



MAY 2026

# SHADY OAKS CAMP

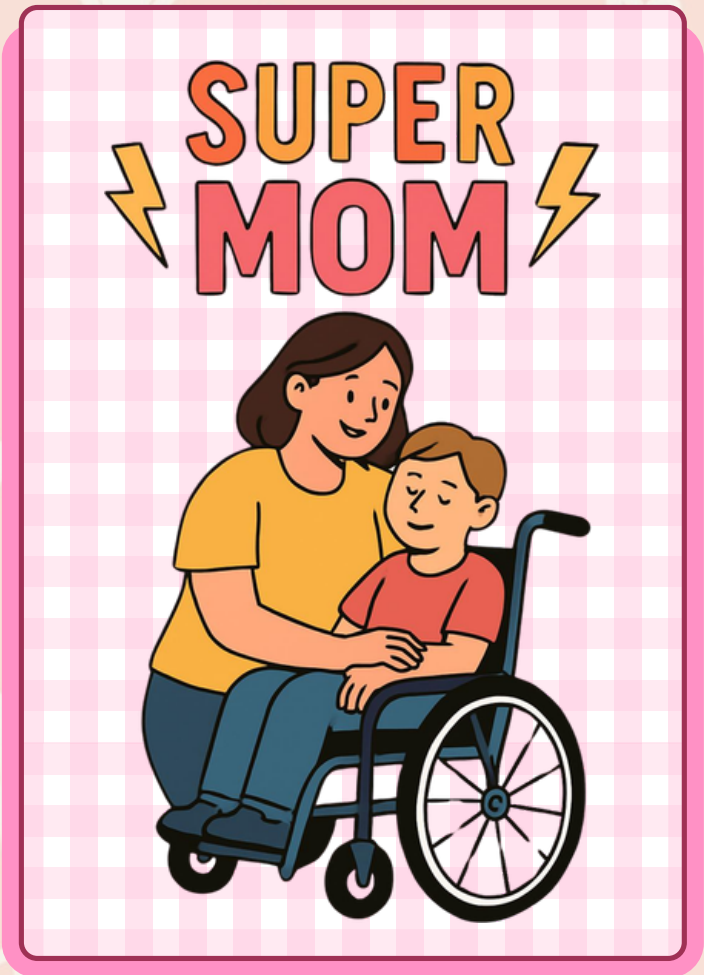
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



## Celebrating the Hearts Behind Our Campers

Mother's Day holds a special place in the Shady Oaks community. To the moms raising children with special needs: You are some of the strongest, most loving people we know. Your days are filled with advocating, caregiving, celebrating the small victories, and loving your campers with a strength that never runs out. It isn't always easy, but the way you show up for them every single day is extraordinary. When summer arrives and your campers come to camp, we are reminded of the love, perseverance, and dedication that helped bring them there.

This Mother's Day, we celebrate you and also want to recognize the many types of caregivers, grandparents, and family members who also share in this journey of caregiving and support. We celebrate you and the love that helps every camper grow, belong, and shine.



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

 CONTACT US

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# 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**

## Camp Glow-Up Day

Rain or shine, help us get camp ready during our annual Camp Cleanup Day on **Saturday, May 16 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.** More details can be found on page 5 of this newsletter!

## Discover What's Possible at the Abilities Expo Chicago 2026

Shady Oaks is excited to be part of Abilities Expo Chicago, happening **June 12-14 at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center**. Expo hours are **11 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Sunday**. Join us to connect, explore resources, and learn more about how Shady Oaks supports individuals with disabilities and their families. We hope to see you there!

## Swing for a Cause:

### The Mike Rusco Memorial Golf Outing

Save the date for **Friday, July 17** and tee off in support of Shady Oaks. The annual Mike Rusco Memorial Golf Outing is a meaningful day of community, remembrance, and giving back. Stay tuned for more details!

## Experience Shady Oaks Camp in Action

Join us on **Sunday, July 19th from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. for our annual Open House!** Enjoy free food, entertainment, and the chance to see our campers in action. Come connect with our community and experience firsthand what makes Shady Oaks so meaningful to so many families.

