



to help create strong leaders, responsible citizens, productive members of society and caring adults, because we believe that all kids are capable of success, no exceptions!

Vision:

to have a positive impact on the life of a child.

Mission:

CAMP CARE-A-LOT
C/O EYDEE SCHULTZ
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Presidential Ponderings

—Scott Butkus, President

The classical French author, François de la Rochefoucauld, is credited with the quote, “The only thing constant in life is change.” Once individuals and organizations reach a certain degree of success, we hope all things could remain constant. However change will happen; we may lose a job, get a new job, have a relationship dissolve, find love, face higher prices, lose a friend or loved one, grow older and/or welcome a child. The list goes on and on. Our campers, counselors, volunteers and supporters face change daily.

How change is dealt with will ultimately determine its effect. So does all change create opportunities for camp and our campers? Opportunity is defined as a chance for progress or advancement, so yes all change permits us to take a chance at im-

provement. Taking lemons and creating lemonade, as an organization and as individuals, will serve as an example to our campers that life does go on in difficult times, but though hard work, creative thinking and perseverance great things can rise from the ashes of life.

It is our nature to quickly classify a change as either positive or negative. Lose a job-negative/get a promotion-positive. However it is not until the opportunities of that change are applied will we truly be able to gauge its true character.

Camp Care-A-Lot’s counselors, volunteers, supporters and board members are the guiding posts that will demonstrate to our campers that throughout our lives change will happen, but how they face those changes will determine our success.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S DIGEST

—Eydee Schultz

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Kisses to our supporters for doing so much in our local Central Illinois communities.

with behaviors and beliefs which may include finishing high school, getting jobs, having families at an appropriate time, staying away from gang and violent behaviors and staying away from drugs. Team building, community building and making good choices are also sessions in which all of our 6-10 year olds participate. Campers learn to take responsibility for their own actions and give themselves rewards for respect, responsibility, attitude, trust and kindness. This “High 5” activity takes place each night as kids discuss how they did in each area. Staff, teachers and parents have seen changes in their children and notice that their children are responding more appropriately to daily challenges because they now have more tools to do so.

(Note Scott’s Presidential Ponderings article above) Our children change in so many ways; Attitude, behavior, demeanor with others and confidence levels are just a few. You are helping us help children change and grow into the best children and young adults they can be. Your continued support is necessary to evoke these changes, because our campers are our future. Without goals and ways to move toward goals, there will be no change and no movement in society. Watch for our Camp Care-A-Lot campers. Watch the communities in which you live keep moving forward because of young people with developing leadership and citizenship skills. We are confident that our kids will respond positively to what is happening to them and bring that feeling and skill to their communities. Change is good if it is constructive and proactive. Our camp Care-A-Lot campers are changed kids when they leave and the older ones who come back and volunteer are changed as well. My life and that of most of the volunteers change a bit every day we are at camp. Thanks so much for helping the kids and staff, each year.

According to ABC news, a MILLION kids are expected to be homeless this year. How would we react if we were in this or other situations in which many children in Central Illinois find themselves while experiencing the effects of living in families which have low or no income? During a TV documentary, former President Bill Clinton repeated a poignant statement, by Abe Lincoln.

“90% of life is how you respond to what’s happening to you... not what’s happening to you”

So many children have little control of their surroundings. At camp we try to give them tools they can use to respond in the appropriate ways to their environment, school, home, friends and family. Through our Kids at Hope™ activities of giving children opportunities for success, high expectations and caring adults, our children learn that they can positively move forward

Needs and Wants

- Computer paper
- Boxes of white or yellow envelopes 6” x 9” inch (NO CLASP)
- Forever and 59¢ stamps
- Water shoes (not flip flops), tennis shoes and sandals for boys and girls
- Books for reading levels kindergarden through grade 6 (no scary or religious books) for Central Illinois Camp in Pittsfield
- Large luggage (22 inch or bigger) in good shape (ie: working zippers/clasps)
- Gently used or new childrens’ bathing suits, shorts and T-shirts - clean and in good condition for children ages 6 - 12 Please no toddler, older teen or adult clothing.

