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Bud and Georgia Johnson

Inducted on to Camp Courageous Honorary Board

The Camp Courageous Board of Directors announced at the Pineapple Gala that Bud and Georgia Johnson of Monticello, IA had been selected to the Honorary Board, the highest honor the Camp can bestow on anyone. They join the ranks of individuals like Leo Greco, Tait Cummins, and a small number of others who have made a huge impact in the success of Camp Courageous in the eyes of thousands of campers with disabilities.

The Johnsons could be best described as a couple, 'where the more they have given, the more it has come back to them many times over.' They have touched the lives of an endless number of individuals throughout the world with their kindness and often leveling the playing field for those who do not have the same advantages as others. Camp Courageous has been humbled and honored to be one of many to share in the Johnson's blessings.

In 1983 when Bud Johnson moved to Monticello, he had little more than a U-Haul truck and an idea to establish the Iowa branch of MinnTex Citrus, an already up-and-coming company that started two years prior in Windom, Minnesota. Through MinnTex, Bud and Georgia Johnson provide fresh quality fruit and meat/sausage products for fundraising projects in schools and other organizations looking for a great product at a great price. MinnTex is a super fund raising opportunity, but Bud and Georgia take it a step further and teach students the ability to learn how a business works.



Toward the end of each season comes the donation of thousands of dollars in

fresh fruit, meats, and cheeses to Camp Courageous, which the campers love.

Bud and Georgia are sports enthusiasts and have given thousands of young people the opportunity to play sports and grow personally into outstanding individuals. The Johnsons have witnessed first-hand how sports has reshaped individuals through team building, leadership skills, social interaction, cooperation, compromise, and of course, better health. From little league in Monticello, IA to the University of Iowa Football, Women's Basketball and Women's Volleyball Teams, Bud and Georgia have opened their hearts and their home to hundreds of athletes from Iowa. It was important to them that these young athletes realize how blessed they are. Thus, anytime University of Iowa players visited the Johnson's home, a trip to Camp Courageous was a part of the outing. The campers were amazed as they visited with the Iowa athletes, who were rock stars in their eyes, and it was a very emotional, eye opening experience for the players.



Since coming to Monticello, Bud and Georgia Johnson have played a leadership role at Camp Courageous. Both have assisted thousands of people to their seats as hosts at dozens of Camp Courageous Open Houses and Omelet and Pancake Breakfasts. Many times they have dressed-up so they stood out for people to see. Georgia has served on the Pineapple



Committee for years and has helped fill the shoes of many friends and giants on this committee that Camp has lost, including Tom Eggleston, Kay Pitlik, Ralph Palmer, Don Kouba, and Winnie Williams. She has made a name for herself, by bringing in the top auction items.

Bud and Georgia have led many campaigns to better Camp Courageous. They were among the first to step forward and help in a big way with the purchase of the Pictured Rocks Addition to Camp Courageous (formerly the Pictured Rocks United Methodist Church) Most recently they provided Camp with two new Pickle Ball Courts because of their love of Pickle Ball. They were key with the Zipline, Multipurpose Field, Solar, and more.



The Johnsons have dedicated decades of time and resources to Camp Courageous and in addition they have introduced hundreds of organizations and thousands of friends to Camp Courageous for which Camp will be forever grateful! It is truly an honor to induct Bud and Georgia Johnson on to the Camp Courageous Honorary Board.



Here are some of the **major players** that made this year's **Pineapple Gala and Pineapple Sales** a huge success. A big thank you to (L-R) Andy Petersen (MC); Gary Dolphin (MC); Amy Rouse, Camp Board Chair, accepting a check from Hy-Vee for their selling of Pineapples, Jenny Townsend, Hy-Vee and KC Lyons, Hy-Vee. Early signs appear that this could be, financially, the best Gala for Camp.



Thank you to the **Cedar Rapids Washington Women's Swim Team**, who played a huge role in the set-up of the Pineapple Gala. Special thanks to Amy Rouse for coordinating the help! They enjoyed checking out the 50-year-old VW being raffled by Camp Courageous.



