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# Preview of Summer Camp 2002!

Be prepared for the time of your life! Summer Camp 2002 will be more than you ever anticipated. The theme is “**Holidays**” and we have currently picked out the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Valentine’s Day, St. Patrick’s Day, Christmas in Hawaii, Halloween, Memorial Day and New Year’s Eve for our daily activities. You can start thinking of what you might want your cabin to be.....

Now that you have a sneak preview of things to come you can start gathering your supplies needed to make the week the best ever. You can start right after Christmas by purchasing decorations at a reduced rate. If its not too late you can save you Halloween costume from this year. Or you can always come up with a new one since you have so much time to be creative!

With all of our great imaginations, I am certain we will make this a camp everyone will be talking about for a very long time! And a challenge to beat in 2003!

*Marcy Davis*

## Something to think about...

“When speaking about people with disabilities, emphasize achievements, abilities & individual qualities. Portray them as they are in real life: as parents, employees, business owners, activists, friends.....”

## Hackney's Holiday Party!

It's time to start thinking about Horizon's camp for the summer of 2002! We are kicking off the new camp recruiting drive with our annual tradition of the Hackney's Party on Lake.

This is a time to **socialize with friends**, catch up on the past season's events and think about planning for camp 2002. It's a perfect opportunity to **learn more about Horizon and its members**. Come enjoy the wonderful Hackney's **food, conversation and fun** with us.

Hackney's on Lake has been a continued sponsor of Horizon events and donor to Horizon camp. **The party will take place at 5:00 pm on Saturday January 12th, 2002 at Hackney's on Lake which is located on 1514 East Lake Avenue in Glenview, IL.**

*Hope to see you all there!*



## And Speaking of Holidays.....

Now is the time to really think about those who are important to you! Quit saying “Next weekend,” or “I’ll call later.” **Make a Holiday Visit to a Horizon Friend.** Many people in our population are either homebound in the winter or in nursing homes over the holidays. Why not make a visit? Bring some cookies, play a game of Bingo, take someone shopping, or go to a movie! Spreading *some heartfelt Holiday cheer* can be as easy as spending a Saturday afternoon with someone you haven’t seen since camp.

**Think about a Horizon friend that could use a visit. And Visit!**

**You will be happy you did!**



# Chicago Wolves Hockey Outing

He shoots and he scores! **Horizon held it's Third Annual Hockey outing on Friday Dec. 14th at the All-State Arena, where the Chicago Wolves faced off against Cincinnati.** The game began at 7:30 PM. This year Horizon reserved 60 tickets for its members and friends. Every year our numbers have increased and we look forward to continuing this event in the future. For more information about getting tickets for the Wolves, visit their web site at [www.Chicagowolves.com](http://www.Chicagowolves.com). They have plenty of accessible seating and pretty good prices! Continue to check Horizon newsletters and website for future monthly events.



## 4th Annual Night at the Races Fundraiser

A fun filled evening was had by all at the 4th Annual Night at the Races on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Guests dined on a fabulous four-hour buffet catered by Balmoral, while they donated lots of money to the various raffles and visited with other guests. While people were trying their hand at the races the big winner was The Association of Horizon leaving the night with a profit of just over \$8,500!

The Night at the Races committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who were involved in the preparation of this event. The committee members, Brenda Bokowski, Kathy Colunto, Geri Skudney, Jen Kowalewski, Jessica Janes-Crowley, Sim Bustos, Terry Smith and Jean O'Connor would not have made it through this quite so successfully without the extra help we got from Barb Supergan, Sharon Podgorny and Patti Adams. A special thank-you goes out to the groups, companies and individuals who donated items for our raffles, popper prizes and door prizes. Because of all of these contributors, almost everyone left with some kind of prize. **But most of all we would like to thank our record breaking Night at the Races guests for spending the evening with us and for donating to this most worthy cause!**

For those who like to plan ahead, mark your calendar for next years date - September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2002!

Once again, thank you to our donators, fellow co-workers, family and friends who helped make the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Night at the Races a great success!