Visit our website
www.campcarealot.org



INTERFAITH BREAKFAST

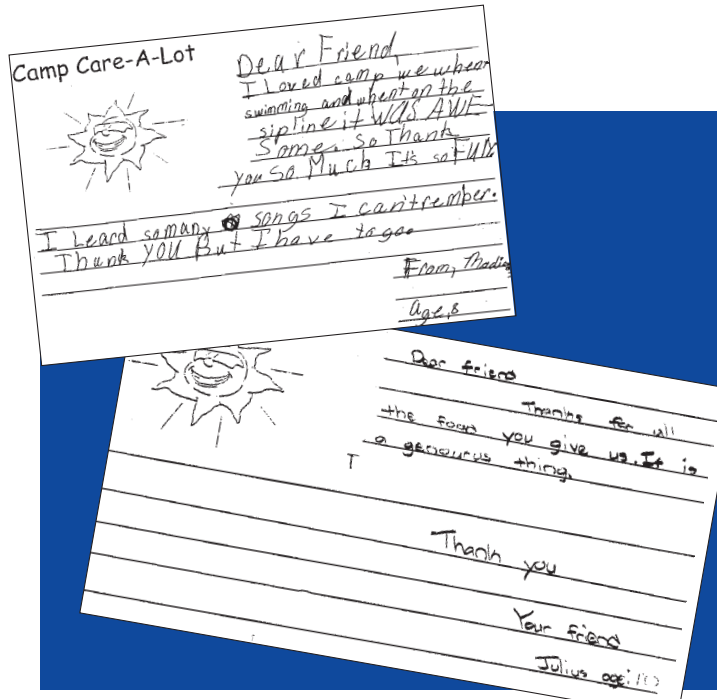
December 25, 2008, Temple Brith Sholom again sponsored a community interfaith breakfast. The food and camaraderie were plentiful. All proceeds went to Camp Care-A-Lot. This year, Camp invited families of the 2008 campers. Invites were given to children at both holiday parties and the meal was complimentary. Our thanks goes to everyone at the Temple who worked on this breakfast and we appreciate all the support they give to the community on this great community day.

Work or materials donated in part.

WISDOM FROM WEST

We all fall down sometimes. I recently fell and physically injured my shoulder, which is making typing this note a little difficult. This made me think metaphorically about our “falls” in life. Usually we have family and friends to support us and we have self-determination and motivation, which give us hope as we strive to get up from our “falls” or difficult times. Our kids at camp “fall down” and have to overcome obstacles just like any of us, and some more than others. At camp we learn about team work and how to rely on friends, family and other support rather than feeling like we have to do it all by ourselves. We model healthy relationships so our kids can know what it feels like to be loved, supported and cared about. With our “Kids at Hope” philosophy and other activities, we are teaching the campers at a young age how to develop internal motivation, self-determination, and self worth. Some of our campers never cross our paths again, but they have something inside of them to remind them, to keep them hopeful, to give them the faith that things get better in order to overcome these obstacles or life’s “falls”.

—Aly West, Camp Director



The holidays were better because of our local Springfield Firefighters Union 37.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 4 - 7, 2009

LPGA State Farm Classic
Panther Creek Country Club
Visit the website at lpgastatefarmclassic.com
Please tell them you are volunteering on behalf of Camp Care-A-Lot.

June 13 -14, 2009

Camp Care-A-Lot, Springfield
Staff Orientation at Levi, Ray & Shoup, Inc.

June 14 - 20, 2009

Camp at Lake Springfield Baptist Camp site

June 16, 2009

Summer Board Meeting

June 18, 2009

“Grandma and Grandpa Day”
9:30 AM - 1:30 PM (including lunch)
(Must call for reservations by June 5th, 546-4777)
Motorboating 6:00 PM - Call by June 5th, 546-4777
to volunteer to take campers and staff out on your boat.

