



Camp Knutson



2023

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Report

CAMP MISSION

CAMP KNUTSON IS DEDICATED TO NURTURING THE WELL-BEING OF PERSONS WITH IDENTIFIED NEEDS IN A SETTING WHICH CELEBRATES GOD'S LOVE FOR COMMUNITY AND CREATION.

Camp Knutson provides camping services for individuals with disabilities and medical needs. Camp is open year-round, also hosting retreats, conferences, meetings and trainings September through May.

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTORS



Jared Griffin

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This past year was filled with celebration as we reflected on the many lives that Camp Knutson has touched over the past 70 years. We take a look back at how far we've come over the years on page 12.

While we are grateful for our past, we also marvel at everything new at Camp Knutson this year, including two additional partners and the opening of Fischer Cabin. On page 5, we are pleased to introduce our two newest partners: Pohl Children's Foundation's Camp Forever for children who have experienced the loss of a loved one and Red River Foundation, a nonprofit from Fargo, North Dakota, that supports individuals with disabilities.

We have brought back our timeline on pages 10-11 to illustrate everything that happens at Camp K. From summer camps to retreats to weddings, we are so happy to share both big and small moments in the lives of our Camp K community.

Because of the kindness and generosity of our supporters, we are able to keep being a safe and restorative space for our campers and retreat guests. Your commitment to the mission of Camp K is truly touching. As we plan for the years to come, we know that you'll be right alongside us.

With Deep Appreciation,

Jared Griffin

Camp Senior Director

Caitlin Malin

Director of Services

**"Camp Knutson
shines because
of all the love
and kindness that
is poured into it
by our staff,
camp partners,
volunteers, supporters
and, especially,
our campers."**

Jared Griffin

New Fischer Cabin Offers Comfort and Connection at Camp Knutson



Camp Knutson opened the doors of Fischer Cabin just in time for the 2023 camp season. Built with accessibility in mind, the two-story building offers campers and guests who use wheelchairs additional independence. The cabin is divided into five separate sleeping areas, with a total of 52 beds – making it the second largest cabin at Camp Knutson.

“Fischer Cabin greatly enhances the quality of our services and offers opportunities for growth in the number of individuals we can successfully support,” said Jared Griffin, senior director of Camp Knutson. “It will also be an excellent space for retreat groups and family gatherings.”

The construction of Fischer Cabin went from dream to reality when Dave Fischer donated the lead gift after his wife Marie’s passing in 2019; his three adult children followed suit by contributing generously.

“Through the Fischers’ heartfelt gift in memory of Marie, generations of campers will be able to

experience the joys of Camp Knutson,” remarked Caitlin Malin, director of services. “This cabin is where campers will come together and open up to one another, sharing their struggles, frustrations and pains. It is also where they will have the opportunity to create inseparable bonds with each other, grow and feel truly confident in who they are.”

Jared’s wish for campers is that this new cabin will offer them additional comfort while they enjoy their time at Camp Knutson. “Fischer Cabin is fully equipped to meet every camper where they are and give them the very best care possible.”



▲ The Fischer family officially marks the opening of Fischer Cabin at the ribbon cutting ceremony in June.



Growing Our Community: Two New Camp Partners

Our unique partnership model offers growth opportunities for both Camp Knutson and the organizations we host. With a full summer schedule, our fall weekend camp schedule provides a beautiful setting for our newest partners.



RED RIVER HUMAN SERVICES FOUNDATION

Located in North Dakota, Red River Human Services Foundation's (RRHSF) mission is to enhance the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities by promoting community participation and inclusion. RRHSF brought a group of adults supported through their residential services to Camp Knutson in September 2022 as a "trial run," according to residential coordinator Matt Meyer.

The decision to return in 2023 was easy. "Everything – from staffing to adaptability to the general flow of each day – has perfectly meshed with what many of our campers need," said Matt. The group enjoys taking boat rides, sitting around the campfire, and engaging in various craft activities, like tie-dying shirts.

Matt noted the genuine smiles and positive energy seen in each individual at Camp K. "The impact the experience has on wellness is vast, and I am truly appreciative of having the opportunity to partner with Camp Knutson."



POHL CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION: CAMP FOREVER



To honor the memory of her three children who passed away from a rare genetic disease, Suz Pohl created the Pohl Children's Foundation to support families who have experienced the loss of a loved one. One of the organization's goals is to provide space for grief and healing for children ages 7-18.

In November 2022, Camp Forever held its inaugural weekend camp. Campers experienced some typical camp activities – like indoor archery, crafts and time in the nature center – alongside time to share and process their loss.



