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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF OSHKOSH NEWS

INSIDE

Meet the Club's new on site therapist Marie Stafford and our newest board member Holly Nelson. Plus, find out how you can get involved in the Turkey Trot fun run!



Camp Radford Renovation

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh is in the last phase of a major renovation of our summer day camp in New London on the Little Wolf River, Camp Radford. The project has in large part been funded by generous donations from the Bill Radford family as well as the Battle on Bago organization. The changes will make Camp Radford a safer place and provide a better camp experience for Club members.

The majority of the two-year renovation project has consisted of making improvements to the main cabin including installing a new roof and windows, building an enclosed porch, fixing the foundation and remodeling the interior. The interior remodel included replacing all of the 32 bunkbeds in the cabin and updating the full kitchen. The remodel also included tearing down and building an entirely new Education/Nature Crafts building. The new building allows members a place to learn and play and do projects on days when there is bad weather. The building also provides an area to store maintenance equipment used at the Camp.

The project is not finished yet, though! Our board of directors met at the camp in June and discussed what still needed to be accomplished to get the camp into a finished state. Our board determined that in this last phase we need to turn our attention to creating an interpretive nature trail, developing the waterfront area along the Little Wolf River by building a new fishing/swim pier, creating a low ropes course, and putting in a sand volleyball court. We also need to fill the buildings with necessary and fun camp supplies from fishing poles, craft supplies and yard games to things like a small bobcat with tracks. The hope is to have these projects completed in time for campers to arrive in the springtime.

In order to complete this next phase, we need your help. We still need to raise funds for these final projects and we still need to update our camp's supplies. **If you would like to get involved, please check out our Camp Wish List online for details about our specific needs (<http://tinyurl.com/jglahgg>).**

Supplies can be dropped off at the Club during our normal business hours. If you would like to make a monetary donation toward some of the larger projects described above, please contact Development and Marketing Director Tracy Ogden at: 920-233-1414 or tracyo@bgcosh.org.

Our board of directors also talked about looking ahead, how to best utilize the camp to get the most out of this great facility. There were discussions about hiring a fulltime camp director and increasing the number of Club youth who are able to experience the camp each summer and even extending the camp's season to keep it open during the fall months. They determined the facility also has the potential to be loaned out to other Boys & Girls Clubs or rented by private groups when not in use by the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh.

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SAVE THE DATE

OCT 28 Halloween Party
12:30-2:30 p.m.

NOV 24 Festival Foods Turkey Trot
8:00 a.m.

DEC 13 Radford Center Christmas Party
5:00-7:00 p.m.

DEC 15 Teen Center Christmas Party
6:00-8:00 p.m.



This summer, 27 teens participated in mock job interviews at the Club. Volunteers from U.S. Cellular came and interviewed the teens providing them with feedback on their performance.



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MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Dear Friends of the Boys & Girls Club,

School's back in session, but I want to back up and briefly touch on the amazing reach we had this summer. We had so many fun things going

on with programming and field trips throughout the months of June-August that the Club was packed with over 300 kids and teens nearly every day! In fact, we even had a few days where we served an incredible 400 kids! It was busy and it was amazing. We really took advantage of that time to impact the great number of youth we serve.

We will now look for that momentum to continue as we transition back into the school year. Our outreach efforts are already underway. Program staff visit schools during lunch time to get to know the kids and invite them to the Club. We also have special concerts and speakers throughout the year at the Club that appeal to youth. The Club promotes these events on social media and by sharing flyers with kids at school. We know that if we can get a kid or teen to come here, their chances for success are far better.

Just as we reach out to kids in the community to get involved at their Club and start their great futures, I want to reach out to you as well. This fall, there are so many positive opportunities kids will get to take part in including things like our Mentoring Program, Power Hour Homework Help, Lego League, Keystone Leadership Club, Healthy Habits cooking classes, Money Matters, Art, and much, much more. All of these programs are not only educational but fun and can always use additional volunteers who care. Come make your own future even greater by volunteering your time to help youth in Oshkosh succeed. I promise it will be a rewarding experience.

