive is that they did it 3700 miles away in Ireland!

We would also like to express our thanks to the following people for their generous donations; **Bob Prete, Peter Mitchell, Gene Chinino** and **George & Margo Andrews**.



∞ Save the Date ∞

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 <i>1pm</i> Board Mtg at Shady Oaks in Dorm 4			8	9	10	11
12 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!			15	16	17	18 SOC Camp Clean Up Day 9am-4pm
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∞ 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
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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!

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!)