June 19, 2009

7:15 PM Talent Show at Lake Springfield Baptist Camp

June or July 2009

Tom Madonia Charity Golf Outing, Piper Glen Golf Course
Dinner follows
Call Tom 217-899-0232 to sign up,
donate prizes, be a hole sponsor or volunteer.

July 11, 2009

Camp Care-A-Lot, Too staff orientation
1st Baptist Church, Jacksonville

July 12 - 17, 2009

Camp at
Mississippi Valley Christian Service Center Camp, Pittsfield

July 15, 2009

“Grandma and Grandpa Day”
9:30 AM- 1:30 PM (including lunch)
Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church in Jacksonville
Must call for reservation 546-4777 by July 1st.

July 16, 2009

Talent Show at 7:15 PM
Mississippi Valley Christian Camp - Pittsfield

September, 2009 (TBA)

Board of Directors meetings

Stocks for Cash and Tax Deductions

Your gift of stocks for Camp Care-A-Lot can be of great help. You may donate stocks which will be converted to cash at that day’s market price, and used toward room and board, supplementary food, gifts for children, personal hygiene products, crafts, clothing, camp pictures, post high school scholarships (for former campers) and more.

Contact Eydee Schultz
217-546-4777
carelot3@aol.com for more information.

Former Camper Corner:

“Sometimes your joy is the source of your smile, but sometimes your smile can be the source of your joy.”

Thich Nhat Hanh: A most respected Zen master, poet, and peace and human rights activist in the world today.

Eydee had truly joyful meetings at the Springfield and Jacksonville High Schools. She met with a total of about 22 former campers, some of whom will be applying for Camp Education Scholarships and some of whom will be volunteers this summer. It was an exciting time to learn about the lives of these high school youth. They all are impressive and can certainly go far in their lives. Congratulations to all former campers. A huge thanks goes to them for making a difference in the lives of all the adults from camp!

Here is news of our graduates and postgraduates. Congrats to:

- Bailie Parfitt on receiving her CNA. She will continue on for a degree in nursing.
- Octavia Moore on Southeast HS graduation. She hopes to be a Massage Therapist.
- Kara Lee on Springfield HS graduation. She will be attending College in Chicago.
- Randy Hudspeth on Lanphier High School Graduation. He will attend Midwest Technical Institute and study heating and cooling.
- Anna Worthy on Lanphier High School Graduation. She will be attending SIU Edwardsville and plans on becoming a nurse.
- Carlonda Bell on Jacksonville HS graduation. She will be going on to college.
- Chaz Michael on Jacksonville HS Graduation.
- Lacie Nichols on Jacksonville HS Graduation
- Kapri Donaldson- new job at Rallys in Springfield
- Alys Kahn on getting her associates degree at LL in Early Childhood.
- Tommie Fanning, a junior at Jacksonville High, has already enrolled in the Army reserves and is training this summer and next year for his service when he graduates in 2010.
- Bailie Parfitt, Lincolnland Community College, on being named a recipient of the “Heart of Gold Award” from UIS, the Junior League of Springfield and Camp Care-A-Lot.
- Alia Hollenback, Southeast High School, on being named a recipient of the “Heart of Gold Award” from UIS, the Junior League of Springfield and Camp Care-A-Lot.
- Julia Fructl, former camper and 2007 volunteer, will attend Georgetown University in the fall and will be studying journalism.

HOPE

“Of all the forces that make for a better world, none is so powerful as Hope. With hope, one can think, one can work, once can dream. If you have hope, you have everything.” The following former campers have hopes and dreams for their futures and that of our country.

- Kimberly Dean, 20, is living in Pensacola, Fla and serving the beginning of her 4 years in the Navy. She finished boot camp and graduated in January and is working full time there. Kimmy attended the Jacksonville camp, while living in Waverly, when she was 10.
- Alex Workman, 20, is living in Pensacola, Florida and is serving the beginning of his 4 years in the Navy. He graduated from boot camp in January and is working full time there. He attended the Jacksonville camp, while living in Jacksonville, when he was 7.
- Ashley Weatherford, former Springfield Camper, left in April for boot camp at Great Lakes Naval Base in northern Illinois.