As always, thank you for the many ways you help to improve the lives of children and families.

Marc Dosogne, CEO

Boys & Girls Clubs of Oshkosh, Inc.



A Thanksgiving tradition that's getting to be as popular as pumpkin pie or turkey and gravy is the annual Festival Foods Turkey Trot fun run! It's a great opportunity to get some fitness in before all the calories of the Thanksgiving meal. The 9th annual Turkey Trot will be held on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday November 24th at 8 A.M. starting at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel & Convention Center.

The festive five mile run and two mile walk will benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh and the Oshkosh Community YMCA. Participants will receive a free long sleeved t-shirt and a Festival Foods 5" Upper Crust pumpkin pie. In addition, the first five male or female runners to cross the finish line will receive a 10-12 lb. turkey at the event.

Runners or walkers can register at www.festivalfoodsturkeytrot.com. Early registration is open now until October 31st. Cost is \$20 for adults and \$15 per child. Regular online registration will run from November 1st though the 22nd. Cost for adults is \$25 and \$20 for children. Race day registration cost \$30 per adult and \$25 per child. T-shirts will not be guaranteed for those who preregister late or register on race day.

In order for this run to be successful, many volunteers are needed to assure all goes smoothly. Positions include registration, t-shirt handout, bib handout, and more. If you are interested in volunteering at the Turkey Trot, please sign up online for a specific volunteer spot at www.festivalfoodsturkeytrot.com or for more information, please contact Boys & Girls Club Marketing Coordinator, Katie Huebner at (920) 233-1414 or katieh@bgcosh.org.

PHOTO GALLERY



Shannon Bahrke Happe, an American Olympic freestyle skier, visited the Club this summer and shared stories with Club members about winning her Olympic medals in skiing and also took photos with the kids.



Geek Squad Summer Academy put on by Best Buy came to the Club in August. Club members learned all about 3D Printing, Film Production, Digital Music, and more.



Dan McGuire from Life Fitness invited four Club teens and a staff member to attend a Packers pre-season game with him in a suite at Lambeau Field. They loved it!

To see more photos of the exciting things taking place at our Club, please visit our Facebook page.

Meet Our Newest Board Member



Holly Nelson

Holly Nelson joined Silver Star Brands in October 2015 as Vice President of Finance bringing 30 years of financial leadership to the position. Most recently, she served as Chief Accounting Officer for Frontier Airlines. Prior to Frontier, Nelson was Chief Financial Officer for Aircraft Technical Publishers (ATP), a compliance software publishing company, as well as for Virgin America Inc. Holly also served as senior Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer at JetBlue Airways Corporation. She began her career at KPMG LLP and also had finance

leadership roles at Nabisco Brands Minneapolis Hot Cereal Plant and Northwest Airlines, EOS Airlines, Inc. and XOJET Inc.

Holly is a certified public accountant and certified global management accountant. She holds a bachelor of business administration degree from University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and was voted the 1998 Beta Alpha Psi Outstanding Alumnus. She was also named one of the Bay Area's Most Influential Women in Business in 2010 and 2011. Holly is a member of Financial Executives Institute and National Association of Corporate Directors, as well as a past member of the AICPA's Accounting Standards Executive Committee (AcSEC).

She recently ended her board service at Exploring New Horizons Outdoor School and felt that the Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh was a wonderful opportunity to continue to help youth flourish and be all they can be.

Holly explained, "I am excited to give back to the Oshkosh community and support the great work that has been done to date at the Club."

Holly grew up in Wisconsin and has recently returned after spending time in Minnesota, Connecticut, San Francisco and Denver. She has been married to her husband, Rick for 36 years and they have two grown children – Adam (29) and Erin (26). She enjoys gardening, jogging, biking, boating and being able to spend time with family.

Meet Our New On Site Therapist



Marie Stafford

Marie Stafford, MA, LPC is the Licensed Professional Counselor from Catalpa Health who will now be serving as the mental health therapist for the Trees from Seeds Program.

