



What's On The Horizon

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Fall 2022 Edition

Dear friend,

Welcome new readers! I am Chris Viau and I have been a part of Horizon for 15 years and this year I am chairing the Newsletter Committee. It takes our entire community to make the week of Horizon Camp happen; similarly, it takes our entire committee of writers, editors, and photographers plus the proofreaders to bring you each newsletter. We hope you enjoy this season's issue of the newsletter. We invite you to [catch the spirit of volunteering](#) and become involved with Horizon throughout the year.

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Outdoor Fall Favorites - Highlights of Weekend Camp

Horizon Fall Weekend returned in-person to TPOC on October 14th-16th. Forty-six attendees spent the weekend with campfires, pumpkin decorating and other arts and crafts, playing board games, and hanging out with friends. Special highlights included a Chopped live cooking competition (a crowd favorite during Horizon's virtual pandemic programming), an interactive escape room, and trivia night. Many thanks to the Fall Weekend Committee for organizing such

a fun-filled time! Horizon will also be organizing a virtual Spring Weekend for March or April 2023, so keep an eye out for forthcoming date and programming announcements. - Jeff Pickert



Horizon Boo Bash - Raises \$7,000



This year, Horizon decided to bring back an old favorite: the Halloween Party! The Boo Bash was held at La Villa Restaurant in Chicago on October 21st. Ninety-three people attended the event and we raised about \$7,000. The party was full of fun, good food, and music enjoyed together by family and friends. Everyone got into the Halloween spirit with a variety of costumes. Costumes ranged from classic characters to cute and creative outfits and even a few spooky, scary ones! There were many raffle prizes as well as a 50/50 cash raffle. Jeff Pickert won the 50/50 and decided to donate the money back to Horizon. Thanks Jeff! The Boo Bash was so fun that almost everyone wished the party was just a little longer. Overall, the night was a huge success and already people are counting down the days to the next Horizon event! Thanks Fundraising Committee for throwing a great party. -Frances Clair



New Faces on The Board of Directors in 2022-2023

Our Annual Meeting was held in-person and via Zoom on Sunday, October 23rd, with 24 people in attendance. We

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had an opportunity to review the [Annual Report](#), set our goals for next year, and strategize how to best use our volunteer resources in our committee structure. New board members were also elected as well as the new executive board. Welcoming to the board for the first time Stacy Boettcher, Drake Kurtenbach, and Paula Vanier, and returning to the board this year is Sawsan Abousbie. Horizon would like to thank both Maeghan Anderson and Emily Dalton for their years of service as they step down from the board. - Chris Viau



2022-2023 Association of Horizon Executive Board

Fun Facts:

President: Dana Westley I lived in Sri Lanka.

Vice-President: Gerry Walsh I have been to 20 U.S. states and 7 countries.

Treasurer: George Czerwionka I was tricked into coming to my first year of camp by my aunt Margie.

Secretary: Dawn Burns I have approximately 178 board games.

[Purchase raffle tickets](#)

Upcoming Important Dates:

[Camp Never Ends Zoom - Wednesdays 7pm](#)

Help Support Horizon:



Annual Raffle Tickets - Help Us Meet Our Goal

Tickets sales for the 2023 Annual Raffle have started and tickets are just \$5 each. You can [purchase tickets online](#) with just a few easy clicks or you can still request traditional paper tickets. When you purchase tickets online it asks who informed you of the raffle, please type in the name of your seller here. There are 80 chances to win during the year. There are five drawings each month and an additional five drawings every quarter. Let's continue to make the Annual Raffle the biggest fundraiser!

- Jessica Wood

Summer Camp 2023 Volunteer Opportunities

Opportunity, a week spent in a lake-side cabin, so many new friends to meet, the chance to be part of something important - These are just a few things that volunteering

for a week of summer camp has to offer, oh and don't forget the free T-shirt. Right now the Recruitment Committee is doing school outreach for our 2023 summer camp, and if you have a contact at a high school, college, nursing program, or youth group we would like [to hear](#) from you. We have a [virtual packet](#) of materials ready to share and if your school would like we can do an in-person or Zoom presentation, including a question and answer session. Our opportunity is unique, giving volunteers real tasks to do for the week. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old, but no experience is necessary. We host a pre-camp orientation as well as cabin orientations the first day of camp. One of Horizon's biggest strengths for over 30 years is that we are run by volunteers.

Last summer we were not able to accommodate all of our camp participants due to our volunteer numbers, so please think about people that you have in your circles who have a school contact and put them in touch with us. You will be helping to make someone's summer one to remember. - Anna Lopez



More Information

- What to Expect: [Virtual Presentation](#)
- Horizon Highlight [Video](#)
- Check out our [Instagram](#)

[Sign Up Here](#) to be notified when our Summer Camp 2023 application is out!

Questions?
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Association of Horizon

Summer Camp 2023
July 16-22



Remember Horizon on Giving Tuesday

Each year Giving Tuesday is the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving. This global generosity movement gives people the opportunity to donate to an organization and help transform communities. This year Giving Tuesday is on November 29th. We hope you are able to start your holiday season off by taking part in this day of giving, and that you will include the Association of Horizon in your donations. - Chris Viau

GIVING TUESDAY

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