



DECEMBER 2025

# SHADY OAKS CAMP

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



*Wishing you peace and good will,  
The Shady Oaks Staff & Board of Directors*



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



# Your Shady Oaks Seasonal Roundup



## Shady Oaks Amazon Wishlist



Support camp with a simple click! Browse our Amazon Wishlist and help us stock up on much needed items.

Visit: <https://a.co/gL61YFa>

## Shop & Give Back with iGive



Skip the crowds and shop online this holiday season! When you shop through iGive, over 1,000+ stores will donate a portion of your purchase to Shady Oaks. It is free and easy!

Visit: <https://bit.ly/igiveshadyoakscamp>

## New P.O. Box!



Camp has a new PO Box Address. Please do not use the old Tinley park address anymore. You can continue to send mail to camp or use the new address listed below:

### Shady Oaks Camp

P.O. Box 2097

Orland Park, Il. 60462-9800

## Deck the Halls... at Camp! **HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

All current and former staff, campers, families, friends, and supporters are invited to join us for an afternoon of community, celebration, and a delicious potluck lunch! Once RSVPs are received, we'll follow up with a suggested item to bring. **Please RSVP to Scott Steele no later than January 3rd by sending an email to:**

[soc16300@sbcglobal.net](mailto:soc16300@sbcglobal.net)

**Date: Saturday, January 10, 2026**

**Time: 12:00-3:00 PM**

**\*This gathering also serves as an All Parents Meeting and will be credited for those who attend.**

## Shady Oaks Daily Pick 3 Raffle

During **February 2026**, play along with the Illinois Daily Game evening drawing. Whoever has that EXACT number is the winner for that day. The payout is \$100 per day and \$150 on Sundays. Not bad for a \$10 ticket!!

Also, if the same number is pulled during the month (and yes, it happens) you win again! You have to match the numbers in the exact order and not in reverse or any other combination. Example, if 258 is pulled, only 258 wins (not 285, 528, 852 etc.)

We will keep track of the drawing every day. One ticket gives you 28 chances to win!! 1000 tickets will be sold numbered 000-999. **Please contact Mary Pisano for tickets by sending an email at [agnesmpisano@hotmail.com](mailto:agnesmpisano@hotmail.com).**



# 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.



**Knights of Columbus**  
**Cardinal Mundelein Council 3024**  
**& Hughes Council 1005**

**Jordan Fund**  
**Lisa Gename**  
**Bruce and Jeanne Sirius**

**Jim Szajkovics**  
**Linda Szajkovics**  
**Brian Stupay**



## THE GIFT OF TIME: BIG HEARTS, BIGGER IMPACT!

### Anything's Pastable Annual Fundraiser 🍝

Our Pasta Dinner Fundraiser at **Tazza Italian Ristorante** in Homer Glen was a wonderful success, **drawing over 100 guests and raising more than \$3,500 for camp.** **Rose Reynder's** extraordinary generosity helped make the evening possible, and the event came together beautifully thanks to the hard work of **Janet and Roger Douglas, Jan Golden, and Sheila Newcomb.** Special appreciation goes out to **Rachel Kazlauskas**, who captured the evening as our photographer. Last but not least, we would like to recognize the **staff at Tazza's** who provided a warm and welcoming atmosphere, ensuring everyone enjoyed a memorable night!.

### Lou Malnati's Fundraiser Success 🍕

Our Lou Malnati's fundraiser was a hit! With **275 coupons sold, the community helped raise \$1,375 in support of camp!** **Caroline Kunik** ensured a smooth process from start to finish, and we are grateful to her everyone who participated.



### Eagle Scout Project: New Camp Garden 🌱

Camp is thrilled to share that **Tristan Smith** selected Shady Oaks for his Eagle Scout project. Through his leadership and the efforts of his troops, our grounds now feature a new camp garden for Chef Alfonso and our campers. Their dedication will provide fresh ingredients, hands-on learning opportunities, and smiles all summer long.