## 23rd Annual SOB Run

Mark your calendars! We are thrilled to announce that this year's **SOB Run will take place on Sunday, July 26 right here at Camp!** Registration will take place from **9 – 11 a.m.** More details will be shared as the event draws closer.



## Shady Oaks Session 1

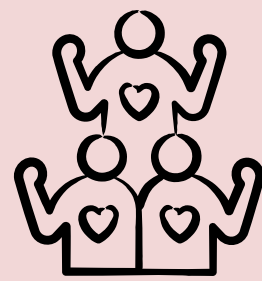
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June 15, 2026



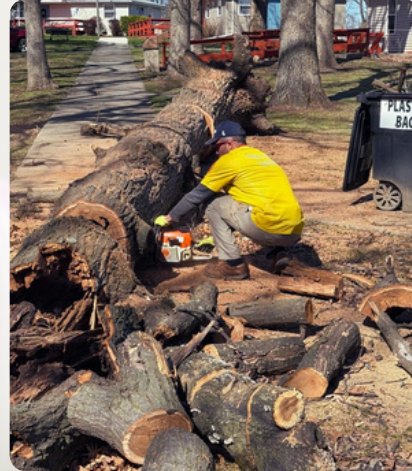
# Your Generosity and Time Makes a Difference...

## April Supporters, THANK YOU!



*The Gift of Giving: Big Hearts, Bigger Impact!*

- Our gratitude is extended to the [Aileen S Andrew Foundation](#) for their generosity!
- A big thank you to [Mark from Antomez and Sons Landscaping](#) for coming out to camp to help cut up one of our fallen trees. The carpenter ants definitely did a number on this one, and we truly appreciate the help getting camp cleaned up and looking great again!
- Another thank you goes out to [Brian and Shawn Schuster](#) for coming out to camp to tackle phase two of “Operation Giant Fallen Tree.” We appreciate all the hard work and helping hands that keep camp safe and beautiful for our campers.
- We would also like to thank the [Homer Township Republican Organization](#) for their support of camp.



## ARE YOU INSPIRED TO HELP OR DONATE?



**Volunteers make a lasting impact at Shady Oaks Camp.**

If you or your group would like to get involved, please contact Scott at [soc16300@sbcglobal.net](mailto:soc16300@sbcglobal.net) or 708.932.3776 to learn more about our volunteer opportunities.

**Are you interested in making a donation?**

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!

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.

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

# 16TH ANNUAL DINNER DANCE SUCCESS

APRIL 17, 2026

Thank you to everyone who attended our 16th Annual Dinner Dance on April 17. We were thrilled to welcome an incredible crowd of 355 guests for a fun and memorable evening in support of Shady Oaks Camp.

We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to our Dinner Dance Committee: Sheila Newcomb, Mary Pisano, Jan Golden, Sallie Hoekstra, Vanessa Zahora, Janet Douglas, Marcie Flores, and Judi Bratcher, for the many hours of planning and hard work that made this event possible.

A special thank you to Ed Kerfin for serving as MC for the evening's festivities and to DJ Nelson Santiago from Funn Songs Productions for keeping the dance floor moving all night long. We would also like to thank Tracy Bratcher for designing the beautiful event program.

Finally, thank you to all of our sponsors, donors, and attendees for your incredible generosity and support. Because of you, we raised over \$50,000 for camp!

Congratulations to our Dinner Dance raffle winners:

- 1st Place (\$2,500): Mike and Betty K.
- 2nd Place (\$1,000): Jack B. (who generously donated \$500 back to camp!)
- 3rd Place (\$500): Ira W.

Thank you all for helping make this year's Dinner Dance such a tremendous success!

