



2013 Campership Applications Coming Soon!

By: Adam VanDeMark, Vice President



Refer a camper and give them a chance to see the famous views across the lake, along with making new friends and having fun!

Thanks to all of you, The Friends of Camp Kenan were able to send 10 children to Camp Kenan, throughout the summer, as well as 1 to Day Camp. This was only possible because of your help and support. For 2013, we would like to increase the “Gilbert J Mosher Friends of Camp Kenan Campership” program. While we have been able to contribute greatly to this fund, we have sometimes found challenges in receiving applicants. That may be for a variety of reasons; but in 2013, our goal is to increase the number of applicants with a final goal of being able to DOUBLE 2012s number by 2017 (or earlier!).

I am asking for your help to achieve this. If you know of a child who would not otherwise attend Camp Kenan, please refer them to us and we will contact their family. Referrals can be sent to info@friendsofcampkenan.org

with “CAMBERSHIP” in the subject line and a brief explanation of why they should be considered, along with contact information. Referrals can be made for any number of reasons:

- The family may be going through a financial hardship.
- There may have been a recent life-changing experience, where the child could benefit from being away at Camp for a week.
- Maybe a child deserves to be rewarded for an achievement over the past year.
- A family may be new to town; this would be a wonderful way

for them to meet lifelong friends!

In the past, these campers were found through a combination of schools, programs and churches. The vast majority, however, were referred by people like you.

More information can be found on our website: friendsofcampkenan.org/campership.html. The applications will be posted there as well, but if you refer someone to us, we will reach out to them and be sure that they receive the application.

Thank you for all of your help and support!

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Christmas Party Recap!

By: Matt Strusinski, Treasurer

On December 22, 2012, Friends of Camp Kenan hosted its annual Christmas Party. This year’s festivities took place at D’Vine Wine Bar on Main St. in Lockport. Attendance for this year’s event exceeded all expectations as we had over 40 attendees and some even bringing friends and family of their own to share in the Camp Kenan spirit!!! Just as impressive to the event organizers as the number of attendees during such a

busy time of year was the distance traveled by so many. The fact is, there were just as many people who now live out of town, out of state, or even out of the country as there were people living in the greater Lockport area. Attendees literally traveled by planes, little red cabooses, and little speedy cars for this event!

For those who did attend, it was a tremendous opportunity to reconnect with old friends, meet new friends, swap lies, get into the holiday spirit,

and of course, enjoy some adult flavored “bug juice”. For those who were not able to attend, we hope to see you at future events such as Goosetock and next year’s Christmas party.

Thank you as always to the Friends of Camp Kenan board for hosting this event and for this year’s planning committee of Mark Natemeier, Brian Kalls, and Matt Strusinski for their time and efforts to schedule, plan, and promote this wonderful event.



Natalie and Nicole Ficarra pose with Tim McGuire during the Christmas Party at d’Vine Wine Bar.



Letter From the President

By: Mark Natemeier, Board President



2013 Let's Do this!

I know that we are three months into the new year, I want to wish all of you out there a Happy New Year and a Happy St. Patrick's Day; I hope the end of 2012 was a great time for all of you. My family and I really enjoyed the holiday season and we were all very excited to turn the page for 2013 to see what this year has in store for us.

First, I wanted to thank all of the former staff members, friends and Goosestock donors that made it out to the D'Vine Wine Bar in Lockport on December 22nd. The number of people that joined us surpassed any of our highest estimates and it was great to see some people that I hadn't seen in many moons. Even the great, but not old, Dan Doctor was able to make it to the party. I would like to thank Brian Kalls and Matt Strusienski for helping plan the Holiday gathering, and what a success it was! You can expect this to become an annual event right around Christmas each year, location to be determined. As always, stay tuned to Facebook and The Torch for updates and current Friends of Camp Kenan information.

My Friends of Camp Kenan Resolutions

Going into my last year as President of Friends of Camp Kenan Board of Directors I decided to sit down after the 1st and make a list of the goals I have for the Board this year. I hope all of you can help me help Friends achieve them!

1) Send more kids to Camp Kenan than we did last year on the Gilbert J. Mosher Friends of CK Campership fund. If you would like to donate you can do so online, or if you know someone who could benefit from our campership, please contact Adam VanDeMark.

2) Continue to be able to make donations to Camp Kenan for program related activities and supplies before Camp opens for the 2013 season

3) Increase Goosestock attendance from last year. Please help us spread the word to CK alumni friends to join us at Camp Kenan September 6, 7 & 8, 2013!

4) Continue our outreach for more former staff members that have lost touch with Camp Kenan and make it easier for them to come back and be a part of Friends. We especially would like to try to reconnect with staff members from year prior to 1990.

5) Find a new President to oversee the Board of Directors that will

take the torch and keep it burning bright so that those of us moving on will know our time over the last three years has been meaningful, and the Friends organization will continue to grow and evolve going forward.