Key to the success of the Pineapple Gala and Sales is a very dedicated and hard-working committee. Pictured are **members of the 2022 Pineapple Committee**. (Front, L-R) Jenny Townsend, Hy-Vee; Lori Davidson, Volunteer; Sonya Belew, Camp; Jim Klinger, Honorary Board Member; Sharon Kouba, Volunteer; Mary Van Houten, Board; (Back) KC Lyons, Hy-Vee; Matt Bollwitt, Camp; Stu Davidson, Volunteer; Trish Recker, Board; Amy Rouse, Board Chair; Lesa Ackman, Volunteer; Diane Pitlik, Board; Randy Lee-WMT/Honorary Board Member; Not pictured Honorary Board Member Georgia Johnson (who obtains many of the top auction items!). The Pineapple Gala committee is always looking for new members. If you, or someone you know is interested please contact Charlie at: cbecker@campcourageous.org

Remembering Long-time Camp supporter and friend Tom Brooke

Camp Courageous was deeply saddened by the recent passing of **Tom Brooke** of West Liberty, IA. Tom and his wife, Mary Pat, were at Camp Courageous



just a few months ago to celebrate the Rotary Music Park and the Monticello Rotary's 100th Anniversary. Tom had been an active Rotary member longer than anyone in Iowa at 70+ years. He and Mary Pat have been involved with Camp Courageous for over 40 years.

Tom's involvement with Camp began in 1981 when the Oil Jobbers of Iowa Board of Directors met at Camp Courageous and decided to take Camp under their wing at a very difficult time for Camp. As a DX Jobber, he joined a small group who gave annually with their donations matched by the DX Brand. Tom also brought a musical group called the Convenient Singers to Camp to sing and entertain the campers regularly in the 80s.



In this picture, Tom and Mary Pat are holding a photo that is displayed in the camp's office of (L-R) Ed and Marie Kistenmacher, Tom and Mary Pat Brooke, and Henrietta and Norb Bahl. The group is standing next to Camp's gazebo that was given in honor of Ed Kistenmacher's 33 years as Director of the Petroleum Marketers of Iowa (now FUEL Iowa).

While visiting Camp, Tom and Mary Pat picked up their annual 60 fruitcakes they give to family and friends. They don't come any finer than Tom Brooke. His sincerity of purpose, kindness, and integrity was exceptional. Camp's sincerest sympathy goes out to Mary Pat, along with their sons, Bruce, Darren, and Scott. Tom wished for his memorials to go to Camp Courageous.

Neumeyer Family dedicates new road at Camp Courageous



It was the perfect summer day at Camp Courageous as the Neumeyer Family celebrated the 60th anniversary of Butch and Patsy Neumeyer of Walker, IA with the dedication of the Neumeyer Family Road. This new road is located at the Camp Courageous Pictured Rocks Addition. The Neumeyer Family have been long time supporters going back to some of the Camp's earliest days.

Next to their road a plaque will read the following:

The Neumeyer family is proud to support Camp Courageous. Butch and Patsy Neumeyer have three children – Steve, Greg and Vicki. Their involvement with Camp began in the late 70s when Steve Neumeyer worked at the Camp. Greg Neumeyer worked in banking and assisted several families that had connections to the Camp. Vicki Neumeyer Remington was a neonatal nurse and cared for many children who benefited from the Camp.

Butch and Patsy Neumeyer are residents of Walker, Iowa.

Butch and Patsy Neumeyer

Steve and Faye Neumeyer

Greg, Debbie, Katie and Matt Neumeyer

Scott, Vicki and Braden Remington

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Bloomsbury Farm selects Camp as non-profit partner for corn maze

Camp Courageous is honored to be chosen as the non-profit charity featured by Bloomsbury Farm as the subject of their annual fall corn maze. Bloomsbury Farm has incorporated the Camp's logo into their maze design for 2022 as well as a tribute to the Camp's 50th anniversary.