Marie graduated with her BS degree from the University of Wisconsin Madison in Agricultural Sciences with a certification to teach. She then graduated with her MSE degree from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh in Professional Counseling with an emphasis on clinical mental health.

Marie has experience as a high school teacher and five years of being a community educator where she worked with kids and families in order to enhance life, communication, and leadership skills. She's practiced as a mental health counselor for the past three years in a college setting, and is excited to be working with kids and their families in a supportive role.



Oshkosh's annual Back to School Fair, organized by 35 local organizations including the Club, provided 1,000 kids in need with school supplies. New this year, elementary kids were also provided with shoes thanks to funding from the US Venture/Schmidt Family Foundation.

Success Stories about the Club's "Learning Center"

Nickolas,
Age 7

"It helps to get my homework done and there are more books there. I don't have anyone to help me with my homework at home. Staff member Kate helped me learn new words and read more."

"It gives me a quiet place to get my homework done. If I don't get my homework done in the learning center, I usually don't get it done at home. It's too noisy at home."

Safeera,
Age 8

Demetrian,
Age 8

"I get all three's at school now, I used to get two's. It's a quiet fun place and they help me with my math. I am a lot better at math now and do not have to get extra help from my teachers during my lunch time."

"I like reading. I can read the same words as my friends do in class. I don't feel that sad any more when I don't know the words. I know how to sound it out now."

Taron,
Age 7

Teaghan,
Age 10

"It helps me with my homework so I can hang out with friends and family and when I get home. We do game night every Friday if I get my homework done!"

"I learned how to read quietly to baby ducks and chicks. The learning center taught me how to water plants and work in the garden. I like that I can get my reading done here so I don't have to do it at home. At home I read by myself and in the Learning Center I can read to other kids."

Emily,
Age 10



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Club kids took a field trip to Steve Mosling's Little Pine Creek Farm in Waupaca this summer. They learned about bees, toured the orchard, went fishing, drove farming equipment and even got to test fly a drone.

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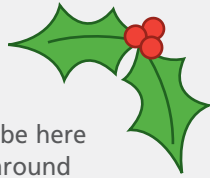
VISION

The Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh will be a generation-changing leading provider of programs emphasizing youth development services and family outreach support to meet the needs of young people 6-18 and their families, especially those who need us most.

CONTACT US!

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Adopt a Family



Although we are still enjoying the colors of fall, the holidays will soon be here and our greatest season of need is around Christmas time. With help from kind and generous donors like you, the Club tries to ease the burden on our families in the greatest need through our Adopt a Family program.

Club families who are determined to be a good fit for the program by full-time staff, will create wishlists for each child in their family (including toy and clothing needs and wants) and then the Club will match each family with a donor. Donors are provided with the family's wishlists and then they shop and wrap gifts for their adopted family.

If you are interested in adopting a family this year, please contact Boys & Girls Club Marketing Coordinator, Katie Huebner at (920) 233-1414 or katieh@bgcosh.org. Donors will be matched with families from October to early December.

Last year the Club was able to assist over 150 Club members and their families for the holidays! With your help, we can make the 2016 holiday season a joyful one again for many Boys & Girls Club members and families.

Camp Radford *(continued)*

The Club acquired the land for the camp in 1981 when lifetime Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh board member Bill Radford and his family donated 45 acres of land in New London to the Club. In turn, the Club named the newly created camp in their honor. Camp Radford opened its doors in 1982 and currently over 300 hundred kids (including kids from surrounding Boys & Girls Clubs) enjoy going to camp every summer.

Jamie Wilcox, Boys & Girls Club of Oshkosh Facilities Manager, together with the Club's Alumni Association, handle the maintenance of the camp including the tasks necessary to open and close the camp each season and keep it in tip top shape.

At camp, Club members participate in a wide variety of outdoor activities including swimming, fishing, hiking, scavenger hunts, archery, crafts and campfire meals. For many youth, it is their only camp experience and a rare trip outside the city limits of Oshkosh. The special memories they make at Camp Radford last a lifetime.

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