2023 Summer Camps



"I love camp because
my best friends
are here."

—ODAYIN CAMPER



"I fit in here. This is my favorite week of the year."

—AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DERMATOLOGY CAMPER



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*"I'm having a great time!
I'm at peace out
on the boat."*

—HAND IN HAND CAMPER



"I don't have to pretend to be someone else while I'm at camp."

—CAMP RED CAMPER



EVENTS

QUILT AUCTION

More than \$144,000 was raised at the 37th Annual Quilt Auction. The success of the quilt event is linked to our amazing group of volunteers who spent countless hours coordinating the details and to the generosity of the quilt donors.



HAPPY CAMPER ONLINE GIFT MARKET

Volunteers helped organize the third annual Happy Camper Online Gift Market in October. A variety of handmade items – quilts, table runners, greeting cards and more – were auctioned online to raise funds for our campers.



NIGHT UNDER THE STARS

Attendees really got into the theme of this year's Night Under the Stars: It's a '70s Party! We had a record turnout and raised more than \$300,000.



ICE TEE OPEN

Thanks to Moonlite Bay Family Restaurant for organizing another successful Annual Ice Tee Open in March. Camp Knutson supporters played golf on frozen Cross Lake to raise funds for camperships – \$54,000 was raised this year!



FAMILY SUNDAY FUNDAY OPEN HOUSE

Our 2023 summer camp season opened with ice cream, tours, games and activities at the Family Sundae Funday Open House.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

A line snaked out Angela Dining Hall as more than 500 neighbors, volunteers, supporters and camp families joined us over Labor Day weekend for the Annual Pancake Breakfast and Open House.



Thank you, volunteers!



We are so grateful to the 140 volunteers who put in 1,605 hours for Camp Knutson this year. Our talented and generous volunteers helped plan our successful fundraising events, performed building and yard maintenance, grilled and served food on tailgating nights, and put in countless time and energy towards the success of Camp K.

CAMP K TIMELINE

2023

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 1
Celebration of Service for Pat True and Sara Larson

OCTOBER 6-7
LSS Accounting Team Retreat

OCTOBER 11-16
Scrap Camp (Scrapbooking Retreat) 1

OCTOBER 15-20
Happy Camper Gift Market

OCTOBER 19
LSS Unit Based Services Retreat

OCTOBER 20
WAPOA Retreat

OCTOBER 26-27
LSS Leadership Retreat

OCTOBER 27-30
Women's Spiritual Network Retreat

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 5-7
Celtic Spirituality Retreat 1

NOVEMBER 11-13
LSS Deaf Mentors Retreat

NOVEMBER 18-20
Camp Forever

DECEMBER

DECEMBER 2-4
Saint Stephens Church Retreat

JANUARY

JANUARY 6-8
Summer Staff Reunion Weekend

JANUARY 20-22
Alleluia Lutheran Church Retreat

FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 3-4
Compassion Chapel Retreat

FEBRUARY 5
Jess B. Baby Shower

MARCH

MARCH 1-2
LSS Community Based Services Retreat

MARCH 3-5
Tory and Friends Retreat

MARCH 4
Ice Tee Open Fundraiser at Moonlite Bay

MARCH 22-26
Llama Mamas Retreat

MARCH 31-APRIL 1
Celtic Spirituality Retreat 2

Stay at Camp K

Book your retreat, meeting, training or special event at Camp Knutson! From mid-September to mid-May, we host a variety of events in our comfortable, modern accommodations.

On-site meal services can be catered to your group's specific needs.

Contact us to learn more!



- RETREAT
- VOLUNTEER
- CAMP
- STAFF
- FUNDRAISER
- SPECIAL EVENT

APRIL

- APRIL 11-16
Scrap Camp
(Scrapbooking Retreat) 2
- APRIL 18-19
LSS Youth Service Staff Retreat
- APRIL 25-26
MN Department of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Retreat

MAY

- MAY 3
Volunteer Spring Clean Up:
Zion Lutheran Church of Amor
- MAY 5
Adult and Teen Challenge Work Day
- MAY 6
Camp K Volunteer Day of Service Spring Cleanup
- MAY 9-11
LSS Caregiver and Companion Services Retreat
- MAY 12-14
Compassion Chapel Women's Retreat
- MAY 15-18
LSS Guardianship Retreat
- MAY 20
WAPOA Public Presentation
- MAY 19-21
LSS Deaf Mentors Retreat 2
- MAY 21
Summer Program Specialists Arrive
- MAY 28
Sundae Funday