Bloomsbury Farm held a corn maze reveal event on September 1st to showcase the Camp Courageous design. The Peterson Family-owned operation opened the farm exclusively for over 100 campers to enjoy all of their activities and be part of a reveal event. Economic Alliance members, Bloomsbury Farm staff, and Camp Courageous campers and staff participated in an official ribbon cutting during the reveal. One of camp's first campers, Charlie Cummins, had the honor of cutting the ribbon to officially open the maze for the season.

Camp Courageous campers came from all over Iowa to be part of the Bloomsbury Farm corn maze reveal event and enjoy a day at the farm.

Before and after the ribbon cutting of the corn maze, Campers had fun with a giant slide, petting zoo, jumping pillow, swings, and more. The farm has an all-accessible hayride, which allowed all campers an opportunity to be included.



The Bloomsbury Farm staff went all-out to make sure all of the campers had a great experience.



Bloomsbury Farm will open their corn maze to the public on September 16th and will remain open through October 30th. Camp Courageous looks forward to seeing how thousands of visitors will enjoy the maze and learn more about Camp. Beyond incorporating the Camp's logo and 50th anniversary into the maze design, the farm staff have placed factoids about Camp Courageous throughout the maze so visitors can learn more details about how Camp serves individuals of all ages with disabilities. Bloomsbury Farm is making it possible to introduce thousands of individuals to Camp Courageous and the work they do for individuals with disabilities.



Bloomsbury put the Camp's logo in their corn maze design for 2022. They also included the Camp's 50th anniversary into the design.



enriching the lives of so many kids and we are so grateful to be a small part of it!" What a wonderful couple and what a heartwarming thing to do. It is extra special to witness the genuine desire to 'give back' passed down through the many generations. We wish Sydney and Gabe all the best and a lifetime of happiness together!

Congratulations to **Sydney Cone and Gabe Christianson** on their May 21, 2022, Wedding. Instead of gifts for themselves they asked that gifts be given to Camp Courageous along with the Cedar Rapids Inferno and Critter Crusaders. Sydney is the granddaughter of Camp Courageous Honorary Board Members Tom and Sonja Penaluna and daughter to Jodie Kollsmith. Sydney writes, "Camp Courageous has been such a special place to my family for so many years. We hope this donation helps to continue

C.U.B.S. continue to support Camp through annual RAGBRAI benefit



The **Chicago Urban Bicycle Society (C.U.B.S.)** once again came through in a huge way with their annual dinner/auction during RAGBRAI (Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa) to benefit Camp Courageous. At Thursday's overnight stop in Charles City they had their dinner/auction in an old railcar which was a lot of fun! On the left side of the car is long-time rider Norm Parker followed by Brad Prendergast, who organized this year's event. Brad has been a key player for decades. Behind Brad is Camp Board Member Jim Foels and his wife, Elsie. Each year the Foels offer an Iowa Farm Experience to the high bidder, which has been a huge hit! This relationship with the C.U.B.S. started 17 years ago and has grown in many positive ways over the years. Absolutely super group!



Camp Courageous was thrilled to have **Norm Parker and his daughter, Nicole Parker** from Chicago visit this summer. Norm was a wrestler for University of Iowa pre-Dan Gable and fell in love with Camp Courageous through the C.U.B.S. (Chicago Urban Bicycle Society). He is one of those individuals who wears his heart on his sleeve. He was overwhelmed by the good that goes on at Camp and talked for the longest time about showing his daughter why he loves Camp Courageous so much. Norm participated in RAGBRAI 2022 with the C.U.B.S. and it was great to see him again in Charles City for their fund raiser for Camp. We are grateful for the C.U.B.S. for their years of support!

1971 VW Bus Raffle

Celebrating Camp's 50th Anniversary



LAST FEW MONTHS TO BUY YOUR TICKET!

www.campcourageous.org

\$100 per ticket

Drawing to be held on

December 31, 2022 at 12 PM CST.

Ticket sales will end 24 hours prior to drawing.

Need not be present to win.