So that in turn they'll hold it high and say, "I watched someone else carry it this way." If brighter paths should beckon you to choose, Would your small gain compare with all you'd lose?

Best of wishes for the rest of 2013, the luck o' the Irish in all you do, and I hope to see you at a Friends of Camp Kenan event in the near future.



Do you have a favorite counselor? Share your story!



it to you! It could be two sentences or twenty for you to share your story and tell us about the counselor that most positively influenced you. Sharing your experience can inspire current CK staff to be the best they can be for their campers, and also remind us all of the good people that have passed through the gate at CK at one time or another.

For more information on how to share your story, please e-mail Elizabeth Millen at: elizabeth.millen@friendsofcampkenan.org.

Have you ever thought about your favorite Counselor, what they mean to you, how they affected you or influenced your life and wanted to tell them? Now is your chance!

The Torch has room and we would like to offer

TOGG "Tales": Woodsman Adventure 2013

By: Ken Haak, "Adventure Coordinator"

In the 90s, Goose and I took a couple of canoe trips to Quetico Provincial Park. This summer, I'm going back for another trip, and I'm wondering if there are any Kenan people who might be inclined to come along for the journey?

Quetico is in Ontario, just north of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness of Minnesota. It consists of over 1 million acres of woods, lakes, and streams that remains much like it was hundreds of years ago. Rather than provide a full description, I recommend you simply do a Google search on Quetico Provincial Park. Also, go on YouTube and do a search on "Quetico canoe trip"; you'll find some pretty good videos. Finally, go to canoetrip.com to check out the outfitter I use, Canadian Border Outfitters.

My plan is to go sometime between mid-July and the end of August. Permits are required, so I will be selecting a date by the end of March.

I'm thinking 7-10 days for the canoe trip, plus two travel days each way. Up to 9 people can travel on a permit; I'm going solo or with up to 8 other people.

If your interest is piqued and you want more information, email me at kenhk@mac.com.

I'd like to get together with anybody who's interested in early March. All ages welcome, experienced or not, but a moderate degree of physical fitness is suggested.

A good time is guaranteed!

Friends of Camp Kenan Mission

To provide supplemental support for the continuation of Camp Kenan as a summer resident camp for young people.

To support the philosophy of Dr. William Rand Kenan in providing the initial foundation for Camp Kenan: "That all children may grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man."

To provide for the continuing fellowship of Camp Kenan staff.

Camp Kenan Events to Remember:

March 23: CK Easter Egg Hunt & Brunch
April 1: Last day to receive the early bird discount for CK
April 20, May 4 & May 5: Volunteer work days at CK

Register to volunteer by calling Luke Kantor at [716.622.8484](tel:716.622.8484)

<http://www.campkenan.com>



Do you have a "TOGG Tale" that you would like to see appear in future issues of "The Torch"? Please e-mail Elizabeth.Millen@friendsofcampkenan.org with yours today!

Announcements, announcements, annooooouncements!

Recruiting all alumni from 60's, 70's and more to GS2013! We'd like to have decade reunions within GS. We need several volunteers to help coordinate and reach out to their fellow staff members. Email, phone calls, Facebook, whatever it takes to get connected! If anyone is interested they should contact Rachelle (Rachelle.Hathaway@friendsofcampkenan.org) or Elizabeth (Elizabeth.Millen@friendsofcampkenan.org) the GS2013 Co-Chairs.

now as follows:

Mark Natemeier, President
Adam VanDeMark, Vice President
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Lisa (Polovick) Flaherty, Web Administrator
Rachelle Hathaway
Elizabeth Millen
Jennifer Shepard
Brigid Tobin

On Saturday September 8, 2012, a few new individuals were voted onto the Friends of Camp Kenan Board Directors. The Board of Directors is

*Please note, we are running this list of Board Members again due to an error in the last issue.



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Contact Us!

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Some of the many guests that came to the 2012 Friends of Camp Kenan Christmas Party at d'Vine Wine Bar in Lockport, NY on December 22, 2012.

Special Thanks:

To the members of the Friends of Camp Kenan Board of Directors as well as to Ken Haak, Sr. who contributed articles, and to Nicole Ficarra, for allowing the use of photos from the Christmas party.

If you have an article idea, artwork, or photos that you might like to contribute to the next issue of "The Torch" please contact Elizabeth (McGuire) Millen by April 30, 2013 directly at Elizabeth.Millen@friendsofcampkenan.org. We'd love to hear what Camp Kenan has meant to you!

All article ideas are welcome! The 10th Edition of "The Torch" is due to come out in May 2013.

Thank you!

J. Shepard, Publisher & Co-Editor/ E. Millen, Co-Editor/L. Flaherty, Co-Editor

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