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SHADY OAKS CAMP

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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

Campfire Stories



SHADY OAKS CAMP: A LEGACY OF CARE, COMMUNITY, AND COMPASSIONATE RESPITE

Tucked away in the southwest suburbs of Chicago, Shady Oaks Camp has stood as a beacon of inclusion, joy, and respite for individuals with disabilities and their families since 1947. Founded by a group of determined parents who believed their children deserved more, Shady Oaks is more than a summer getaway, it is a sanctuary built on compassion, dignity, and community.

For caregivers, the demands of supporting a loved one with a disability can be constant and overwhelming. Daily routines often involve complex medical care, physical assistance, and emotional labor that leaves little time for rest or personal renewal. Shady Oaks Camp offers something truly rare: peace of mind. During the camp season, caregivers are given the gift of time, to recharge, care for themselves, and return to their roles with renewed energy and strength.

At the same time, campers enjoy a rich, affirming experience that celebrates their individuality. Every summer, children and adults with disabilities take part in swimming, music, crafts, field trips, and other joyful activities that are thoughtfully adapted to meet their unique needs. Beyond the fun, Shady Oaks fosters independence, social connection, and a sense of belonging in a world that too often overlooks them.

The importance of Shady Oaks lies not only in what it provides for campers but also in the space it creates for caregivers. That week or two of rest can have a profound impact, helping to prevent burnout, reduce stress, and strengthen family bonds. It reminds caregivers that they are not alone and that their labor of love is valued and supported.

As one of the few camps of its kind in the country, Shady Oaks stands as a testament to what can be achieved when a community comes together to embrace every person's humanity. Its long-standing legacy continues to thrive thanks to generations of volunteers, staff, and supporters who believe in the simple yet powerful idea that everyone deserves joy, rest, and the chance to just be.

Shady Oaks Camp is not just a summer tradition, it is a cornerstone of care, built to uplift the entire family unit, and a reminder that respite is not a luxury, but a necessity.



A Lasting Impact: Honoring Stan Fic

We would like to send our deepest condolences to the friends and family of Stan Fic. In memory of Stan, we received a \$10,000 donation from Stan Fic Memorial and Mural Funeral Group! We are honored to receive this donation in Stan's memory. From Kirk Fallah at Windy City Poker.

Stan Fic lived a humble life in Tinley Park where he would often attend charitable events and play poker with friends or family. Stan often found himself at the Final Table of the poker tournaments that would benefit 30+ charities including Shady Oaks Camp.

Stan was victorious on a televised event that was featured on YouTube and NBC Sports Chicago...his last task for his generous legacy was to make a donation to Shady Oaks Camp because without their events he would not have had the opportunity to meet new friends and play the game he loved.

We will miss him dearly.

With heartfelt Condolences,
The Shady Oaks Camp Community



Your Generosity and Time Makes a Difference...

THANK YOU



All donations go straight to what matters most: giving our campers unforgettable summers and sustaining the day-to-day operations of Shady Oaks Camp.

- Patricia Tews
- Christine Luttrell
- Friends of Handicapped Children
- Meyer & Horning
- Knights of Columbus Hughes Council 1005
- A huge thank you to the Christ Community Church Vacation Bible School Students for their extremely generous donation of cleaning supplies for camp. We now have more dish soap, hand soap and paper towels then you can shake a stick at!
- Thank you to The Blazer Foundation for a grant to install a new security gate at camp!
- Thank you to Bob Stahurski from Nyco Products Company for his very generous donation of commercial supplies for our dish washer and kitchen.
- Thank you to Vanessa Zahora for all the delicious snacks for our hardworking counselors!
- Thank you to everyone, who helped pick up our staff from the airports. Several midnight and 5am drives were made by our dedicated supporters. Carrie and John Kleronomos, Karen Keller-Horning, Greg Keller, Lynn Harris-Dennis, Scott Wagstaff, Jim Randall, Kelly Cain and Kent McKenzie, we truly appreciate your support!



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Thank You Volunteers! Your Time and Talents Make an Impactful Difference.



With heartfelt gratitude, The Shady Oaks Camp Community

We are truly grateful to **Bill Teske** for fabricating and installing a custom steel plate to improve the transition to the deck at Ford Hall. Thanks to his work, the entryway is now much more accessible and wheelchair-friendly for everyone to enjoy!



A heartfelt thank you to **Brian Brongiel of Bolingbrook Auto Repair, Transmissions & Exhaust** for generously donating his time, labor, and parts to repair our 12-passenger bus. Thanks to his hard work, the bus is ready to roll for all of our summer activities! Brian, who lives in Homer Glen near camp, is a trusted local mechanic. Be sure to check him out if you're in need of auto repairs!



Shady Oaks extends sincere appreciation to **Sam Scapellato from Maven Pavement Solutions Paving and his crew** for replacing broken and worn concrete throughout camp. Projects included the ramp near Dorm 5, the sidewalk in front of Dorm 6, and the flagpole base with planter outside Dorms 6 and 7. Sam has been a valued supporter of Shady Oaks for many years!



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.

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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

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TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2025
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING AT 6 P.M.

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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!

2025 Camp Dates

~~Session 1: June 16th - June 27th~~

Session 2: June 30th - July 11th

Session 3: July 14th - July 25th

Session 4: July 28th - August 8th

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

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.

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Forms available on our website or scan the QR code.

Orland Park Crossing

SPIRIT OF AMERICA

Car & Motorcycle Show

Proceeds support the
Orland Park Pantry, Our Fallen Hero & Shady Oaks Camp

Saturday, September 20th

Rain Date - Saturday, September 27th.

Check in 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Open to Public 2 p.m. - 8 p.m.

143rd & LaGrange Road | Orland Park Crossing Behind Xfinity

\$25 MINIMUM DONATION

First 100 Registered will Receive a
FREE T-shirt and Dash Plaque

Food, Wine & Beer Vendors, B.Y.O.B. (Bring your own lawn chair/blanket) and enjoy!

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