



MAY 2025

SHADY OAKS CAMP

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Thank you for making our 15th Annual Dinner Dance a night to remember!

We are so grateful to everyone who attended and supported our event on April 11th, we had an incredible turnout with 345 guests! A heartfelt thank you to our amazing Dinner Dance Committee — Judi Bratcher, Janet Douglas, Marcie Flores, Jan Golden, Sallie Hoekstra, Sheila Newcomb, Mary Pisano, and Vanessa Zahora for all their hard work and dedication in planning such a wonderful evening.

A special thank you to Ed Kerfin for serving as our MC and to DJ David Flores for providing the music that kept the night lively and fun. We would also like to recognize Tracy Bratcher for her beautiful design of our event program. Finally, we are deeply thankful to all of our sponsors and donors. Your generosity made this event a tremendous success in helping us raise over \$50,000 for Shady Oaks Camp!

Because of you, our mission to serve our community continues stronger than ever!

**FRESH
NEW LOOK**

Same Legacy of Community & Inclusion
since 1947!

**TOGETHER WE RAISED
\$50,000!**



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Thank you for your being part of our
Shady Oaks Camp community since 1947!

Your Generosity Makes a Difference

Thank you to our Dance Donors!

Thank you for your incredible generosity! Your support during our 15th Annual Dinner Dance **helped us raise over \$50,000 for Shady Oaks Camp**. Your kindness ensures that we can continue creating a safe, joyful, and inclusive space for our campers.

We are deeply grateful for your commitment to our mission and together we are building a legacy of love, community, and opportunity.

With heartfelt gratitude,
The Shady Oaks Camp Community



AIR Aerial Fitness
Al's Steakhouse
Ambrosino's
Ashford House Restaurant
Bailey's Bar & Grill
Bark Box
Beggars Pizza
Blick Art Materials
Caroline Kunik, Harold Lewis
Carpenter Family
Chesdan's Pizza
Chicago Bears
Chicago Cubs
Chicago Fire
Chicago Shakespeare Theater
Chicago Sympathy Orchestra
Chicago White Sox
Chicago Wolves
Classic Cinemas
Cooper's Hawk
Creative Cakes Tinley
Cutco Knives
Delta Sonic
DeSoto House Galena
Dorothy Schwatal
Douglas Family
Drury Lane Theater
Ed & Joe's
Egg Harbor Cafe
Escape Factor
Famous Dave's BBQ
Flores DJ Services
Four Winds Casino
Fox Bowl Wheaton
Gas N' Wash
Gem Med Spa
Go Ape Treetop/Zipline
Golden Family
Gourmet Gift Baskets
Growing Place Garden Center
Harbor Shores Lake Geneva
Haunted Trails
Hollywood Palms Cinema
Indoor Golf Links
Jennie Schuster
Jim Randall

John's Crazy Socks
Johnson Family
Joni Haran
Kathy Borello
Ken Carlson
Ken Cowdery
Kenwood Liquors
Laurel Ward
Legacy Ranch
Lettuce Entertain You
Lost Mountain Adventure
Lou Malnatis
Lynn Harris-Dennis
M&D Farms
Manago Family
Mark Holstein Family
Mary Pisano & Family
Morton Arboretum
Navy Pier Ferris Wheel
Newcomb Family
Nick's Barbecue
North and Maple
Nothing Bundt Cakes
Original House of Pancakes
Pat Slerzega
Peace Marketplace
PF Changs
Portillo's
Raging Waves Waterpark
Sushi-San
Tazza
Tender Touch Massage
Terence Pisano
Testa Produce
The Field Museum
The Morton Arboretum
Therese Jagiella
The Wine Cellar
Tinley Bowl
Tom Selcke
Top Golf
Touch of Green Landscaping
Traci Fernandez
Tracy Bratcher
Vanessa Zahora
Wildfire

Thank you to our Dance Sponsors!

Mighty Oak Sponsors

- Holland Manufacturing
- CITGO



Sapling Sponsors

- Bratcher Enterprises - Midas of Orland Park
- Community Service Foundation
- X-Dev Group
- KidTracks Inc.
- Ozinga
- Illinois American Water



Seedling Sponsors

- Lockport Animal Hospital



Acorn Sponsors

- Diamond Brothers Agency
- Treasured Smiles Dentistry
- Adam Garcia/State Farm
- Margaret Wendt
- Dan Mosca/State Farm



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THANK YOU



Jim Randall

Rita Facchina

**Lockport Womans
Club**

**Aileen S Andrew
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Brackenbox

**Richard M Schulze
Family Foundation**

**Friends of
Handicapped Children**

Non-Profit Status

Shady Oaks Camp is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

Shady Oaks Camp is not affiliated with any religion or national organization.

Shady Oaks Camp's Federal Tax ID Number is 36-2182090.



Countdown to Camp

Summer 2025, Let's Go!

For our campers with disabilities, the excitement for summer camp builds all year long. Camp is more than just a getaway, it's a place where friendships blossom, independence grows, and everyone is celebrated for exactly who they are. It's a time filled with laughter, adventure, and memories that last a lifetime. Every moment at camp is a reminder that joy, belonging, and possibility have no limits.



Shady Oaks Annual Open House

Sunday, July 20

12 - 3 p.m.



FREE parking, food and drinks!

Stay for a fun-filled afternoon of entertainment, performances by our very own campers and staff, fun raffles, and more!

