



What's on the Horizon?

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Horizon's 20th Camp is Fast Approaching

We are thrilled to announce that our camp theme this year is Homecoming! There's no better way to celebrate our 20th year than with a spirit-filled Homecoming from July 24th-30th.

We'll have some of your favorite activities: Victor will return with his exciting show and we can't wait to see the booth that your cabin creates for our Homecoming carnival. Awesome new events include an Improv Workshop from the executive director of the

Metropolis Theater in Arlington Heights, a marching band to kick off our festivities and a Homecoming football game!

Our cabin theme will be colleges (real or your own creation) so bring fun items to decorate and show your school pride! Visitors Day is set for Friday, July 29th and we would LOVE to see many camp folks that we haven't seen for years! After all....that's what HOMECOMING is all about!!



Pictured Above: The official 2011 camp T-shirt. Not coming to camp but want to have an official camp shirt? Watch our website for details on how to order one.

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Horizon Through the Eyes of a Volunteer

I first became involved with the Association of Horizon because I was a Lincoln Park IB student. I hate to say it, but a large part of my motivation for coming to camp was to get my service hours done. It was definitely something that I thought would be a great experience though, and something I was genuinely interested in trying. As it turns out, the Association of Horizon has been one of the most influential experiences I have had. I have been a part of this organization since 2006 when I began volunteering as an attendant at the annual summer camp. In 2008, I joined the Recruitment Committee for Horizon and in the summers of 2009 and

2010, I was able to take on the role of Team Leader at camp.

My experience with the Association of Horizon has been one that has helped to define not only my career goals, but also many of my values and perceptions. At camp and in the organization, there is a level of acceptance and respect that I have rarely seen elsewhere. It is a community that strives to see the abilities that all people have and where people are accepted for who they are. Being a part of this organization has allowed me to learn about people who lead lives different than my own and how to better appreciate the insight that this

provides. In addition to this, through Horizon I have met some truly amazing people and made friendships that are invaluable. Camp is something to look forward to every year- seeing old faces and meeting new ones.

~Meaghan Anderson



Pictured Above: Camper Sarah Hudetz with Meaghan Anderson

Our Mission

An organization of people with and without physical disabilities that provides opportunities for individuals to challenge themselves, develop responsibility and grow through interacting and working together.



Horizon Through the Eyes of a Camper

In the summer of 1990, I was graduating college and decided to spend the summer in Champaign, IL. This meant I would miss MDA summer camp but I didn't worry because I knew I could always go the next summer. When I returned home, I was informed that MDA was making some budget cuts and set an age limit for adults to attend their summer camp. This news was very disappointing because I was too old and missing the previous year, I had lost contact with many of my camp friends. Luckily I found out about a group of individuals that was going to continue this summer camp program for adults with physical disabilities. As soon as I heard this news, I asked for an application so I could be part of this new experience. To this day, that was one of my best decisions I've made. In the summer of '91, I was at the very first Association of Horizon, Inc. summer camp program. I was impressed at how well

these devoted volunteers worked to put together a camp without much time or a lot of funding. This camp was smaller than I was used to but many things were similar. Horizon had many volunteers that went to the other camp and also did a wonderful job recruiting new ones. Many of the activities were kept intact such as: arts and crafts, waterfront and swimming just to name a few. One of the nicest changes was that for the first time, you could go to any activity you wanted to or just hang out instead, the choice was yours. Another significant difference was everyone was treated equally, there were no differences between "volunteers" & "campers". This was a big step for me. Yes, I knew I was in a wheelchair but for this one week out of the year it didn't matter. I admit, my first year I solely went as a "camper" and looked at it as a free week of vacation. However, during the week I learned how hard so many people worked to make

that week happen and it gave me a new look on things. Horizon may not have offered as many activities as the other camp did but I found out it wasn't the activities that made camp great, it was all of the people. Due to many of these people, becoming more involved with Horizon was something I felt I needed to do. There was so much work to be done to ensure a second year of camp. I became an active member in the organization by helping with fund-raising, attending events throughout the year and I even served on the Board of Directors. The more I helped, the more I learned how much this organization means to so many. Now this summer, I will be attending my 20th year of Camp Horizon and I'm amazed at how far the organization has come. In 1991, there may have been a total of 75 participants, this year we are anticipating over 200! Each year, camp has grown and become better.



Pictured Above: Mike Trimpe

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I would personally like to thank everyone who has been part of the organization since the beginning. Several friends I made the first year of Camp Horizon still attend camp and are my closest and dearest friends. Keep up the good work and I look forward to attending another 30 years.

~Mike Trimpe

Gives Us a Week and We'll Give You a Lifetime of Memories

Make it big - give us the entire week this year! Volunteer at Horizon camp during the week of July 24th-30th. If you have attended camp in the past, but have not had time to join us recently, then make our 20th year the year to come back home to Horizon!

If you have not attended camp since we were at Camp Hastings, then we hope you can come and enjoy some of the features of Timber Pointe

Outdoor Center; air conditioned cabins, a two story dining hall and lots of shade. Not to worry...you will still find many of your favorite parts about camp are still a part of Horizon, such as skits, campfires, and yes, George is still at the grill each night! Help spread the word to friends and family that volunteers who attend Horizon camp will receive 144 service hours and an experience that they will not soon forget.