MAKES A GREAT HOLIDAY STOCKING STUFFER!



To scan QR code, open camera app, point at code, tap screen.



Scan this code to visit VW web page to see more photos, view FOX video, buy tickets:

1971 VW Bus donated by Charlie Becker in honor of Camp Courageous' 50th Anniversary.
For more info and buy tickets go to www.campcourageous.org/71VW

FOX Sports uses Camp's VW Bus as part of Field of Dreams promo



The 1971 VW Bus that is being raffled as part of Camp Courageous' 50th Anniversary took a detour to the Field of Dreams in August to be part of a FOX Sports video. The VW Bus played a part to recreate the drive taken in the Field of Dreams movie, but this time the ride included FOX Sports personalities **David Ortiz, Alex Rodriguez, Johnny Bench, and Kevin Burkhardt**. The video aired on FOX before the Cubs vs. Red Sox game that was hosted at the Field of Dreams.

Camp Courageous was contacted by a FOX Sport production assistant that was desperately trying to find a classic VW Bus that was similar to the one in the Field of Dreams movie. The assistant found the Camp's VW through a friend who saw the Camp's raffle promotion (see video at <https://campcourageous.org/71vw>).



Alex Rodriguez and Johnny Bench



David Ortiz



The FOX Sports personalities and staff were extremely nice to work with and learned about Camp Courageous through this experience. **David, Alex, Johnny, and Kevin all agreed to sign the glove compartment door** of the VW in hopes it may help to sell more raffle tickets and benefit the Camp.

COCOA BOMBS!

Camp's Annual Cocoa Bomb sales starts in October 2022 and runs through April 2023. This hot winter treat is made in the camp's commercial kitchen. They are as delicious as they are beautiful, with many yummy flavors to choose from. These make great gifts for those who have everything, or a nice stocking stuffer for the kids!



Inside the delectable chocolate shell, are a delightful combination of flavors & ingredients that melt into a scrumptious cup of **steaming gourmet cocoa** once hot milk is poured over it. Be sure and look for the Camp Courageous edible sticker on the marshmallow! Cocoa bombs are sold online, in the Camp store, and select retail locations. Each online order is made fresh as soon as the order is placed and have a shelf life of 8 months.



To order Cocoa Bombs, go online here: <https://campcourageous.org/cocoa-bombs>



A special thank you to (L-R) **Joe McDonnell, Monticello; Scott Ward, Cascade; Johnny Bader, Monticello; and Jeff Pitlik (not pictured), Anamosa**; for volunteering their Sunday and Monday to lay block for the new dugouts at the new ball field at the Macek/Papke MultiPurpose Field. Jeff Pitlik was visiting with Johnny Bader during a fishing trip about the progress being made at Camp. Johnny was quick to step forward and gather friends to volunteer with some masonry work. Johnny Bader, along with other members of the Hub/Bader family, volunteered to lay stone when the first buildings were erected at Camp in 1973. Great to have this winning team at Camp!



The Pineapple Gala wouldn't be complete without the wonderful auction items donated by the late **Peggy Weber Family and her sister Paulette Schmitz Family**. For years, Mike and Peggy Weber of Jesup, along with Paulette and Pat Schmitz (L-R) of Delaware, Arkansas and their families would fill the board room tables with Pineapple Gala auction items. Even though Peggy passed at the age of 64 of COVID, the family has kept the tradition alive in her memory. The Schmitzs brought a beautiful hand-crafted cedar chest and other woodcraft items, which are big hits. The Webers also bring all kinds of toys and tools that are hot items. Peggy and Paulette were sisters. Mike Weber is pictured above with his daughter, Lindsey.



Thank you to the **Cedar Rapids Elks Lodge #251** for over 20 years of support! Pictured are (L-R) Ricky Arbogast, Iowa Elks NE District Vice President, and Roy Schultz, Exalted Ruler of the Cedar Rapids Elks, presenting a donation to Camp Courageous funded by an Elks National Foundation Gratitude Grant. A wonderful group!



