



CAMP STAR HISTORY

PRESENTED BY: BRIDGETTE STEWART

Camp STAR is a week-long camp for children ages 6 – 12 with a physical or developmental disability that may prevent them from enjoying a typical camp experience. District 7120 is the only Rotary Club in the world to sponsor a camp for children with disabilities. The camp is sponsored by the Rotary Clubs including the Bath, Canisteo, Corning, Chemung Sunrise, Elmira, Elmira Heights, Hammondsport, Hornell, Horseheads, Prattsburgh and Watkins-Montour.

The camp was started in 1963 by Jerry Kohena who had a child with a disability. Jerry worked with other members of the club to develop the camp, which after a couple of other sites, now takes place at Watson Homestead in Coopers Plains. The kids are treated to daily activities and field trips coordinated by participating Rotary Clubs including pizza/dancy party, cookouts, movie night with popcorn, and lots of activities at Watson Homestead. The Watkins-Montour Rotary Club serves pizza to campers at Clute Park, followed by a ride on the Watkins Glen fire truck and a boat ride on Seneca Lake. On Friday, Camp STAR hosts an awards ceremony and recognizes one of their counselors with an award in honor of Jerry Kohena.

The sponsoring clubs contribute to Camp STAR in various ways. Each club is assessed a fee to support the camp - \$38/member. The camp also hosts an annual golf tournament and Bridgette takes the lead on organizing volunteers for the NASCAR race at WGI for a sizeable donation to the camp. If you have any questions about Camp STAR or would like to volunteer at the camp, please inquire with Bridgette.



NEXT MEETING: AUGUST 9

PROGRAM: Welcome District Governor, Mike Slovak

HOST: Rebekah Carroll

GREETER: Judy Cherry

GUESTS: John Nguyen, guest of Club

RAFFLE WINNER: Stan Beaver

AUCTION: Jim Howell donated an amazing apple pie from Monica's Pies in Naples, NY – along with a can of whipped cream won by John Nguyen!
July: Matt Hayden, Dean Hillyard; August: Brian Kenney and Judy Keough

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

NASCAR VOLUNTEERING FOR CAMP STAR: Please sign up with Bridgette to volunteer for the NASCAR races at WGI. There are 180 spots to fill with only 300 Rotarians among the clubs supporting Camp STAR.

THANK YOU NOTE: A thakn you note from the Watkins Glen Public Library for the club's donation.

LIONS CLUB PARTNERSHIP: Mark your calendars for November 12 at 6 PM at Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel for our join effort with Lions Club to recognize area Vietnam Veterans with a dinner. Tickets will be \$22 for members.

LUNCH PUNCH CARD: You have a new option to pre-pay for lunches. Purchase a lunch punch card for \$60, good for 5 lunches, which can be used for yourself or guests. When all 5 punches are filled, turn in your card at the check-in table to be entered for a prize drawing. Cards can be purchased at the check-in table.

THOSE WE MISSED:

D. Argetsinger, J. Chedzoy, T. Clifford, D. Franzese, J. Franzese, G. Gephart, J. Guild, C. Haeffner, F. Hall, M. Hayden, D. Hillyard, B. Kenney, M. Learn, N. Loughlin, D. MacDonald, S. McDivitt, G. Mead, D. Morris, K. Murphy, T. Orbin, E. Peckham, T. Peet, B. Phoenix, J. Preston, M. Rondinaro, N. Ruda, D. Ryan, J. Schultz, D. Sidle, J. Somerville, K. Somerville, D. Stocum, J. Sweet, E. Thaete, T. Weidemann, L. Wickham, M. Williams, K. Wilson

CELEBRATIONS AND CONFESSIONS:

Keith Caslin: Missed Meeting

Stan Beaver: Missed meeting

Michelle Benjamin: Missed meeting

Dena Carrigan: Missed meeting, son's wedding over the weekend!

Linda Confer: Missed meeting

Judy Cherry:

Sarah Agan: Missed meeting

Bridgette Stewart: Missed meeting, Drove to FL in a UHaul

Rich Greenberger: Missed meeting x 3

Jim Howell: Missed meeting, helped daughter move in Memphis

Judy Phillips: Won't be here next week!

John King: Thanks to Judy/SCOPEd helping with 23 CFA grant applications