JUNE

- JUNE 1
Volunteer Spring Meeting
- JUNE 2-4
Cookies AA Group Retreat
- JUNE 4
Fischer Cabin Dedication
- JUNE 5-8
Camp Benedict
- JUNE 10-14
Down Syndrome Foundation Camp
- JUNE 16-19
Camp RED
- JUNE 21-25
Camp Odayin 1
- JUNE 27-JULY 1
Camp Hand in Hand 1

JULY

- JULY 3-7
Camp Hand in Hand 2
- JULY 9
Music on the Docks
- JULY 10-14
Camp Odayin 2
- JULY 15
Night Under the Stars
- JULY 17-21
Camp Odayin 3
- JULY 23-28
Camp Discovery 1
- JULY 30-AUGUST 4
Camp Discovery 2

AUGUST

- AUGUST 7-11
Camp Hand in Hand 3
- AUGUST 12
Quilt Auction
- AUGUST 13
Camp Knutson Sunday at Crosslake Lutheran Church
- AUGUST 13-17
Camp Hand in Hand 4
- AUGUST 19-23
Camp Norden
- AUGUST 24
Volunteer Fall Meeting
- AUGUST 25-27
Bridging Hearts
- AUGUST 28-30
Youth Experiencing Homelessness

SEPTEMBER

- SEPTEMBER 1-3
Camp K Alumni Staff Reunion
- SEPTEMBER 2
Pancake Breakfast Open House
- SEPTEMBER 6
Log Church Leadership Retreat
- SEPTEMBER 4-8
Minneapolis Community Group
- SEPTEMBER 8-10
AA Men's Retreat
- SEPTEMBER 11
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
- SEPTEMBER 13
Celebration of Life for Gwen Orred
- SEPTEMBER 14-17
Colin and Ellie's Wedding
- SEPTEMBER 19-21
LSS Property Retreat
- SEPTEMBER 22-24
Duluth East Choir Retreat
- SEPTEMBER 26-28
Red River Foundation
- SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 1
Amersand Families Camp

Celebrating 70 Years of Camp Knutson

“Thousands and thousands of campers have been impacted by Camp Knutson. It’s been lifechanging.”

As Camp Knutson's former director, Rob Larson would know. He experienced camp's impact firsthand every day for 30 years. This last September, Rob, along with a group of more than 50 staff alumni and their families, reunited to celebrate 70 years of Camp Knutson.

Camp Knutson was dedicated in 1953, following Minnesota Congressman Harold Knutson's donation of his cabin and 30 acres of pristine lakeshore on the peninsula between Big Trout and Lower Whitefish lakes. Knutson's intentions were specific: the property was to be used as a summer retreat for underserved campers who wouldn't otherwise have the chance to attend camp.

In the 70 summers since its dedication, Camp Knutson's mission to nurture the well-being of persons with identified needs in a setting which celebrates God's love for community and creation has not wavered, and our reach continues to grow. Campers from ages 0 to 90 have found connection and community during their time here.

During our first summer, Camp Knutson welcomed children from six group homes in Minnesota and surrounding states. Unlike the current comfortable and accessible accommodations, the dormitories weren't large enough for all the campers, so some slept in tents or cots in the garage.

In 2023, Camp Knutson hosted 20 camps through 14 different partnerships. While camp's growth has been substantial, our commitment to fostering belonging, creating community and serving campers with disabilities, medical conditions and other identified needs in ways that are life-changing remains the same.



Above: Camp Knutson through the years.

Below: Camp K Staff Alumni and their families gathered over Labor Day weekend.



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Camp Knutson is grateful to our many supporters. This list recognizes outright gifts, pledges and in-kind gifts. Our fiscal year runs October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023.

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Thanks to you!

Our annual report offers us the opportunity to see how many lives have been touched by Camp Knutson this year. It also offers a chance to show our gratitude for our entire community, including the volunteers, donors, alumni and camp families who have supported us along the way.

Because of you, this year we welcomed:

- 14 camp partners
- 20 in-person camps with 1,157 campers
- 1,222 retreat guests

Thank you for everything you do to support Camp Knutson!