Our best wishes and thoughts go to these young people and we wish them safety as they serve our country.

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ARE YOU "HUNGRY" TO HELP KIDS? ARE YOU "STARVING" FOR ATTENTION?

"MIX IT UP" IN THE CAMP CARE-A-LOT COOKBOOK

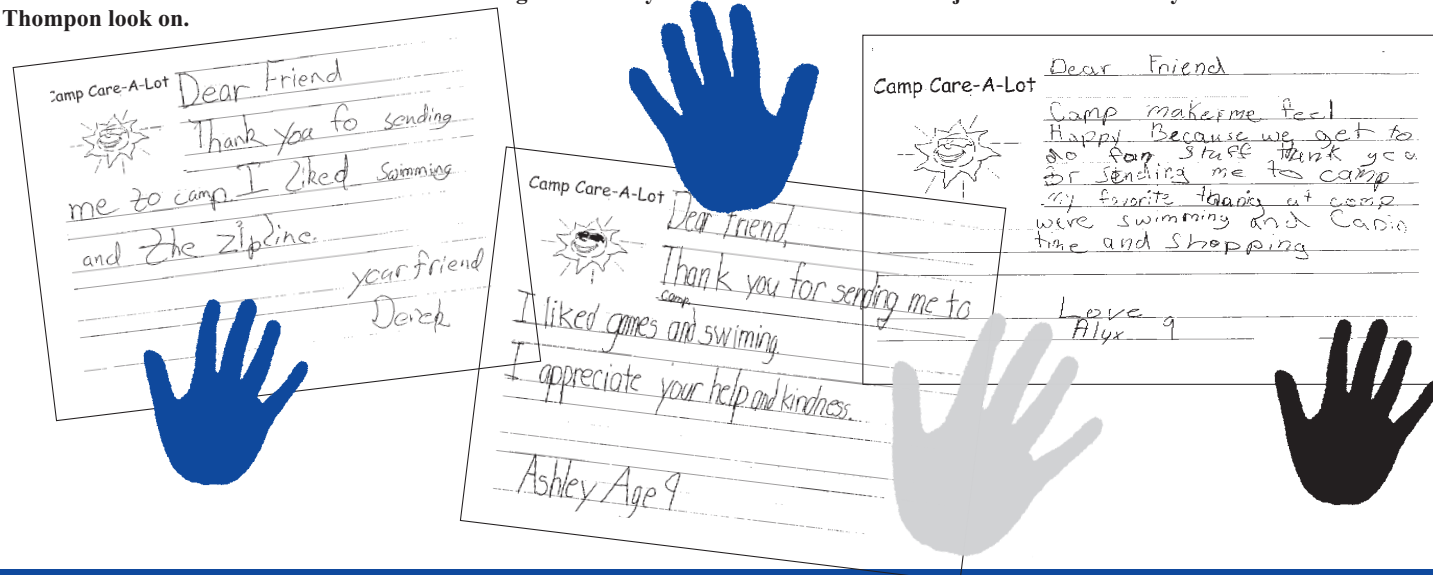
Send us your favorite recipes for inclusion in Camp Care-A-Lot's 1st cookbook. We would love to have recipes from all the people who have been friends and supporters of Camp over the past 16 years. Your recipes, from camp food to gourmet, will be compiled in a cookbook that will be for sale in the fall with proceeds going to Camp Care-A-Lot. Please use the enclosed form and send it to Karen Bennett, 409 W. Michigan, Jacksonville, IL, 62650 or email it to kjbennett@mchsi.com. Feel free to contact Karen at the above email address or by phone at (217)243-5710 if you have any questions. **Remember that all recipes must be received by June 6, 2009.** We are very excited about this fundraising project and look forward to getting all the yummy recipes.