St. John's Bliedorn Stewardship group from Grand Mound enjoyed some fellowship and fun while they created these beautiful quilts and fleece blankets for the campers at Camp Courageous. Thanks to Sandy McAvan (L) and son Jeff Lux (R) for delivering them to camp. Jeff has enjoyed traveling with the camp's Travel Program in the past and even wore a T-shirt he received on one of his trips.



It was a treat to have (right) **Gene and Lorna Hoefflin** and (left) their daughter and husband, **Jim and Carol Oberfoell**, all of Dubuque, visit and tour Camp Courageous. They have been supporting Camp for decades. Lorna was one of my supervisors in the early and mid 70's at Dubuque Bank & Trust. I have been forever grateful to DB&T for giving me the opportunity to start out in their coin department at about 16 years-old and eventually become a teller for eight hours during the day and to do custodial work for eight hours after the bank would close. Those 16-hour days provided me a great base to get through high school and college with no debt. Before DB&T I worked at Spahn & Rose Lumber when I was 14, where Jim currently works. S&R provided me the foundation from which I learned a lot about the building trades. It was heartwarming to renew this friendship. -Charlie



(L-R) **Cory Watts** (grandson) from Kentucky and **John Watts** (son) from Minnesota hold a picture of Helen Watts, longtime Camp Courageous Board Member and Honorary Board Member during a recent visit to Camp. Helen helped Camp make remarkable strides during her 40-year involvement. She was from Dubuque and lived to be 100 years old. Helen was an exceptional leader for Camp Courageous and for hundreds of future teachers that went through the University of Dubuque Education Program.



Dave Wethington is a talented wood worker who, once again, created some amazing hand-made dulcimers and license plate guitars for camp. In addition, he found some wood from a tree that was destroyed by the derecho in August of 2020 and crafted this delightful stool. Thanks to Dave for sharing his talents!



Zipline rides continue to be a big hit with campers of all ages.

FUEL Iowa ROUND UP FOR CAMP!

Wednesday, November 23, 2022

The day before giving thanks, you can benefit Camp Courageous by saying... **"Round-Up my purchase!"**

During Round-Up when you fill up with gas or make any purchase of food, beverages, or other items at participating FUEL Iowa stores you can ask to "round up" your total to the nearest dollar or any amount and it will go to Camp Courageous.



Camp Courageous FRUITCAKES!

Camp Courageous' famous fruitcakes are now ready to ship for that special holiday treat! These are the fruitcakes even non-fruitcake eaters love.

Camp Courageous fruitcakes are stuffed with candied cherries, diced pineapple, English walnuts, Brazil nuts, pecans, golden raisins, sweetened coconut, and just enough cake batter to hold everything together. These one-pound cakes contain no alcohol or citron and are fresh frozen the day after baking.

Fruitcakes are best stored, cut, and served right from the freezer. They are packed with so much fruit and nuts they crumble if cut at room temperature! All proceeds go toward serving Camp's individuals with disabilities.



Use the form below to mail-in your order for fruitcakes. You can also buy fruitcakes online by scanning the QR code to jump to the Fruitcakes web page. You can also go to: <https://campcourageous.org/fruitcakes>



2022 CAMP COURAGEOUS FRUITCAKE SALE LOCATIONS

Available starting **EARLY NOVEMBER** at these locations - call or get updates on camp website.