*Geri Rys-Skudney*

## Looking for Hoyers!

Attention!

Attention! **We are in desperate need of hoyer lifts for camp next year.** If

anyone has an old hoyer lift or slings & chains that they do not use & would like to donate to camp, please contact

773-477-5170 and

leave us a message!

We will arrange for a pick-up. Thank you in advance for your help!

It is greatly appreciated!

## Fall Weekend...

Through the efforts of a group of dedicated, hard-working people, the Fall Getaway Weekend was a great success! What a beautiful weekend it was..... With 52 people in attendance and numerous guests attending the wedding ceremony & reception of Cream of Wheat (Mike Trimpe) and Buck Wheat (Becky Manuel) it was a stunning event! The weather cooperated fully and everyone went home with smiles on their faces!

*Please mark your calendar for the weekend of September 27<sup>th</sup> 2002 for another special event to occur.*

Lea Svihla

# October 26<sup>th</sup> 2001 was Horizon's scariest night of the year!

Horizon's largest fundraiser, the **10th Annual Halloween Benefit** went off without a hitch! Even *the Steve Edwards band showed up in costume* and kept the crowd dancing!

**The silent auction grew a little bigger this year...** Specialty baskets included Beanie Babies, Relaxation Therapy, Gourmet Cooking, Dog training sessions, a Night at the Movies, Karate lessons, and Children's Toys. Plenty of Original artwork was featured by some of Horizon's own members, including a hand-painted table and chairs. Who could forget Creagh's at-your-service gourmet dinner? And a new item: Chef-for-a-Day at Charlie Trotter's Restaurant. Sports Fans could bid on a Bull's Autographed basketball, an autographed photo of Ernie Banks or a hunting/outdoor package.

To celebrate our Tenth Year we held a **Grand Raffle**. This raffle was limited to only one hundred chances. The tickets sold for \$50 each and gave the purchaser a chance to win the first prize of \$1000, second prize of \$500 or third prize of \$250. (And I'm pretty sure those winners went home with smiles on their faces! - Who doesn't like winning cash?) We also held a \$5 raffle with the grand prize of a DVD player. Almost everyone was a winner! **There were plenty of costumes** including Wonder Woman, Snoopy, a headless man, Night and Day, Pippi Longstocking, Betty Rubble and a Harley Davidson Gang (by highest applause, our first-place costume winners.)

The Horizon Halloween Benefit was truly a success this year, thanks to longtime supporters and new sponsors alike, as well as the many guests who attended. We are grateful people were as generous as they were despite recent events.

**Thank you so much & We look forward to seeing you again next year!**



# Volunteers make it all happen!

I think that lately we have all realized a little more how important our friends & family are to us. To me, one of the most important things in life is being able to reach out to others, to communicate, to really enjoy being with and talking with someone else. It becomes a celebration of the now, and it makes you stop in this busy world and really focus on those who are important to you. Horizon is important to me. I have met some of the most wonderful people, and from different walks of life that I may have never met otherwise.... I have learned a lot, too much to write in such a small space to fill... But enough to say that this is definitely an organization worth volunteering for.

**We are looking for volunteers to donate one week of their time to assist an adult with a physical disability June 16—22, 2002 at YMCA Camp Hastings in Lake Villa, Illinois.** For more information, you can check out our website at [www.associationofhorizon.org](http://www.associationofhorizon.org) or leave a message on our Hotline at 773-477-5170. Anyone can volunteer, age 16 or older. *You just need a willingness to help!* Come to the Hackney's Party on January 12th in Glenview as a way to see what we are all about.

**Volunteers make this camp happen, no doubt about it!** And volunteering for such a worthwhile organization can lead to a wealth of happiness. If you can't donate a week of you time, consider helping out at a monthly event, or setting up & tearing down an event, or helping with a mailing. (We could always use a hand with that!)

Every little bit counts. A friend e-mailed this little phrase to me, and I think it just about hits the spot. *It says there are five simple rules to live by to be happy:*

1. Free your heart from hatred.
2. Free your mind from worries.
3. Live simply.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less.

