



Upcoming Events

• *Board Meeting*
Sun. Aug. 11th
1:30pm

• *The Dance Studio LTD*
Dance-A-Thon
Sat. Aug. 24th

∞ Director's Corner ∞

Wow.....this summer just flew by! I can't believe that we are in our final week. This has been an awesome summer with just fantastic weather. From the start of camp things have been running incredibly smooth, thanks in large part to our great support staff, Gemma, Gary, Abdu, Tracy, Alison, Liz, Alfonso, Agata, Ibrahim, Reni, Rachel, Clem and Michelle. We also had a great group of counselors who worked on a daily basis to make the campers days as enjoyable as possible. Well, friends it is time to close this 22nd chapter of my life and start writing the 23rd. It will be filled with some old familiar faces but also some new and exciting characters that are being created as we speak. One thing is for sure though, as long as the Shady Oaks story continues everyone who joins it will be immortalized in its pages. The staff this year can say that they were the main characters in Shady Oaks Camp summer of 2013. They should all be happy and proud, but most of all look back on these past 10 weeks and know that they helped change the lives, even if for a small part, of so many people with and without disabilities. They have and still can make a difference in people's lives!

With all that being said, it is now time to start planning for summer of 2014! We have a lot of work to do before our 67th summer is a reality. We have a few fundraisers coming up (haunted house, poker games, juke box raffle, Dance a thon etc), but are always on the lookout for other ways to raise money for camp. Please feel free to drop me a line if you have an idea. Well guys, got to split. We have a week of day camp and then it will be time to start packing things away....til next year!

Good Times,
Scott Steele
Executive Director



Good bye
2013 SOC
Staff &
Campers

∞ Fundraisers ∞



Tickets are now available for our Juke Box Raffle. The raffle will be held on Sunday, December 8th at our monthly board meeting.

Tickets are \$10.00 each

The grand prize is either a Crosley CR 12-2 ljuke deluxe juke box or \$500 cash. Second prize will get the remaining prize.

The juke box can play Cds, IPOD, MP3's and also has a standard AM/FM radio.

If you would like to purchase or sell the raffle tickets please contact Mary Pisano at agnesmpisano@hotmail.com or 708. 532. 1916.

On Saturday, August 24th, The Dance Studio LTD in Homer Glen will be hosting their second annual Wheel Go Dancing Dance-A-Thon fundraiser for camp. Last year's event was a huge success and raised over \$1,800.00 for camp! This year's event should be even better.

For more information contact Marianne Kyler at mariannekyler@hotmail.com or 708.301.8181



∞ A Letter from the Assistant Director... ∞

I've been at camp for 23 years. I have not seen the camp grounds look this nice in years! Many volunteers (Bob, Ralph, Joe, Marty, CITGO, etc...) have contributed to making camp look as great as it does. Our new caretaker, Greg, and his two sons, Jordan and Quinn, have also done a great job maintaining the grounds this summer. Greg is always on top of mowing the grass, emptying the garbage and keeping up the general appearance of camp. His boys are always willing to jump in and help as well. Even Greg's brother Dan has stopped by to lend a hand. Hopefully Greg and his family will grow to love camp as much as I do and will be around for many years to come. I would be remiss if I did not mention our most dedicated volunteer, Tom Selcke. He is one of a kind! You never have to tell him what needs to be done, he'll always find something (but painting is his favorite!) Just the other day he was washing all the buildings down to remove the algae that had been growing on them for years. From the campers, staff and parents, to all our volunteers, we can never say this enough.... **THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR BEING THERE FOR US!**

Sincerely,
Gary Schaid
Assistant Director

∞ Thank You ∞

Our annual open house was held on Sunday, July 21st. We had a fantastic turnout of over 200 people for this year's Chicago sports themed event. Thank you **Harry & Helen Burroughs** for sponsoring the day's events. We raised over \$3200.00 for camp!

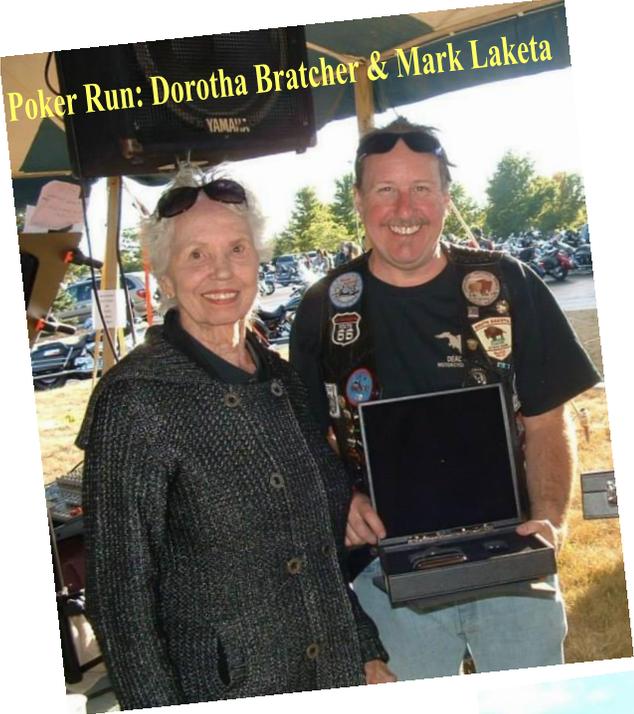
The following weekend, Sunday, July 28th we held our 10th annual Poker Run. We had over 315 riders and even more people joined us at the after party. Thanks to all the hard work from people involved we raised over 20K for camp! Congratulations to **Tom & Connie Grabowski** who won the \$5780.00 grand prize split the pot raffle. Tom & Connie donated \$780.00 of their prize back to camp.... AWESOME! A special thank you to the **Bratcher Family** and **Mark Laketa** for their very generous donations. It was great to see Mrs. B on the ride this year and we can't wait to see you again next year!

A huge thank you to the **Corcoran Family Foundation**. For the 4th year in a row the Corcoran family has provided a grant for 8 scholarships for new campers to attend camp. This year's newbies had a great time and will hopefully be attending camp for years to come.

Thank you to **Oosterbaan and Sons Painting and Decorating Contractors** for their wonderful donation of hundreds of gallons of paint throughout the past few years. Because of their generosity several buildings inside and out have received a much needed makeover.



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☯ Save the Date ☯

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9 Camp Ends ☺	10
11 <u>1:30pm</u> Board Mtg at Shady Oaks	12 Day Camp Begins ☺	13	14	15	16 Day Camp Ends ☺	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 The Dance Studio LTD Dance A Thon
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

☯ 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

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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!)

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