



What's On The Horizon_{e-news}

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Empowering adults with physical disabilities through lifelong friendships and recreation

Late Summer 2023 Edition

Dear friend,



Horizonpalooza was a big success! In this newsletter, you will find updates on all the fun we had at Timber Pointe in July when we got the band back together! We rode the zip line, pontoon boats, and even a hot air balloon. Thank you to all the visitors who came down on Friday. It was great to see so many of you. You will also find information on how to continue the fun, from Bruegala on Sept. 30, to Fall Weekend Oct. 13-15, and a Boo Bash Halloween fundraiser on Oct. 21. We also highlight ways you can stay involved with Camp Never Ends and sell raffle tickets to raise money for Horizon!

- Jeff Pickert and Chris Viau

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Thanks for an Amazing Week



HIGHLIGHTS FROM HORIZONPALOOZA - THE BEST WEEK OF THE YEAR



Horizon Camp was a huge success! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the music festival theme, and the live music at camp was a huge hit! We'd like to extend a huge thank you to the bands: Dan Hubbard, Joe Hermes & The Sundown Renegade, and The Breakfast Club! Everyone enjoyed a full day of music, singing, and dancing.

We'd also like to thank sponsors and those who donated items to camp, whether off of the wishlist or otherwise. We could hold so many activities and crafts thanks to your contributions. Our gratitude extends to TPOC and all their staff who helped us have such a wonderful week.

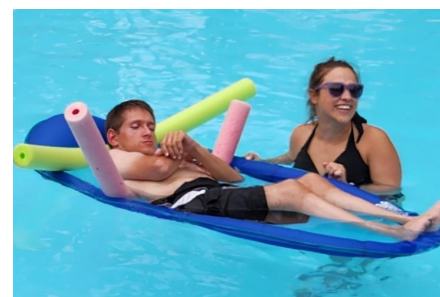
And lastly, a huge thank you to everyone who came to camp. To both volunteers and participants, camp happens because of all of you. Whether you were there as a nurse, support team, team leader, volunteer, or someone who was there to enjoy the week, thank you! See you at camp in 2024! - Frances Clair

Featured Friend - Mark Barger

This was Mark's first summer at Horizon Camp. He found out about Horizon from mutual friends. Most of us first got to meet Mark during the pandemic over Zoom during our weekly Wednesday night Camp Never Ends calls.

His favorite part of camp was the hot air balloon ride. He really enjoyed his first year with us and plans on making it a tradition to come back every year!

Mark has recently moved just over the border to Iowa and lives in a group home. He has one brother and two half siblings. Outside of camp Mark goes to his day program. He also likes to go outside and ride his wheelchair, talk to his friends on the telephone, and watch sports. Mark is a Cubs fan. We hope to have Mark back at camp for many years to come.



Horizon Selected by Jaycees for Bruegala Beer Festival



Camp Bruegala is around the corner! We have been humbly chosen to be a part of this incredible event and we need help from our community to attend to make the event as successful as possible.

Horizon will be one of two charities partnering with the Bloomington-Normal Jaycees for **Bruegala: A Festival of Beer**. The Bloomington-Normal Jaycees are a nonprofit organization which creates events that benefit their community and they will be splitting the profits from the event with us and one other nonprofit.



The theme for Bruegala this year is CAMP! So, come out, taste some local beer, hear some music, enjoy the company of many other Horizonites, and help Horizon make some money that will go towards Horizon Camp 2024!

The event will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 5pm-10pm in downtown Bloomington at the McLean County Courthouse Square. *You must be 21+ to attend. If you have any questions, please contact **Dawn Burns** or **Gerry Walsh**. – Sawsan Abuosbie

Important Links:

Bruegala

Fall Weekend

**Camp Never Ends
Zoom -
Wednesdays 7pm**

Boo Bash Fundraiser

**Annual Raffle
Winners**



A great time at our post camp skating party.

Get more involved with Horizon. Watch **this short video** from each of our committees. If you have questions on how to get more involved, drop us an **email**.



This **Memorial** remembers our friends from Horizon who have passed away.