Bailie Parfitt is proud to accept the award for having a Heart of Gold. Bailie is a former camper, junior counselor and a present counselor assistant. Farah Salim of the Junior League and Kelly Thompon look on.



Former camper, Alia Hollenback poses with her Heart of Gold Award and Kelly Thompon, coordinator of volunteer services at UIS. Alia will be a junior counselor this year.



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE TO FORMER CAMPERS FOR COLLEGE, TRADE SCHOOL OR APPRENTICESHIPS

Call Bill Havey 744-9000 during normal business hours.

Deadline is May 11 for Fall applications.
Deadline is December 15 for Winter/Spring applications.
Interviews will be conducted upon receipt of application.

CHEERS AND TEARS

WEDDED BLISS

- **Teegan Watts**, counselor and former camper on June 20th to Steven Lund
- **Heather Sims**, staff member on June 6th to Chad Bradley.
- Amy Hendricker, daughter of former board member **Wes Hendricker** and his wife, Linda, on August 6th to Chris Coates.
- Karen Chesley, daughter of volunteers **Pat** and **Nancy Chesley**, on her engagement to Jason.

CONGRATULATIONS:

- **John Woods**, Board member/ volunteer, on being Springfield's "Distinguished Volunteer", at the first ever community **Good As Gold Awards** Ceremony, sponsored by UIS and the Junior League of Springfield. Individuals and organizations from Springfield, nominated people whom they felt went above and beyond as a volunteer for their organization. John is in tremendous company with incredible volunteers in a diverse range of activities and organizations.
- **Tony Williams**, board member, who ran a great mayoral race in Jacksonville. He is a winner in our hearts.
- **Angela Chamness**, counselor, on her new job this year in Deerfield as the Director of Gifted and Instructional Programming. She moved to Vernon Hills.
- **Ashley Suttles**, counselor, on her internship at Archer Daniels Midland.
- **Stacy Singer**, former counselor and daughter of volunteers **Perry** and **Rita Singer**, for going back to school to get her masters in Early Childhood Educ.
- **Fred Benson**, on being elected President of the Springfield Jewish Federation.



Founding board member John Woods is speechless as Jessica Dahlheim, from the Junior League of Springfield, presents him with the first ever Distinguished Volunteer Award.

WELCOME TO THIS WORLD:

- Colby Hamilton Hasty new grandson of Senior volunteer **Jean Harrison**
- Former counselors **Bridgit (Searcy)** and **Steve Melton** are expecting their first baby late this fall.
- Former counselor **Sarah Allen** and husband Mark are expecting their first baby in August.
- **Wayne Schell**, counselor, and wife Bonnie's daughter graduates high school honors and will attend Lewis and Clark College in the fall before going to the University of Illinois.

CONDOLENCES:

- Volunteer, **Rabbi Mike Datz**, on the loss of his father Marvin.
 - Former counselor **Dan Ormond's** mom, Marian
 - Barb Wainscott's mom. Barb is the wife of counselor **Ed Wainscott**.
 - Board member and volunteer, **John Woods' mom**, Janet
- Our thoughts are with all these people and their families, in their time of sorrow.*

WELL WISHES:

- Marilyn Sisson, Board member and Director's assistant, **Tracy Eisenhower's** mom.
- **Judy Cannon**-volunteer from Winchester Royal Neighbors.
- **Gayle Burg**-volunteer from Parkway Christian Church in Spfld
- **Lisa Stone** - Grandparent Day volunteer, broke foot. Hope she is on 2 feet again soon.



John poses with Kelly Thompon, UIS volunteer coordinator. He is quote as saying "I am overwhelmed and surprised by this. Everyone else in this room does so much for so many. I just love what I do."