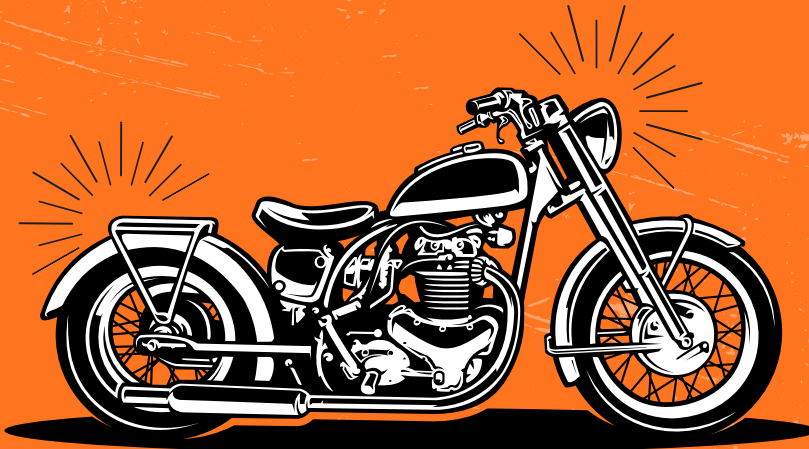


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**SHADY OAKS CAMP**  
**SOBRUN**

*Rain or Shine!*

**SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026**

**16300 PARKER ROAD, HOMER GLEN, IL**



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**\$30/RIDER**

**\$20 FOR PASSENGERS**

**REGISTRATION: 9 - 11 A.M.**

**FIRST BIKE OUT: 11 A.M.**

**LAST BIKE IN: 5:30 P.M.**

**THE LAST STOP FEATURES DOOR PRIZES AND DINNER!**

**FOOD IS SERVED FROM 5 - 7 P.M.**

**NON-RIDERS MAY ATTEND THE AFTER PARTY FOR A \$20 DONATION.**

**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.**



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# SOB RUN

*Rain or Shine!*

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026

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*Enter!  
to Win!*

Drawing held on Sunday, July 26th!  
Winner does not need to be present at the time of drawing.

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

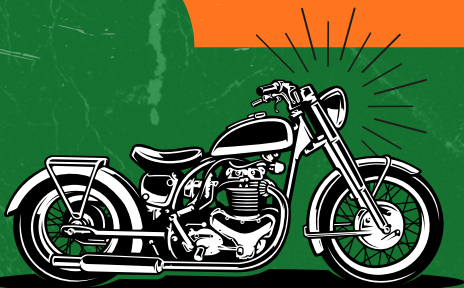


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Buy 5 tickets, get  
the 6th FREE!**



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5<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**MIKE RUSCO**  
Memorial Golf Outing

**Friday July 17, 2026**

**1:00pm Shotgun Start  
OLD OAK COUNTRY CLUB**

**14200 PARKER RD, HOMER GLEN, IL 60491**

*Proceeds will benefit Homer Glen's very own Shady Oaks Camp for people with disabilities and a donation will be made to Honor Flight Chicago. 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](http://www.shadyoakscamp.org) and [honorflightchicago.org](http://honorflightchicago.org).*



**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** \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorships are available on a first come first serve basis. For more information, email [mrgolfouting@gmail.com](mailto:mrgolfouting@gmail.com). 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](mailto:mrgolfouting@gmail.com).

Charity event to benefit Shady Oaks Camp & Honor Flight Chicago

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**Golf & Dinner**

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

\$30 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](mailto:mrgolfouting@gmail.com)**

**TEAM INFORMATION**

Type in your teams information below and email this form back to [mrgolfouting@gmail.com](mailto:mrgolfouting@gmail.com).

**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](mailto:mrgolfouting@gmail.com).

# 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 12: 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, JUNE 13: 11:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, JUNE 14: 11:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

YOU CAN VOLUNTEER FOR ONE OR MORE SHIFTS AND DAYS!

**SIGN UP TODAY**

PLEASE CONTACT SCOTT BY CALLING

708.932.3776 OR SEND AN EMAIL TO [SOC16300@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:SOC16300@SBCGLOBAL.NET)



Antomez & Sons Landscaping  
815 651 6641  
Call or text for a free estimate

## Tentative 2026 Camp Dates

Session I: June 15-June 26

Session II: June 29-July 10

Session III: July 13-July 24

Session IV: July 27-August 7

## MEETING REMINDERS

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**MONDAY, MAY 11 | 7:00 P.M.**

**ALL MEMBERS!**

**SUNDAY, MAY 17 | 1:00 P.M.**