Location	Store	Location	Store	Location	Store
Amana	Amana Meat Shop & Smokehouse Ox Yoke Inn	Dyersville	Randy's Neighborhood Market	Muscatine	Fareway Mailboxes & Packages
Ames	Fareway (Burnett Ave) Hy-Vee (Lincoln Way)	Grinnell	Uhlmann's Furniture	North Liberty	Fareway
Anamosa	Fareway	Hiawatha	Fareway	Oelwein	Fareway
Calamus	Steffens Tap	Independence	Fareway	Oskaloosa	Fareway
Cascade	Brothers Market	Iowa City	Fareway (Commerce Drive)	Peosta	Fareway
Cedar Falls	Fareway (Magnolia Dr)		Fareway (Westwinds Drive)	Solon	Sam's Main St. Market
Cedar Rapids	Fareway (16th Ave SW) Fareway (1st Ave SE) 16th Avenue Grill		Pagliai's Pizza Hy-Vee (1st Ave)	Stanwood	Ditto's Family Restaurant
	Scott's Family Restaurant	Manchester	Fareway	Tipton	Family Foods
Center Point	Center Point Foods	Maquoketa	Fareway	Vinton	Fareway
Clinton	Fareway	Marengo	Big G Food Store	Waterloo	Fareway Greco & Associates Financial Services
Davenport	Masonic Center	Marion	Cafe Country Kitchen	Washington	Fareway
Des Moines	Hy-Vee (Euclid Ave)	Monticello	Fareway	Waukeg	Hy-Vee
DeWitt	Cram Chiropractic		Savor the Barn	Waverly	Hy-Vee Fareway
Dubuque	Fareway Theisen's	Mt. Pleasant	Brown Bear's Basket Antiques	West Des Moines	Fareway (Grande Ave.)
		Mt. Vernon	Gary's Foods	Williamsburg	Uhlmann's Furniture

If you or your company would like to help sell Camp Courageous fruitcakes contact Tim Raine at tim@campcourageous.org or call 319-465-5916, ext. 2180.

Order Your Camp Courageous Fruitcakes • 2022

Your Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, St, Zip: _____
 Phone: _____

Make checks payable to: **Camp Courageous**
 Mail this form to: **Tim Raine**
Camp Courageous
PO Box 418
Monticello, IA 52310-0418

Questions or comments: (319) 465-5916, ext. 2180

ITEM	AMOUNT
1 lb. Fruitcake: Qty: ____ x \$10.00 ea. =	\$
Shipping and handling: \$7.00 for the first cake, \$2.00 for each additional cake to the same address	\$
Donation:	\$
Grand Total:	\$



Would you like to have a cake shipped directly to a friend or family member? Please include a list of names and addresses if you wish to have your order mailed to different locations. **(Shipping starts at \$7 for each unique address.)**

Charlie's remembrances on some of Camp's loved ones...

Camp Courageous is saddened upon hearing of the recent passing of **Dorothy Fauser** of Elgin, IA. Dorothy, and her husband, Don, were part of the Iowa Oil Jobbers, (formerly known as the Petroleum Marketers of Iowa and today as FUEL Iowa) who visited Camp Courageous in 1981 and decided to take Camp Courageous under their wing. Dorothy was all things good. A super wife, mother, grandmother, and a great supporter of causes like Camp Courageous. Her visits to Camp or Camp's visits to Elgin... were always uplifting. Dorothy and Don were married 63 years until Don's passing in 2013. Camp's sympathy goes out to Dorothy's family and friends.



Camp Courageous was saddened by the recent passing of **Bill Frommelt**, 95, of Dubuque. Bill and his late wife, Kay, were long-time supporters of Camp and long-time personal friends, going back 50 years. Bill and Kay would stop by to visit every few months as they would have their car serviced in Monticello. After Kay's passing, Bill donated his beautiful 2000 Buick Park Ave with only 55,000 miles on it to Camp. Bill and Kay were as good, caring, and nice a couple as anyone could ever meet. Camp's sympathy goes out to Bill and Kay's daughters, Mary Borders of Gilbert, AZ, and Sue May of Rockford IL, along with their other family and friends. Both Kay and Bill asked that their memorials go to Camp Courageous.



Camp Courageous is saddened by the recent passing of **Janet Wagner** (R). Pictured is past Board President and Camp's longest serving board member (L) Kay Pitlik presenting a Trail Blazer Award to Janet who was a true trailblazer during the 1960s thru the 1980s for people with special needs. She was there along with Camp's dear friends and past board members Dotty Cummins, Frieda Thomas, Kay Pitlik, and others. They met regularly at the Danish Maid Bakery in Cedar Rapids. Janet was huge on taking those with special needs out of the closet and into the mainstream. They were all some of the nicest people in the world, but when they were on a mission for what was right, which we take for granted today... one did not stand in their way. Camp's sympathy goes out to Janet's children, Wade, Keely, and one of Camp Courageous' first campers, Brook, along with family and friends.