Shady Oaks Camp

22nd Annual SOB Run

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025 | RAIN OR SHINE!

Registration 9 - 11 am @ Shady Oaks Camp 16300 Parker Road Homer Glen IL

\$25/ Rider and \$20/ Passenger

SCAN HERE

Become an Individual Sponsor

For only \$100 & get your name on the back of the t-shirt!

Forms available on our website or scan the QR code.

First bike out @ 11 am | Last bike in @ 5:30 pm
The last stop features door prizes, food and entertainment!
Food is served from 5 - 7 p.m.

Non-riders may attend the after party for a \$20 donation.

Bratcher
School of Leadership

KidTracks Inc.
Helping Children be Children

SLATE
BEER

TOM'S PLACE

United Way
United Way of Will County

2025 Camp Dates



Session 1: June 16th - June 27th

Session 2: June 30th - July 11th

Session 3: July 14th - July 25th

Session 4: July 18th - August 8th

Summer CAMP



4th Annual
MIKE RUSCO
Memorial Golf Outing

Friday July 18, 2025

1:00pm Shotgun Start
OLD OAK COUNTRY CLUB
14200 PARKER RD, HOMER GLEN, IL 60491

Golf & Dinner

\$125 per person includes: Range Balls, Golf
Cart, Drink Tickets, Buffet Dinner
\$40 Dinner Only Tickets

Games & Prizes

Contest for Hole in One, Longest Drive,
Chipping, Putting, Raffles, and more.



**To reserve your spot or for
sponsorship information,
contact us at:**

mrgolfouting@gmail.com

TEAM INFORMATION

Type in your teams information below and email this form back to Ron or MaryLou.

Player Name	Player Email	Golf & Dinner	Dinner Only
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Registration is on a first come, first serve basis. If paying by check, make check payable to the Mike Rusco Memorial Outing and mail to 13620 S. Dublin Dr., Homer Glen, IL 60491 or send your payment via Zelle to mrgolfouting@gmail.com.

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Proceeds will benefit Homer Glen's very own Shady Oaks Camp for people with disabilities and a donation will be made to Hope and Friendship Foundation. Sponsors are the key to the success of our event and your generosity is greatly appreciated by us and our recipients. To learn more about our recipients, visit www.shadyoakscamp.org and hopeandfriendshipfoundation.com



SPONSORSHIP LEVEL

- ☐ Drink Cart Sponsor \$500 ea (2 Carts Available)
- ☐ Gift Bag Sponsor - \$500
- ☐ Hole Sponsor - \$125
- ☐ Raffle Prizes

SPONSOR CONTACT INFO

Company Name/Contact Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____ **Email** _____

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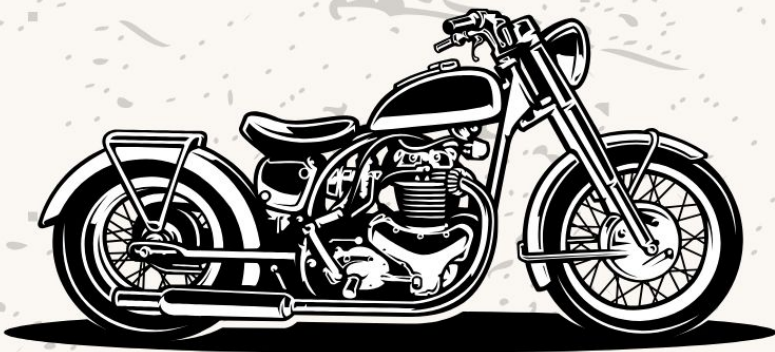
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Enter!
to Win!

Up to **\$10,000!**

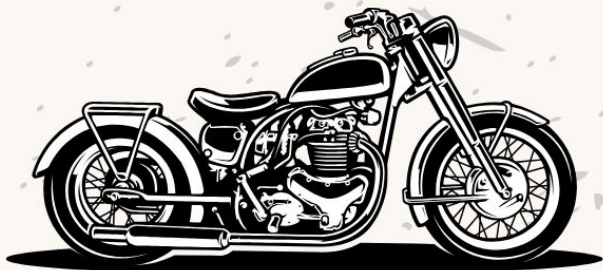
1st Place: \$10,000

2nd Place: \$2,500

3rd Place: \$1,000

\$20 per ticket
Buy 5 tickets,
get the
6th FREE!

Drawing held on Sunday, July 27th!
Winner does not need to be present at the time of drawing.



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VOLUNTEERS Needed

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP US
RUN THE SHADY OAKS CAMP BOOTH AT THE
ABILITIES EXPO.

LOCATION:

RENAISSANCE SCHAUMBURG CONVENTION CENTER

DATES:

- FRIDAY, JUNE 20TH: 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
- SATURDAY, JUNE 21ST: 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.
- SUNDAY, JUNE 22ND: 11:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

YOU CAN VOLUNTEER FOR ONE OR MORE SHIFTS AND DAYS!

INTERESTED? PLEASE CONTACT SCOTT BY CALLING
708.932.3776 OR SEND AN EMAIL TO
SOCI6300@SBCGLOBAL.NET

IMPORTANT



Meetings

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025

SOB MEETING 12 P.M.

ALL MEMBERS MEETING 1 P.M.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2 P.M.

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025

SOB MEETING 5 P.M.

BOARD MEETING 6 P.M.



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CAMP FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES