



# What's On The Horizon

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Empowering adults with physical disabilities through lifelong friendships and recreation

## Spring 2023 Edition

Dear friend,



Spring is here! The Association of Horizon has been busy with virtual Spring Break Weekend at the beginning of March. We've got a Wolves Outing coming up and be sure to turn in your Horizon Hope applications. While you're at it, make sure you fill out the application for summer camp!

Coming up, the Camp Never Ends Committee is hosting a get-together at [Hackney's on Lake in Glenview](#) on

Sunday, April 2nd. All are welcome to attend the board meeting at 2 PM, and appetizers will be served at 4 PM. We hope to see all our friends for a fun evening! See you there!

- Frances Clair

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## March Madness - Virtual Spring Weekend



We had our third annual Spring Weekend, Friday, March 10th-12th. The theme was March Madness. We hosted the weekend over Zoom and about 65 people attended. On Friday night the committee kicked off the night with a video skit. Dawn and Gerry hosted a few rounds of



Jackbox games, our favorite Zoom games.

Saturday, we made sport themed crafts decorating wooden basketballs and miniature pennants. We also played sports bingo and trivia. Congratulations to our bingo winners Dawn, Drake, Kelly, and Scottie. We ended the night with a dance party. DJ Big Willie and DJ Donnie played the greatest hits as we danced.

Sunday we started our day with a breakfast with the Flynn Family. They made donuts with their secret family recipe. We even played Flynn trivia. We brought back Chopped. The competing chefs were Dana, Sammi & Lauren, and Natalya. They were given a mystery bag of food and they needed to use part of all 12 supplied items. Natalya won this round of Chopped. The vote was close. We watched the Big Ten Championship Basketball game between Penn State and Purdue. Purdue won 64 to 60. Thanks to the committee and everyone who participated. We had a great weekend!

- Chris Viau



## Join Us on the Ice - Order Your Wolves Tickets Today



It's back after a 4 year hiatus! Join us on April 15th at the Allstate Arena for a fun night of Chicago Wolves Hockey. The Chicago Wolves will take on their Central Conference opponents, the Grand Rapids Griffins. Come on out and experience some competitive A.H.L. hockey at an affordable price.

Horizon has a block of accessible and regular seats reserved. Everyone will have a great view of the action. Tickets are \$15 each and must be reserved in advance by March 31st. Visit our



## Horizon Hope Deadline Saturday, April 1st



Each summer so much is given to Horizon by everyone who attends camp, from a week of one's time at camp to pre-camp planning meetings. Horizon is built on the power of our volunteers' dedication, so each year Horizon is honored to give back by providing an opportunity to those in our community in the form of the Horizon Hope Grant. If you are a full or part-time college student (undergrad or grad) or an

individual with a physical disability in need of a specific accommodation, such as medical equipment assistive tech, or construction for adaptive living, then we would encourage you to apply for this year's \$1,000 Horizon Hope Grant. [Visit our website](#) for more details on how to apply. If you would like assistance with any part of your application, please reach out to the [Hope Committee](#) before April 1st. – Anna Lopez

## Featured Friend - Patty Cribben



Patty and her cabin-mates of Owl at camp last year

Patty Cribben began attending Horizon Camp 31 years ago, one year after the organization was founded. Horizon soon became one of the most important aspects of Patty's life as she became involved in many different committees, including Spring and Fall Weekend, Summer Camp, and Camp Never Ends. She has also served as a team leader many

summers years, ensuring that everyone in her cabin has a fun-filled week.

When Patty retired from 25 years as a teacher in 2019, she found even more time for Horizon, attending every single virtual event during the pandemic. She is a mainstay at the Wednesday night Zoom calls for the last three years. In addition to Horizon, Patty loves all things related to music and art. She brings this passion to camp every year on the Friday night dance floor. It is difficult for Patty to choose a favorite camp activity since she enjoys so many, but she particularly loved the dueling piano artists who performed both at TPOC and on Zoom during a virtual summer camp. Patty can't wait to see all of her friends in July! - Jeff Pickert

### Important Links:

[Summer Camp Application](#)

[Horizon Hope Grant Application](#)

[Wolves Tickets](#)

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

[Camp Wish List](#)

[Camp Sponsorships](#)

[Annual Raffle Winners](#)

[Help Support Horizon:](#)



## Fundraising Update!

We sold 231 Lou Malnati's pizza coupons and raised \$1,155 for Horizon Camp last month. A big thank you to all our pizza lovers who ordered with us. Don't worry if you missed out on this opportunity as we will host this fundraiser again this year. - Anna Lopez



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## Horizon Volunteer Benefits:

Earn 140 service learning hours.

Gain skills assisting a person with a physical disability.

Increase communication skills and ability to work on a team.

Expand their worldview to one with increased diversity and inclusion.

Most importantly, have fun!

### Association of Horizon

Summer Camp 2023  
July 16-22



We have the venue, we have the bands, now we need the volunteers to make Horizonpalooza the best event of your summer. Volunteers are paired up one-on-one with a participant with a physical disability for the week of camp. Being a part of Horizon Camp, you get to experience the wonderful activities of the week: swimming, biking, arts and crafts, live music, late-night campfires, and cookouts every night. Volunteers need to be at least 16 years old. No experience is needed; all first-time volunteers will attend a pre-camp orientation on Zoom as well as an interview. Interviews will be starting next month so don't delay your application.

**Complete your camp application online.** If you have any issues with completing your application, please **reach out to us** we would be happy to help. – Anna Lopez

## Send Camp Goodies Just a Wish List Click Away

The Horizon Wish List is now live on our website, so please add your favorite items that we need for camp to your cart. Your donations go directly towards this year's summer camp and they are all greatly appreciated. When shopping our

**Amazon Wish List** your donations are sent directly to the Wish List Committee. Donations are needed for the following: nightly cookouts, arts and crafts, medical needs, snacks, Covid testing, and more. If you are not able to attend camp for the week with us, but you want to be a part of the fun - making a donation to the wish list is a great way to do so.

You can also send donations with a volunteer or participant attending camp. Please email the **Wish List Committee** and let them know what items you will be sending via this way, so that they can keep track of everything. I encourage everyone to donate to the wish list to help us make camp successful this year. -Jessica Wood



## 2023 Camp Sponsorships



Our 2023 Sponsorship Levels are  
live concert themed to match our  
2023 Summer Camp theme

## Horizonpalooza

V.I. Platinum Pass

\$2,000

All-Access Gold Pass

\$1,000

Members Only Silver Pass

\$500

Early Bird Bronze Pass

\$250



Do you know someone that you think would be the perfect fit for camp but never has the capacity or availability to attend? Or maybe there's a person or place you think would want to donate, but you are not sure how to go about asking. Well, I've got the answer for you! Every year we send out a sponsorship letter to share some fun highlights to keep our community updated on how we're doing and where their money goes. The letter also includes a section where people can become a sponsor and have their name or business advertised throughout camp and receive awesome Horizon memorabilia in return. **Contact Sawsan** if you can share our letter with a potential sponsor or if you are interested in becoming a 2023 sponsor yourself.

- Sawsan Abuosbie

## Mini Golf Family Fundraiser - Save the Date

Tee off with us on Sunday, June 11th, for a round of mini golf at Holes & Knolls in Glenn Ellyn. This fundraiser is fun for the entire family. Mark your calendars now and watch for more details on social media regarding ticket sales. See you on the green. - Anna Lopez



See Us on Social Media!



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