



Director's Corner

As we start a new year it is time to look forward to another camp season. It looks like things are shaping up to be another fun summer. Now would be a great time for all the parents and campers to open up their camp directories and shoot and email or a letter to their favorite staff member from the past couple of years and let them know you would like to see them again! Returning staff are what make camp run smoothly so the more the better. You would be surprised what a simple letter or email will do to convince a staff member to give it a go for another summer.

With spring here in only a few months, it is time to start looking forward to tag days for next year. I will begin securing locations for spring and summer after the first of the year so hopefully will have more info in the February newsletter. Just remember, we made over \$15,000 in tag days last year so this is a huge fundraiser for us. With more volunteers, there is no reason why we can't hit \$20,000 this year. On another note, thanks to volunteers and a couple of very generous grants some more exciting remodeling and changes are in the works for this summer. It is too early to talk about but let's just say you will be wowed!

Well friends, 2011 is over. It has been a year with many ups and downs for me. Happy times included celebrating my first anniversary with my beautiful wife Michelle, seeing my little family grow with the birth of my new daughter Devin in June and watching my not so little girl Morgan turn three....time flies! A difficult blow to my family saw the passing of my dad on Sept 5th. As most of you know, dad always was willing to help camp when needed. He helped Mr. Swanson put siding on the dining hall, build cabinets for dorm 4, make numerous signs for buildings, fundraisers, and so on. Although it still hurts everyday, seeing the work my dad did at camp and at my home makes me feel proud. I know even though he is gone, he will always be remembered.

Well everyone here is hoping 2012 holds more happy times than sad times for all of you and your family. Happy NEW YEAR to everyone!

Good times,
Scott Steele
Executive Director

Upcoming Events

• *SOC Winter Raffle*
Sat. Jan. 7th

• *SOC Holiday Party*
Sat. Jan. 7th
12:00pm-3:00pm

• *BINGO*
Sun. Jan 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th
Addison, IL



*Happy
New Year*

∞ Thank You ∞



A big thank you to **AT&T** for choosing us as one of three recipients to receive their Investing in Illinois Grant. Also, a thank you to **Senator Christine Radogno** for taking time out of her busy schedule to support Shady Oaks in this award.

We would like to extend a special thank you to **Margaret & William Sabo, Laurel & Brian Ward** and **The Foundation for the Developmentally Handicapped** for their thoughtful donations as well.



∞ MEMBERSHIP ∞

The following requirements must be met before your child or sibling is able to attend camp

1. Attend a minimum of 4 general meetings a year
2. Volunteer a minimum of 10hrs per year on various fundraisers that Shady Oaks hosts. (i.e. Tag Day, Poker Run, Dinner Dance)
3. Raise a minimum of \$500.00 (this can be accomplished by selling raffle tickets to a major raffle or by purchasing tickets for our annual dinner dance or any qualifying fundraiser.) For every dollar brought in beyond the \$500 requirement, 50% goes towards reducing your camp fee. \$5.00 an hour can be credited toward camp time for additional Board approved skilled services.

If a member does all of the above, camp fees will be assessed at a reduced rate. If these requirements are not met then a higher camp fee will be assessed. Any money brought in after September 1st will be accredited for the following year. We need to rebuild our membership and the Board would like to offer a waiver of one (1) year from the mandatory requirements to any family that recruits a new residential camper. The new family/ camper must be able to meet all above requirements for you to receive the exemption.

PAST DUE

∞ Dues ∞

Parents Association membership dues are due now.
They are \$100.00.

Please note dues **MUST** be paid to be an active member in the association and for your child to attend Shady Oaks Camp. If dues are not paid your child will not be eligible to attend camp for 2012.



∞ Bingo ∞

**WE NEED ALL MEMBERS
TO WORK BINGO.
WITHOUT YOUR HELP THIS VERY
IMPORTANT FUNDRAISER WILL
NOT SUCCEED.**

∞ Soc Holiday Party ∞



We invite all friends, family & campers to our camp holiday party on Saturday, January 7th
12:00pm-3:00pm

All guests are asked to bring a food item for our potluck lunch.

Please RSVP to Scott by Monday, January 2nd
(708) 932-3776 or soc16300@sbcglobal.net

∞ Winter Raffle ∞

Grand Prize is \$1,000.00

Drawing will be on
Saturday, January 7, 2012
at the SOC Holiday Party
12:00pm-3:00pm

Tickets are only \$10.00 each

(Winner need not be present to win)
Contact Mary Pisano at (708) 532-1916 or
agnesmpisano@hotmail.com
to purchase your tickets

Note to Parents: selling raffle tickets can go towards your PA requirements and can help reduce the cost of your child's camp time.

∞ Dinner Dance ∞

It's that time of year again to start getting ready for the annual Shady Oaks Dinner Dance.
This years dance will be held on

Friday, April 20, 2012

More details will be in next month's newsletter, but we'll give you a hint at the theme.

Aloha

∞ Vacant Board Position ∞

We are currently looking to fill a vacant board position.
If you are interested please contact Scott for more information. If you truly want to help Shady Oaks Camp succeed, joining the board would be a great start!
(708) 301-0816
Soc16300@sbcglobal.net



∞ 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

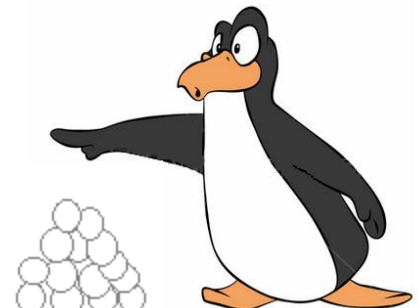
You can also donate online through our website
www.shadyoakscamp.org
click the PayPal button



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!



Save The Date...

BOARD MEETING

Date: Sunday, January 8th
Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm
Location: Shady Oaks Camp, Dining Hall

Shady Oaks Camp
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Homer Glen, IL 60491

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To view this newsletter & past ones, visit us at www.shadyoakscamp.org
Any additional news or corrections, please contact Michelle at
shadyoakscamp@write.com or (708) 301-0816.
(Pictures and stories from campers & staff are always welcome!)

Help support Shady Oaks Cerebral Palsy Camp

Join us every **SUNDAY** night
for **BINGO**
at Gold Strikes Bingo in **Addison, IL**

To make this fundraiser a success we need your help! We are looking for volunteers to help us run our bingo game.

Please contact Mary Pisano for more information.
(708) 532-1916 or agnesmpisano@hotmail.com

Even if you can only help out one Sunday a month,
every volunteer counts.

And remember parents, volunteering will count toward your requirements for membership!

Date: Every **Sunday***

Time: **4pm** Doors Open
6pm Games Start

Location: Gold Strike Bingo
800 S. Rohlwing Rd.
Addison, IL 60101

Plenty of FREE Parking
www.goldstrikeaddison.com

** Closed on New Years Day*



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