GOLF OUTING BENEFITS

MAY 1 CARTER'S DRIVE

Carter's Drive was in one word....WET. Regardless of rain, everyone who attended the dinner had a great time. Camp Care-A-Lot board members, **John Woods** and **Tom Madonia, Jr.** were there for the fun along with **Camp Director Aly West**. Aly and John talked about camp and the the group had door prizes and raffles. Thanks to **Carter's Drive committee** under the leadership of **Tara** and **Scott Selinger**, for their love of children and all the hard work it took to put on this event. They worked tirelessly and with dedication to get golfers, donors and people who would provide gifts in kind, all so Camp Care-A-Lot's children would be able to have a chance in a lifetime to go to camp. **Carter's Drive** was begun by Tara and Scott because of the love they have for their stillborn baby, Carter. They have since had a beautiful baby girl who no doubt will golf in this tournament someday. The golfers have a pass to use at Lincoln Greens since the tournament was rained out.

• State Farm Classic June 4-11

Volunteers sought for this annual golf tournament, which benefits so many charities every year. We have benefited for 2 terms of 3 years in the past. Contact lgastatefarmclassic.org Remember to tell them you are a Camp Care-A-Lot supporter. Even if we are not receiving funds this year, it is important for us to support them.

Board Corner

"People come into your life for a reason, a season or a lifetime."

Thanks to the dedicated board members now and in the past. We can't have camp without your guidance and skills. Officers and Board Members for 2009 are as listed on page 7.

- We are grateful to **Tom Madonia, Jr.**, retiring Secretary, for all he has done and will do not only as a board member, but as a volunteer and as a facilitator of the fundraiser named in memory of his father Tom, Sr. We look forward to Tom's continued service on the board and at camp.
- **Karyn Sampson**, joined our family several years ago, by transporting childrens' camp luggage to and from camp. In the last several years, she has been volunteering in different ways during camp and at the Holiday party. She joined our board 1 year ago and graciously agreed to be the new Secretary.

As is the case with each spring newsletter, we have news of people retiring from and people joining our board. **Lisa Crocker**, 10 year member, **Rick Briggs**, 6 year member and **Dave Melbourne**, 4 year member, gave many hours of service during their tenure on the board. Each one of these 3 wonderful people not only were board members, but also

Books Galore

Thanks goes to **FIRST BOOK OF SPRINGFIELD** for granting Camp Care-A-Lot 6 books per child from their new program with Scholastic Books. Our gratitude also goes to Bob

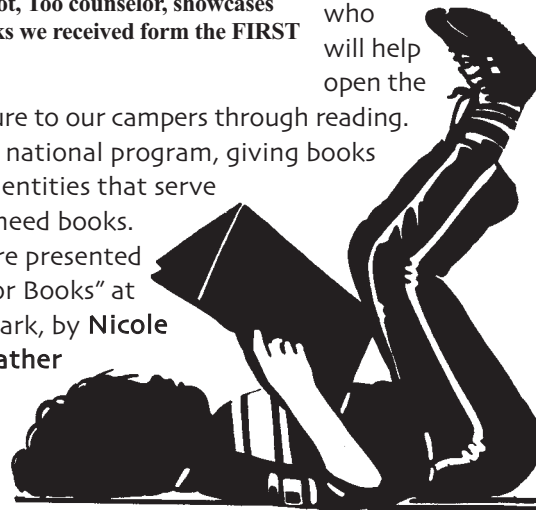


Peggy Carmony board member, liaison between Camp and School District 186 and full time Camp Care-A-Lot, Too counselor, showcases many of the books we received form the **FIRST BOOK** grant.

Sibert of **BOUND TO STAY BOUND** of Jacksonville for donating hundreds of books to Central Illinois Camp over the past 3 years.

We are grateful to both groups who will help open the

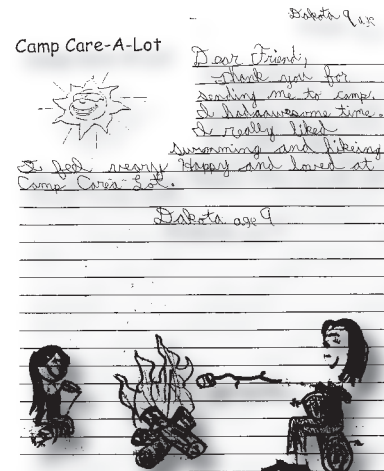
world and future to our campers through reading. First Book is a national program, giving books to non-school entities that serve children who need books. The books were presented at the "Bark for Books" at Washington Park, by **Nicole Scott** and **Heather Winkler**.



volunteered during camp. This gave them the true understanding of what we do and why. While we will miss them as members. We know they will keep us in their hearts and will continue to volunteer and support us when they are able.

