



# News & Notes

May 2015

## Hark! The Time for Camp Is Nigh!

Lords and ladies, peasants, kings, and fools - all are welcome at this year's WALH summer camp for a wonderful week at the Renaissance fair! **This year's camp dates have changed. They will be Saturday, August 8th to Friday, August 14th** at Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek. Once again, camp will begin on Saturday for both volunteers and campers. A wide array of exciting activities are planned. Here are some things to be prepared for:

- A Renaissance Fair! There will be a host of exciting activities, such as a water balloon throwing contest, an archery contest, an obstacle course, flower crown making, medieval board games, and more!
- Troublemakers will be put in the stocks – bring money to help them raise funds for WALH and to get out of stocks!
- An evening pool party with games, music and camaraderie!
- Campfires
- Outdoor movie showing (weather permitting)
- A scavenger hunt with Amazing Race-like clues
- A catapult-building contest (materials will be provided)
- Cribbage, poker, and 500 tournaments
- Trail rides
- Arts and Crafts with bleach-decorating of camp t-shirts
- A Renaissance Dance!

The application is now available on our new With A Little Help, Inc. website at <http://walh.org>. You can find links to the applications right on the front page or in the upper menu, under Summer Camp. Applications are due June 14th, and confirmations will be mailed by July 12th. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Erica at [cc@walh.org](mailto:cc@walh.org). We look forward to seeing you all in August!



## *We Still Need Some Things for Camp!*

### Medical Staff!

This year due to the change in date, we are especially looking for a volunteer camp nurse or doctor. If you know anyone who would be able to come to camp and fill this role, please let us know and encourage them to volunteer!

### Wish List!

We are still in need of the following items:

- Hamburgers and hamburger buns
- Hot dogs and hot dog buns
- Marshmallows
- Graham crackers
- Chocolate bars
- Peanut butter cups
- Individual/snack size bags of chips
- Individual cookie or other treat packs
- Individual packs of nuts
- Granola bars
- Protein bars
- Soda
- Bottled water
- Bleach pens
- Fake flowers
- Temporary tattoos
- Henna tattoo kits
- Tongue depressors

### Donations!

We could always use additional sponsors. If you know of a person or organization willing to give a financial contribution for camp, please encourage them to do so! It costs \$742 for every camper and volunteer to attend for the week, so every little bit helps!

## Membership Socials

### Marty's WALH Summer Cookout

As a kickoff to summer, on May 23, the Van Haren family hosted a cookout for WALH friends in Middleton, Wisconsin. Marty and family prepared meat, beverages, and a great site for a bonfire. Approximately 15 people attended and enjoyed a beautiful evening with friends.

### WALH Summer Picnic

Miss all your WALH family? Never fear! June 6th at 2:00 pm we will be having the final board meeting before camp. After the board meeting, WALH will be hosting a summer picnic. Come for the meeting to get the inside scoop on summer camp! Stay for the picnic! WALH will be providing the meat and soda/water. Please bring a dish to pass. This event will be located at 1459 E. Main St., Madison, WI 53703. We hope to see you all there!



### Pre-camp Kickoff

Saturday, August 1, WALH will be hosting a one-day camp adventure open to all camp friends. Campers and volunteers who are fired up to come to camp the following week, as well as those who are not able to attend due to the change in date are encouraged to come and enjoy a camp-like atmosphere and activities to gear up for the camp week! Whether you hail from Madison, Milwaukee, Illinois, or somewhere in between, we hope you can join us for a good time to get excited for camp. Details to follow on Facebook and camp website.

**SATURDAY,  
AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup>**



A one day  
**CAMP ADVENTURE**  
with all of your  
**WALH FRIENDS!**

**Hans' House**  
**W4272 Spruce Dr.**  
**Watertown, WI**

Details  
coming  
soon.

### WALH Has a New Website!

With A Little Help has made wonderful new changes to its website, <http://walh.org>! In a beautiful new layout, this site provides information on summer camp and upcoming events, raffle winners, access to applications, photo galleries, and abundant information for campers, volunteers and sponsors. Thanks especially to Mike Hlavenka and With Gusto (<http://workwithgusto.com>) for designing and developing the website!

