



# What's On The Horizon

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## Winter 2023 Edition

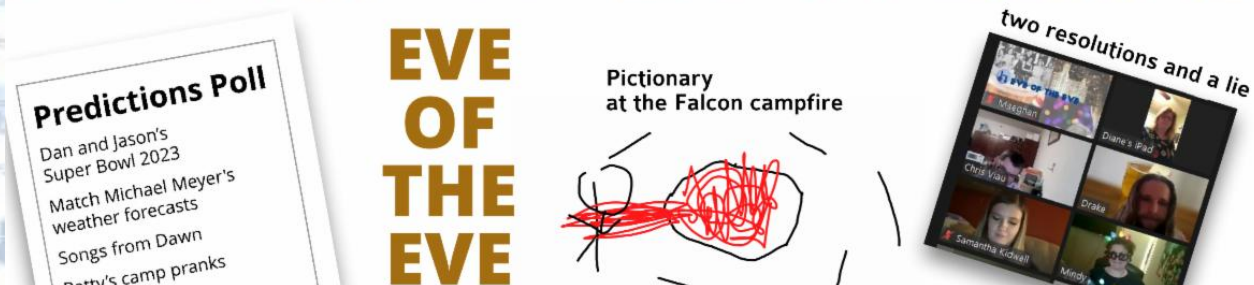
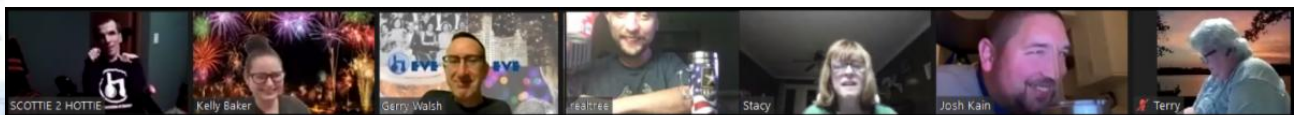
Dear friend,

The cold and snowy days are here, like many in the middle of the winter our hearts long for the warmer days of summer...camp. This time of year, fundraising, recruiting camp volunteers, and filling the camp activities schedule keeps all our committees active. We hope our newsletter takes you to the warm days of summer as we share our many updates like details of our kick-off party for our 32nd summer camp - **Horizonpalooza** and celebrating hitting our raffle goal. We cannot wait until camp begins.

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## Camp Never Ends - Zooms In The New Year



Camp Never Ends hosted a New Year's Eve of the Eve party on Zoom to ring in the new year, and it was a blast! The event ran for 3 hours with multiple games, such as Pictionary, enjoyed by the 22 people who attended. Anna Lopez was the main host, and Emma Sarandeses dressed as a fortune teller while everyone shared and discussed fun predictions for 2023. Overall, it was an exciting and successful party! Camp Never Ends looks forward to planning and hosting many more events in 2023! Happy New Year! -Frances Clair

## SPRING WEEKEND MARCH MADNESS

Our Spring Weekend Camp will be hosted over Zoom March 10th-12th, and the theme will be March Madness! Join us for a weekend of fun filled activities such as arts and crafts, a chopped competition, games, and a talent show. If you are interested in attending, please [fill out this application](#). In order to guarantee that you receive the necessary supplies for Spring Weekend, please complete and submit the application by February 21st. -Jessica Wood

### Raffle Sales Raise Over \$20,000 For Camp



**Top Raffle Ticket Sellers  
Karen and Scott**

Wow! 2023 Horizon Raffle - we did it! Together, with the direction of our Raffle Committee, we exceeded our goal to sell 5,000 tickets for camp! Thank you to everyone that sold raffle tickets

and everyone who bought a ticket for the most successful raffle fundraiser to date. We raised enough money to send 20 participants and their volunteers to camp for a week of fun.

Congratulations to our top raffle sellers Scott Galvin and Karen Smith, for selling 947 tickets, thanks Scott and Karen! They won 2 tickets to a Horizon event in 2023. Shout out to Sheila Caplis and George Czerwionka who came in second with 615 tickets; and all the ticket sellers that sold at least 100 tickets: Hector Hernandez (166), Mark Schreiner (146), Eric Brandt (145), Lori Moore (138), Dana Westley (129), Mike Kereluk (110), Brenda Bokowski (101), Dan Persak (101), Hyun Woo Lee (100), Katherine Czerwionka (100), and Kayla Riggleman (100). Lily Ferber, a first-time volunteer, won the drawing from our pool of sellers who sold

#### Important Links:

[Purchase Pizza Coupons](#)

[Spring Weekend Application](#)

[Summer Camp Application](#)

[Horizon Hope Grant Application](#)

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

[Annual Raffle Winners](#)

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at least 20 tickets. Lily won a cut-in-the-line pass to be used during our week of camp.



