

Read Between the Pines



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Welcome

To Camp Evergreen's first issue of "*Read Between the Pines*". Catchy, right? I will be publishing a newsletter quarterly (September, December, March & June) however, this will be the only printed copy you will receive. Future issues will be available on our Website (the address is noted above) or by email. If you visit our website, you will be able to submit your email address on the "Contact Us" tab. Please be sure to indicate which camper/s the email is representing in the comments section. I hope to hear from all of you!

Summer 2020 was not the same without seeing each of you for your week or two at camp. I never dreamed there would be a summer that we had to cancel summer camp. We are already looking forward to Summer 2021 and will be back better than ever!

Please take time to read the press release on page 2. It was written by our newest board member, Jennifer Born Rutten. She is the great-great grandniece of Charles Broughton, the gentleman that started Camp Evergreen (Kiddies Camp) in 1926! How cool is that?!

Weekend Respite

We are hoping to begin offering weekend respite sessions again in October. I plan on scheduling 2 each month and limiting the number of participants to facilitate social distancing. Applications will include our guidelines for attendance and the protocols we will be adhering to. There will also be a waiver form that will need to be signed and returned. We are in the middle of a major kitchen renovation and until that has moved a bit further forward it is hard to determine an exact start date. We will not be able to accommodate any new weekend campers immediately but will keep everyone in the loop as we move forward.

Our New Driveway

I'm sure many of you are unaware that we have installed a new circular driveway. It was started last fall and completed this spring. The weather did everything but cooperate! Our campers are now dropped off immediately adjacent to the building and we have eliminated the thoroughfare between Apache Road and 31st Place. On more than one occasion this had created a significant safety issue. A couple things to note...

- You must enter *and* exit from 31st place. The Apache entrance is gated.
- Stay right and remain in a single-file line for pick-up and drop-off.
- Please...drive slowly!

Kitchen Renovations

Our kitchen is undergoing a major renovation and should be completed toward the end of this month. A new Blodgett convection oven, a 24" thermostatic griddle, and a 4-burner stovetop have already been purchased. Additionally, a new exhaust and fire suppression system is currently being installed by Kleeman Mechanical, Quasius Construction and Specht Electric. As was the case with the driveway, the funding for all of this was provided by generous community members, companies and foundations. We are extremely fortunate to have this level of support from our community.

Camp Evergreen welcomes new officers, announces goals for 2020/2021

SHEBOYGAN, Wis., Sept. 8th, 2020—Camp Evergreen is proud to announce the appointment of Jim Maas as its new board president, along with a new slate of officers: Jonathan Moulton, vice president; Steve Harrison, Old Wisconsin, secretary; and Katie Schneider, Oostburg School District, treasurer.

Directors of the board now include: David Gass, of Rohde/Dales; Barbara Gruber; Matt Quasius, Quasius Construction; Carl Rickmeier, Wells Fargo Advisors; Carol Rost; Margaret Newhard, Wigwam; Larry Samet; and Jennifer Born Rutten, Milwaukee County Parks.

"I'm looking forward to working alongside a dedicated board that is willing to roll up its sleeves and create more opportunities for both children and adults with a variety of life challenges from the Greater Sheboygan area," said Mark Ellis, executive director of Camp Evergreen.

He added that the board has already formed finance and marketing committees that will increase financial stability and create more unique and engaging events to support the nonprofit's mission. Since 1926, Camp Evergreen has offered accessible, compassion-driven respite care, day services, after school care and summer camp programming.

While the COVID-19 pandemic has put some programs on hold, Camp Evergreen safely welcomed back half a dozen day participants this summer. A new circular driveway was constructed to facilitate participant drop-off and pick-up and the kitchen has undergone extensive renovations which include new cooking equipment and ventilation/fire suppression systems. These were made possible through donations made by generous community members, businesses and foundations. The outside of the building has taken on a fresh coat of paint and upgrades as well.

Ellis and the board are now planning for a more robust fall and 2021. They look to acquire a new social media manager to increase our online presence and accessibility in early 2021. Fundraising efforts will include hosting a musical fundraiser, and securing partnerships with local restaurants, chefs and businesses.

The board's newest member, Jennifer Born Rutten, is the great-great-grandniece of Camp Evergreen's founder, Charles Broughton.

"I am thrilled to finally be a part of a family legacy that is so important to our community," Rutten said. "Providing care and respite to those in need through individual and business partnerships—especially during these rocky times—is the prescription for success for all."

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