Camp Courageous extends its sympathy to the family and friends of legendary stage hypnotist **Jim Wand**, who recently took his final bow. In the early years of the Pineapple Gala, it was a combination of dinner and entertainment. Originally, it was a Hawaiian dinner and entertainers from the Hawaii Islands. Later, Camp piggy backed off the celebrities playing in the Amana VIP Golf Tournament, like George "Goober" Lindsey, or Camp would have a real "Pineapple Ball" with the Hunter Fuerste Band performing. For several years, Camp had hypnotist Jim Wand perform. Jim was a huge hit and eventually his shows gained popularity to 300 shows a year. When Jim wasn't available to perform Camp had one of his early students and mentor, Al Snyder perform. Al had a sister who attended camp, which made him extra special. After Jim's performances the guests would often say, "I never laughed so hard in my life!" What a wonderful life Jim lived, bringing happiness and joy to the lives of so many.



Camp Courageous was saddened by the recent passing of **Melvin Weber** of Jesup. Melvin's support of Camp Courageous goes back nearly 50 years to at least 1976! Along the way Melvin had family and friends join him in supporting Camp, which included his wonderful wife, Esther, and seven sons, Gary O. (Marge) Weber of Jesup, Peter (Lois) Weber of Evansdale, Michael Weber of Jesup, David (Karen) Weber of Waterloo, Melvin E. Weber of San Diego, CA, Irvin (Jane) Weber of Jesup, Elmer (Valerie) Weber of Jesup; three daughters, Donna (Irvin) Delagardelle of Jesup, Karen (David) Even of Jesup, Theresa (Jim) Bovy of Waterloo; 28 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren. Melvin will be dearly missed at all the Camp Courageous fund raisers which he seldom missed. He leaves a wonderful legacy through his family.



Dolores Propst (L), 97 of Manchester, IA recently passed. Pictured is Dolores Propst as she received the Camp Courageous Trail Blazer Award from then Board President Margo Ahrendsen about seven years ago. Dolores had just celebrated her 90th birthday and was stepping down from chairing the Manchester Garage Sale for several years. She had been involved with Camp Courageous for decades and had planned to continue to help. Camp's sympathy goes out to Dolores Family and Friends.



Camp Courageous' sympathy goes out to the family and friends of **Bob Wolf**, 90, of Dubuque, IA. I had the good fortune of knowing Bob for 50 years. Bob was a long-time supporter of Camp, along with being a huge fan of Honorary Camp Courageous Board Member Leo Greco and his Band. Bob would tell stories of Leo and his Band playing in Guttenberg and throughout the area in all kinds of weather and situations. Bob was an incredible athlete and could outperform those half his age. At the same time Bob had the patience and sincerity of purpose to take on those less gifted than himself and make one feel special. Bob was an inspiration to all that knew him. He had a wonderful 'can do' attitude, that made no barrier too large to overcome. Bob recommended folks consider memorials to Hospice of Dubuque, his church, St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Dubuque, or Camp Courageous



Camp Courageous was saddened by the passing of **Nancy Koestner**, 73. She was long-time friend of Camp and WMT employee. My fondest memory of Nancy was when Dotty Cummins (Tait Cummins' wife) had been struggling for months with cancer and needed to establish directives on her desires for her possessions and her for her special needs son, Charlie. Nancy helped Dotty establish the 'Charlie Club,' a large group of friends that would look after Charlie after Dotty passed. Nancy was an exceptional organizer and very detail oriented, which was just what Dotty needed. The end result was a one-of-a-kind masterpiece. Nancy worked for 30 years in the Sports and Farm Departments at WMT Radio. During her time with WMT she was one of very few women on press row at Iowa Hawkeye games doing statistics for Ron Gonder. Nancy desired for her memorials go to Camp Courageous.