There are two things that can limit the number of campers that we can send acceptance packets to; bed spaces and volunteer attendants. You can help us fill all the beds by sending in your application today! Applications can be filled out on-line or you can download a .pdf from our website. All first time volunteers will need to attend a pre-camp orientation and interview.



Pictured Above: Dave Novalinski & Kevin Harrington



Horizon is Celebrating 20 Years of Camping!

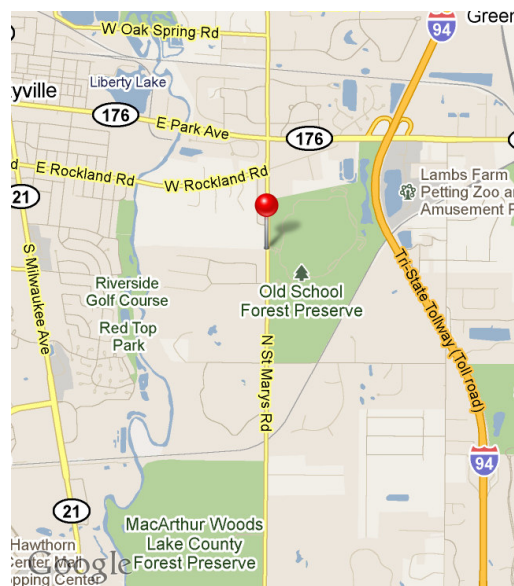
Come join us to celebrate, reunite with old friends, and reminisce about the good old days. Horizon is treating all members, new and old, and their families to an afternoon barbeque and open bar. There will be a DJ, games, arts and crafts, and so much more! It will be fun for all ages! Wear your favorite camp shirt and bring us some old photos so we can take a look back at how it all began and how far we have come.

Saturday, August 13, 2011
12 – 4 pm
Old School Forest Preserve in Libertyville (on Saint Mary's Rd, just south of Rt. 176)

Please RSVP to Jen Bernover so that we have an idea of how much food and drinks we need.

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We can't wait to see you there!



Pictured Above: Mardi Gras hosts showing off their beads!

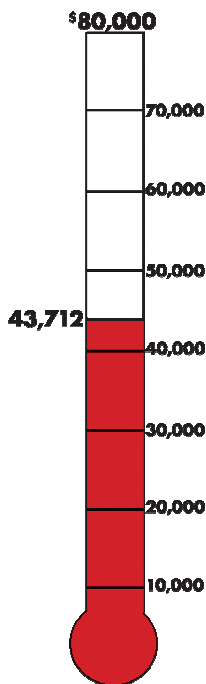
Beads Were Flying at the Mardi Gras Bash!

On February 19, Horizon held a Mardi Gras Bash at Dave & Buster's in Addison. There were over 50 people in attendance and fun was had by all. There were plenty of good appetizers, an excellent DJ

and great raffle prizes. When people weren't socializing with friends, they were able to go out and play some video games. One of the highlights of the evening was a very entertaining game of

musical chairs which included bananas (should've been there to see it). Thanks to everyone involved in planning the event and all that donated. We raised nearly \$1000!

With more little events like these, Horizon is on its way towards reaching its fund-raising goals for the year.



Need Tupperware?

Support a great cause while helping preserve the future of our planet by purchasing durable, sustainable products that last a lifetime. With this Tupperware Fundraiser, 55% of your purchase will be donated to the Association of Horizon. That's over half of what you spend! Go to our website at www.associationofhorizon.org for more information and a link to place your order now. Please share this link with everyone you know, we are trying to raise as much money as we can over the next 3 weeks.



Our goal is to send 2 people to summer camp and with your support we can do it! This is one fundraiser that everyone can participate in because it's all online! We will post the fundraiser results in the next newsletter. Thank you in advance for your support of this great organization.



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Join us at The 9th Annual Golf Outing

Join Horizon to kick off the summer!

Horizon will be hosting their 9th Annual Golf Outing and 50's Sock Hop Dinner Banquet on Saturday, June 11! Once again, the location this year will be at beautiful Links at Carillon in southwest suburban Plainfield. Please help us make this the largest turnout yet!

Please see the attached flyer insert for additional details

regarding this grand event.

Participants and sponsors can register online through the Horizon website.

We need sponsors! If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a sponsor for this event, please contact Michael Meyer at the e-mail address below.



Pictured Above: Golfers lining up to register and get their hole assignments.

Also, we are looking for volunteers to help us pre-sell raffle tickets for this event. If you are interested, please let us know. There is an incentive for selling \$250 worth of tickets!

For more info please e-mail:
Michael.Meyer@associationofhorizon.org



Are you into text messaging?

In April, we will be debuting our text messaging program called iZigg. If you would like to get important updates regarding Horizon by cell phone, please e-mail Michael.Meyer@associationofhorizon.org with your cell phone number to get on our list. Or simply text, "HORIZONINFO" to 90210 to be entered into the program.

Note: All data will be kept confidential and not be shared with anyone.



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Every time you search or shop through this site you will be raising money for Horizon.