We welcome **Jason Hanson, Randy Milligan and Travis Schroll** to our family.

Jason and Randy have been volunteers for several years and Travis answered a call for a caring person to represent the new service area of Beardstown and Cass County. We hope all 3 of these new members will feel comfortable on the board and will volunteer, as they are able.



PART TIME VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

Call Eydee 217-546-4777 for more info and to volunteer. You may volunteer at either one or both camps and for as many or few activities as your time and inclination allow.

Springfield Camp June 13 - 20, 2009, Saturday - Saturday
Camp Care-A-Lot, Too, Pittsfield Camp July 11 - 17, 2009, Saturday - Friday

BUILDINGS AT BOTH CAMPS ARE AIR CONDITIONED

- **RN NURSES:** single days (both camps)
- **CAMP SET UP:** at camp, June 13th and/or July 11th
- **REGISTRATION:** at Temple Brith Shalom June 14th 10:30 - 1:30, OR at 1st Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville July 12th 10:30 - 1:30
- **LUGGAGE TRANSPORT:** (same date/place as above) 11:30 - 2:00
- **HELPING campers** get their clothing and linens (same dates as above) at camp 2:30 - 5:00
- **MEAL SERVERS AND CLEAN UP:** Any day(s) at either camp
- **DAY VOLUNTEERS:** 9:30AM - 4:45 PM. You may do ONE OR MORE DAYS. *NOTE: more than 2 days constitutes a FULL time volunteer and you would be responsible to attend orientation. MUST STAY ENTIRE DAY.
- **EVENING VOLUNTEERS:** each camp, Monday and Wednesday evenings 7 - 10 PM. You may do one or more evenings at either camp.
- **CHECK OUT:** Saturday, June 20th 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM in Springfield and/or Friday, July 17th 10:00 - 10:45AM Pittsfield, 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM Jacksonville
- **LUGGAGE TRANSPORT:** June 20th and/or July 17th. Meet at camp 10:45 AM.

- | Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 7:10 - 9:00 AM | 11:40 - 1:00 PM | 5:10 - 6:30 PM |
- **LAUNDRY:** Pick up at camp at 8:30 AM and deliver it back before noon. Can usually do it all in a few machines at a laundromat. (Camp will provide reimbursement and soap) Pittsfield Only
 - **GRANDPARENT'S DAY:** Thursday, June 18th in Springfield and/or Wednesday, July 15th in Jacksonville (not in Pittsfield). Local volunteer grandparents are needed to spend from 9:30AM through lunch with campers. Morning will consist of a designated placemat art project and an opportunity to partner with a child discussing hope, success and the future with a Kids at Hope™ facilitator.
 - **TALENT SHOW:** Friday, June 19th and/or Thursday, July 16th. AUDIENCE NEEDED AT CAMP. 7:15 PM
 - **LIFEGUARDS:** afternoons 2:45 - 4:30. Can do 1 or more days at either or both camps.



Application day for youngsters in School District 186. A quick physical, some hugs and they're ready to go to camp.

HONORARIUM AND MEMORIALS: ON HOLIDAYS OR WHENEVER FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND MORE

What better way is there to be remembered, than with a gift from the heart? Please contribute generously to the Camp Care-A-Lot Memorial/Honorarium Fund in memory or in honor of a friend or relative. This contribution as a HOLIDAY GIFT, BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY, NEW JOB, or OTHER gift or in LIEU OF FUNERAL FLOWERS will go towards making a difference in the life of a wonderful 6 - 10 year old child who lives in a central Illinois lower income home. A certificate will be issued to the recipient or their family.

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