### Annual Camp Cleanup Day 🍂🧹

This year's camp cleanup day, sponsored by **Christ Community Church in Lemont**, brought together an energetic group of volunteers who tackled leaf piles, cleared gutters, and completed a wide range of grounds work. **Jeff and Kim Mlyniec** coordinated a purposeful and well-organized morning, transforming the grounds and preparing camp for the season ahead.



Inspired to Volunteer?  
Have ideas that can help our Camp  
Community?  
Send an email to  
[info.shadyoakscamp@gmail.com](mailto:info.shadyoakscamp@gmail.com) or  
call Scott at 708-932-3776 !

# Our Community in Action: The Magic of Volunteers!



Our busy bees have been hard at work, giving their time and energy to make camp an even better place for everyone!



# THANK YOU!



# SAVE THE DATE!

16TH ANNUAL SHADY OAKS DINNER DANCE FUNDRAISER!

**APRIL** 

FRIDAY

16

**17**

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# GIVING TUESDAY

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND**

Join us for a global day of giving to support Shady Oaks Camp for People with Disabilities. This year, we are working to raise \$20,000 to support our campers and our 1:1 staff-to-camper care. As a private nonprofit WITHOUT state or federal funding, nearly all of our \$600,000 annual operating budget comes from donations and family-led fundraising. Your support makes camp possible for 60+ campers each summer, year after year, decade after decade! As we enter our 79th anniversary in 2026, we are proud to announce that the milestone is only possible because of supporters like YOU. We hope you will be part of this year's Giving Tuesday efforts.

## How to Give:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/campforpeoplewithdisabilities/>
- Zelle: 464-243-6242
- PayPal: <https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/9RPNKFUEPUJ3E>
- Website: <https://www.shadyoakscamp.org/donate/>



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**You can also follow us on Facebook and share our mission with others to help spread the word.**

All donations are tax deductible (36-2182090).





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# Holiday in Whoville Pasta Feast



**Saturday, December 6, 2025  
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

held at  
**Shady Oaks Camp**

16300 Parker Road, Homer Glen

**Cost: \$18.00 Per person (ages 3-adult)**

Children 2 and under free

Tickets available at:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/holiday-in-whoville>

Non-Refundable Donation

**Fun!**

**Raffle  
Baskets**

*Admission includes pasta, salad, bread, juice, dessert, festive photo ops with Santa and the Grinch (bring your cameras!), face painting, kids crafts, letters to Santa, cookie decorating and other fun activities...*

*We will be collecting items for Shady Oaks Camp. (list will be posted soon)  
For your donation, you will receive a free raffle basket ticket.*

**Split the  
Pot**

For additional information  
contact:  
Colleen Nowak  
[cegaskin@yahoo.com](mailto:cegaskin@yahoo.com)

**Bake  
Sale**

A Portion of the Proceeds Benefit:

**Lightways**  
Hospice and Serious Illness Care



# Tentative 2026 Camp Dates

Session I: June 15-July 26

Session II: June 29-July 10

Session III: July 13-July 24

Session IV: July 27-August 7

## ARE YOU INSPIRED TO HELP OR DONATE?

We have exciting news! You can now donate via Zelle! Send your donation to: 464.243.6242

Or scan the QR Code to learn more about ways to make a financial contribution or contact us today!

**DONATE** ❤️

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### BOARD OF DIRECTOR MONTHLY MEETINGS (VIRTUAL DURING WINTER MONTHS)

**TUESDAY, DEC 2, 2025 AT 5:30 P.M.**  
**TUESDAY, JAN 13, 2026 AT 5:30 P.M.**



### REMINDER

A reminder that 2025–2026 Camp Dues are now payable.

- ✓  Early-bird rate: \$50, if paid by December 31, 2025.
- ✓ Standard rate: \$100, for dues paid on or after January 1, 2026.

Please note that all current and prospective Board of Directors members must be current with their dues. Membership in good standing is required to hold a seat on the Board and for your loved one to attend camp.

Please mail your dues to:  
Shady Oaks Camp  
16300 S. Parker Rd.  
Homer Glen, IL 60491



THANK YOU  
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