While we are very excited to announce this change, we still welcome your input. Please submit any comments, photos or ideas to [web@walh.org](mailto:web@walh.org). Do you have computer or website maintenance skills? We are still looking for a permanent webmaster. Please contact us if you have interest in this role.

As part of this change, the board of directors will now be easier to contact through new email addresses. See the back page of this newsletter for new contact info!



## Fundraising Successes!

### *Year-Long Raffle*

This year, the WALH year-long raffle sold 781 tickets. Each month, four winners are selected to win a \$50 prize. This fundraiser was a great success, with more than \$5 thousand in profits!

#### **May 2015 Raffle Winners are...**

Janet C., Wind Lake, WI – Sold by Peg Taubenheim

Edna F., Jefferson, WI – Sold by Edna Foelker

Lauren O., Janesville, WI – Sold by Lauren Oftedahl

Michael's Helping Hands, Waukesha, WI – Sold by Julie and Jenny Chaloupka

#### **April 2015 Raffle Winners are...**

Cheryl L., Waukesha, WI - Sold by Tom Downs

Cindy B., Janesville, WI – Sold by Rick Sokolinski

Cheryl L., Waukesha, WI - Sold by Tom Downs

Matthew B., Waterford, WI – Sold by Tom Downs

## *Future Fundraising Opportunities*

Keep your calendars open for these great WALH fundraising opportunities coming soon. Additional details to be announced soon!

- **Fondy Vintage Auto Club's Car-A-Funda car show 2015**  
July 26th, Fond du Lac, WI
- **Carrabba's Wine Tasting**  
August 24th, Greenfield, WI

### *Buffalo Wild Wings*

Buffalo Wild Wings in Janesville, Wisconsin, supported With A Little Help, Inc. on Wednesday, April 22nd! Diners who presented the event ticket had 10% of their total bill donated to WALH!

### *Chili's Fundraiser*

Diners who ate at ANY CHILI'S location in Wisconsin or Illinois from May 9th through MAY 16th could present a voucher, and With A Little Help, Inc. received 15% of the bill!

### *Flower Power Fundraising*

With A Little Help has again partnered with Flower Power Fundraising for a beautiful way to support our organization. Anyone who purchased flower bulbs or plants before March 31 through our dedicated webpage received orders shipped directly to their homes. With A Little Help received 50% of every dollar sold!

## *Save the Date for Future Camps!*

This year, the change in summer camp dates to August 8-14 was an unexpected change for the board of directors and everyone associated with WALH. The decision to change was not an easy one to make because it impacted our membership, our volunteers and our donors. However, Camp Wawbeek and Easter Seals have shown that they treasure the long-term relationship with WALH by extending substantial financial concessions which will be a great benefit to With A Little Help. We are confident that we can move forward and plan for the following future camp dates:

- **2015 Fall Camp: October 23rd - 25th**
- **2016 Summer Camp: July 30th - August 5th**



## Featured Members

### Featured Camper: Becky Trachinski

Becky, a valued member of WALH for over 20 years, has had nothing but excitement and love for summer camp, since the beginning. She is known for her positive attitude and being fun to be around, while still maintaining a fierce reputation on the 500 field. Her positive and energetic attitude made camp a memorable experience for those around her, whether you were floating around with her in the pool or witnessing her next masterpiece in Arts and Crafts. When she is not at summer camp, she balances a lot of her time between being a teacher in the Milwaukee Public School system and her two beautiful children and lifemate, Mike.

Unfortunately, Becky has recently been diagnosed with bilateral triple negative breast cancer (<http://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/triple-negative-breast-cancer>). While her treatment is inhibiting the amount she can work, the medical bills are quickly adding up. Any monetary donation that can help to relieve some of this financial stress would be greatly appreciated by Becky and her family.

<https://www.gofundme.com/teambecky>



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