Our January raffle winners were pulled during our virtual camp kick-off party. Congratulations to our first winners for the year - Todd Sitkowski, Allana Bishop, Liz Deuser, Adele Brichetto, and Jolanda Norris. We wish everybody good luck in the raffle this year. -Chris Viau

## 2023 Horizonpalooza Music-fest Theme Announced at Virtual Kickoff Event



On January 22nd, the Recruitment Committee organized a successful virtual kick-off party to release the [2023 summer camp application](#). This year's camp theme will be Horizonpalooza: Getting the Band Back Together. We are working to organize a fun-filled music festival week from July 16th-22nd at Timber Pointe. During the kick-off event, [this trailer](#) was screened announcing the theme and committee members answered questions about the application process. Our webpage now includes step-by-step video tutorials with instructions on how to fill out this year's new camp application.

- Jeff Pickert

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## Summer Camp 2023 Volunteer Opportunities

There are only 3 things in this world that truly bring us together: friendship, music, and summer camp. This year, the Camp Committee is working hard to plan the most epic week of bringing a music festival to camp, but we need your help! We need you to bring the friendship part! Invite your family and friends to [volunteer](#) and enjoy a week of concerts and campfires with us this year.

Last year, we were really able to see friendship and teamwork have a huge spotlight at camp. With it being our first year back, we gracefully and successfully dealt with a lot of ambiguity. From not knowing until late into the year whether we were going to have in-person camp to cautiously keeping an eye on current pandemic conditions to not knowing how many people were going to be able to come back. As we always do, we were able to come together and make sure everyone felt safe, supported, and had the best week of the year.

We are looking for people who are excited to experience something new and want to learn from other people. Spread the word! After all, if you never ask, the answer will always be no.  
-Sawsan Abuosbie

## 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



## Deep Dish Pizza Fundraiser

One of our yummiest fundraisers is back this month.

**Purchase a Lou Malnati's pizza coupon** through Horizon for \$13, and \$5 from each coupon purchased goes towards Horizon Camp. Each coupon is good for one 9" frozen deep dish pizza\* for pick-up at any Lou Malnati's location. Purchase as many coupons as you like through our website, but don't delay as our winter fundraiser is only going for one week and will be closed on Monday, February 20th. Once you receive your coupons in the mail head to your favorite Lou Malnati's location and pick up your frozen deep dish pizza to enjoy at home. Please email us with any questions. - Anna Lopez



\*Each coupon is good for **one 9" frozen Deep Dish pizza** (cheese, sausage, pepperoni, or spinach ONLY) to be picked up by customers at any Lou Malnati's location, including Arizona, Indiana, and Wisconsin. Good for 6 months, the expiration date will be at the bottom of the coupon. At this time, a gluten free option is not available with the coupons. THESE ARE NOT VALID FOR SHIPPING FROZEN DEEP DISH PIZZAS. Coupons must be brought in the store to be picked up. Certificates cannot be used towards other food items or towards shipping.

## Featured Friend of Horizon - Jack Berti

Jack Berti has attended Horizon for over 20 years. He and his wife Diana met at another summer camp for adults with cerebral palsy 50 years ago and the two married nine years later. When a friend told them about Horizon, the organization soon became an important part of their lives. Jack's favorite part about attending camp is visiting with friends. "I love to talk and I love to hear other people's stories," he relays. "I'm always getting my wheelchair stuck in crazy places, but it turns out to be a good time because I meet someone who comes to

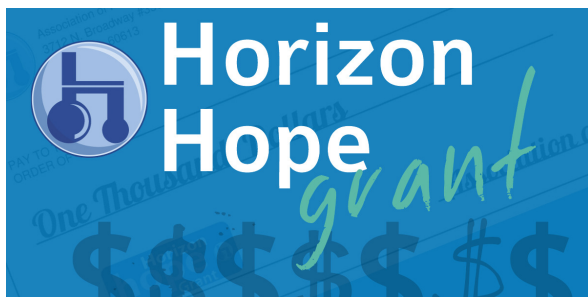




help and we wind up getting to know each other. That's just part of camp."

Jack and Diana recently moved to Winning Wheels, an assisted living home in Prophetstown, Illinois. Both avid writers, Jack is currently writing a memoir focusing on his relationship with Diana that he hopes to publish next year. In addition to creative writing, Jack is a life-long Cubs fan and also collects coins, stamps, and other memorabilia. Jack talks excitedly about his memories at camp, "Friday night always comes too quickly, the week is over in the blink of an eye. We always start looking forward to next year as soon as we get home." - Jeff Pickert

## Horizon Hope Application Deadline - April 1st



Horizon Hope is a \$1,000 grant that allows Horizon to give back to the camp population. If you are a member of the Horizon Community and 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 like to encourage you to [visit our website](#) for details about how to apply. Our committee members are here to help answer your questions and even help guide you through the essay portion of the application, just drop us an [email](#) if you have any questions.

- Anna Lopez

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