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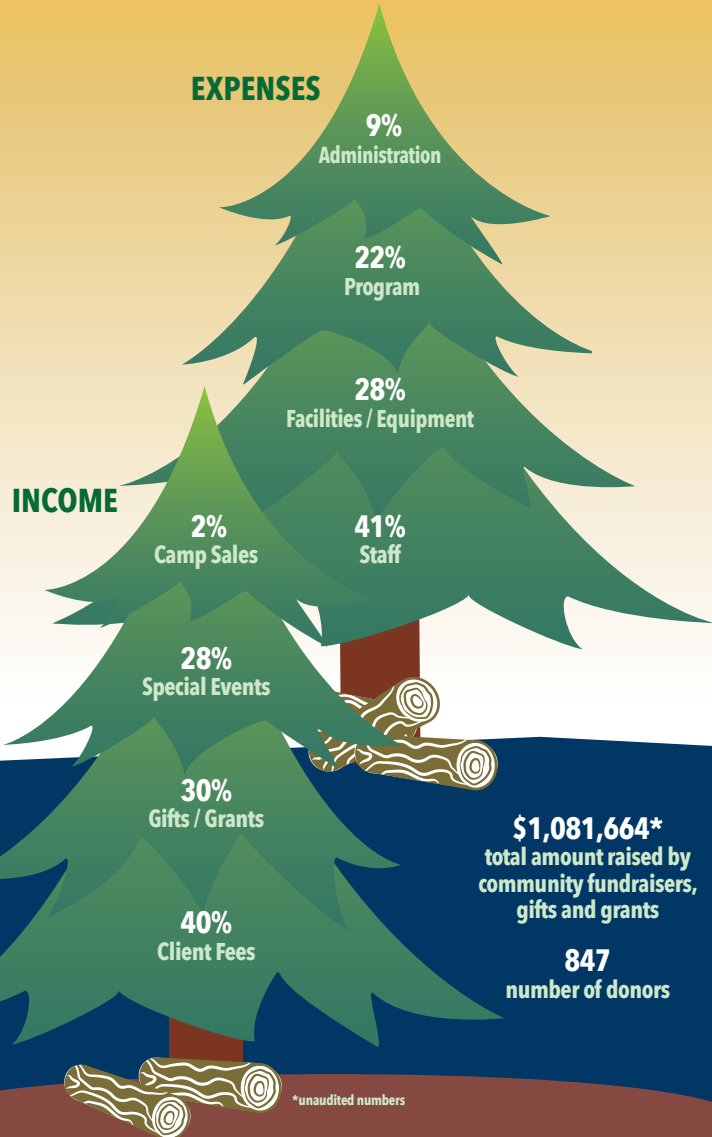
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CHANGING LIVES AWARD

Recognizing Remarkable Supporters of Camp Knutson

Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota's Changing Lives Award honors extraordinary partners who have made an outstanding impact through a combination of volunteering, advocacy and philanthropy. This summer we were pleased to recognize the following champions of Camp Knutson.

Jerry and Sandy Bilski

The Bilskis first connected with Camp Knutson during the Rebuilding for Good Campaign in the 1990s, when they rallied the community to enhance the vitality of camp. Since then, they've worked to expand Camp Knutson's network of supporters by hosting community fundraisers, engaging volunteers and sharing Camp Knutson's mission. Their dedication to camp is a powerful example of the ripple effect of goodness that results from caring neighbors.



Pastor Dick and Char Ericksen

Pastor Dick and Char Ericksen's commitment to Camp Knutson exemplifies servant leadership. As the former pastor of Crosslake Lutheran Church, Pastor Dick encouraged members of his congregation and the local community to join him in supporting Camp Knutson by sharing their time, talents and resources. Dick and Char led by example through their philanthropic devotion to camp's mission and serving in numerous volunteer roles for many years.



Char was recognized posthumously.

Dan and Sandi Thorson

Ever since Dan worked at Camp Knutson in the 1970s, the Thorsons have tirelessly championed Camp Knutson's mission. Whether organizing spring cleanups with their church, volunteering to support a camp for adults with mental health needs, or making generous capital and programmatic philanthropic investments in camp, Dan and Sandi's legacy at Camp Knutson will continue for generations.





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serving youth with skin conditions

Ampersand Families
serving youth who have recently been adopted and their families

Autism Society of Minnesota / Camp Hand in Hand
serving youth and adults with autism

Bridging Hearts
serving young adults with learning differences

Camp Benedict
serving families impacted by HIV/AIDS

Camp Odayin
serving youth with heart disease

Children's Cancer Research Fund / Camp Norden
serving youth affected by cancer

Down Syndrome Foundation Camp
serving youth with Down syndrome

Firefighters for Healing / Camp RED
serving youth who are burn survivors and their families

LSS Youth Services
serving youth experiencing homelessness

Minneapolis Community Group
serving adults with mental health needs

Pohl Foundation / Camp Forever
serving youth who have lost a loved one

Red River Foundation
serving adults with disabilities

TheShop, Brainerd
serving youth experiencing homelessness