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Fall Weekend - October 13 - 15



Get ready for Horizon's Fall Weekend! This year it will take place in-person at Timber Pointe from Friday Oct. 13 until Sunday Oct. 15. Don't miss a great weekend of campfires, games, special activities, and

hanging with your friends! The cost for the weekend is \$50 per person or \$40 per person for a volunteer/camper pair. If this is your first time participating in a Horizon Camp program, there is no charge for you to attend!

Apply today as this program fills up fast. **Email us** with any questions. - Jeff Pickert



Pre-Sale Boo Bash Tickets Open to Event Sponsors

One of Horizon's very first fundraisers was a Halloween party, and last fall our Fundraising Committee successfully brewed up this fan-favorite into the now *Boo Bash*. Start thinking of costume ideas for you and your friends for our *2nd Annual Boo Bash Fundraiser*, on Saturday, Oct. 21. This spooktacular party is happening at **Haymarket Pub and Brewery** in the West Loop. There will be food, music, a costume contest, and a cash bar available.

You can help make this night a successful fundraiser for Horizon by purchasing event tickets, inviting friends and family to attend, or becoming an **event sponsor**. We are kicking off our ticket sales this year with a special early-bird ticket opportunity only for event sponsors. Our Goblin Sponsorship is \$250 and comes with 2 event tickets. Check out our website for all the treats we have for our different sponsorship levels, including the opportunity to have a signature cocktail in your name.



If you're a fan of Hops, Halloween, or Horizon we look forward to you joining us this year. We can't wait to see your costumes. Don't delay, [sponsorship packages are available now](#) and tickets are limited for this event. – Anna Lopez

Zoom with Camp Never Ends Every Wednesday

So, summer camp is over for the year, now what? Camp Never Ends is a committee dedicated to keeping the Horizon community together all year round! Join all your camp friends [on Zoom](#) every Wednesday at 7 PM CST. Come when you can—no need to RSVP. Just show up and have fun! Look for the link on the Horizon Friends FB page. Camp Never Ends also puts on various events and gatherings (virtual and in-person) throughout the year, so be on the lookout! Coming up around October there will be a sign-up if you want to send postcards. – Frances Clair



2024 Annual Raffle Ticket Sales Begin Soon

We had an awesome week of camp this July. Horizon provides camp free to all participants and we are able to do that because of our sponsors and fundraising efforts like our annual cash raffle. Starting this fall we are encouraging everyone to purchase and sell raffle tickets to help fund next year's camp.

Our goal is to sell 5,000 raffle tickets. If you sell 25 tickets, you will be entered into a drawing to win a *cut in line pass* to use at our 2024 summer camp, and our top seller will get two tickets to a Horizon fundraiser event. This year we celebrated our 100 Club with a special lunch at camp for the people who sold 100 raffle tickets or more.

This fall we will be posting updates on our social media pages as we hit milestones on the way to reaching our 5,000-ticket goal. With your help we hope to reach our goal, like we did last

Association of Horizon, Inc - 2024 Year Long Raffle

Five winners will be drawn at the monthly board meetings.



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Name
Address
Email
Phone

80 chances to win! You can win more

Winning numbers will be posted on our website www.horizoninc.org
\$5.00 Donation per ticket.

Congratulate Our 2023 Horizon Hope Winners



We are excited to award Horizon Hope Grants this year to John Meneghini and Pearl Gannon, both who have been involved with Horizon for many years. John started volunteering over 20 years ago, he is a special education teacher and soon to be new father. Camp has helped John grow and it has directed his career path in education. Being able to adapt to the needs of his cabinmates and to work as a team as well as having a sense of humor are just a few things that John has picked up from his years at camp. John will be using his grant to pay for textbooks in his master's degree program in education administration.



Pearl Gannon first camp to Horizon Camp in 2008 and says her eyes were opened to a new world. She fell in love with Horizon when she witnessed how everyone at camp is treated as absolute equals. If you know Pearl, you surely know Scarlet her service dog. Pearl is using her grant to purchase a new accessible bed so she can get a comfortable night's sleep alongside Scarlet.

Look for our 2024 Horizon Hope Grant application in early January. We encourage college students and anyone with a physical disability in need of medical equipment or assistive tech to apply. - Anna Lopez

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