Camp Courageous' sympathy goes out to **Charlotte Machacek's** daughters, Beverly and Norma, along with other family and friends upon Charlotte Machacek, 97 of Marion, passing. Charlotte, along with her husband, George, hardly ever missed a Camp Courageous event in decades. Charlotte was a go-getter and dedicated her life to volunteering and serving others. Camp was fortunate to be one of the groups she served. She was one of the first female members of Lions Club, International and was very active with the Lion's Eye Bank in Iowa City. It was the desire of both Charlotte, and her husband, George to have their memorials go to Camp Courageous.



Camp has lost many dear friends who have requested their memorials go to Camp Courageous. Use the envelope included with this newsletter or go to www.campcourageous.org to make a tribute in their name:

- Melvin "Mel" Campbell, Marion
- Wilma Mensen, Dyersville
- Ralph Emanuel, Fairfax
- Edith Suchomel, Vinton
- Ruth Hiem, West Chicago, IL
- Thomasine "Tommie" Gissel, Independence
- Rita Lang, Cedar Rapids
- Linda Jensen, Cedar Rapids
- Zona Hildebrand, Marion
- Donna Manernach, Manchester
- Juanita Schulte, Norway
- LeRoy Peterson, Monticello
- Jeffrey "Jeff" Prentice, Independence
- Marcella Stolba, Cedar Rapids
- Ann Marie White, Marion
- Kristy Ann Booth Songer, Anamosa
- Larry Judd, Clinton
- Ardith Graf, Oelwein
- Evelyn Jewett, Muscatine
- Carrol Ann Stark, Norway

Ron Bechler, 79, of Monticello recently passed. Camp's sympathy goes out to his wife, Nancy, his three daughters, Bethany, Loraine, and Cynthia. Ron was a wonderful good and caring person who loved his family along with the community he lived in and those he worked with. As an active Lions Club member for years, there was no community service project Ron would shy away from. At Camp Courageous Ron donated countless hours in the structural engineering of many of the camp's buildings. His professional advice was priceless and he will be dearly missed by all who knew him. Ron wished for his memorials go to Camp Courageous.

Camp gives its sympathy to the family and friends of **Donna Manernach** of Manchester, IA. Donna was a loyal volunteer at the Manchester Garage Sale for years. She volunteered during some of the most challenging years when there was no air conditioning and temperatures would reach nearly 100 degrees in the former building. No matter the condition, one could always rely on her to have a wonderful smile and a genuine greeting to all. Donna is dearly missed.



Camp Courageous is saddened by the passing of **Marge Ziskovsky**, 95, of Toledo, IA. Marge and her late husband, AJ, were long-time friends (nearly 50 years) and supporters of Camp. Years ago, they donated their beautiful RV to Camp along with a couple portable bikes. The Ziskovskys were incredible role models for many. They lived a life of doing for others. Their legacy will live on in the lives they helped.



Victoria Jean Lerch VonStein, 69, of Cedar Rapids recently passed. Camp's heartfelt sympathy goes out to Vicki's Dad, Dave Schmitt along with Vicki's entire family and friends. Vickie was a secretary at Dave Schmitt Construction. All of Dave's family and the business were very involved with Camp Courageous. Millie Shaw and Vicki were both at St. Luke's Hospital at the same time. The Shaws and the Schmitts were dear friends both in the construction business and both big supporters of Camp through monumental building projects. Their legacies will live on forever at Camp Courageous.



In 1988, **Loren Gunderman** of Des Moines survived a massive stroke. He demonstrated his usual perseverance and determination during his rehabilitation. Loren was active in the Des Moines Stroke Club and when discussion turned to Stroke Camp having their three-day retreat at Camp Courageous, Loren was all in. Stroke Camp helps survivors and caregivers improve their quality of life. That experience was so meaningful that when Loren passed away on Sept. 16, 2010 he had his memorials go to Camp Courageous. Fast forward 12-year on August 22, 2022 at the age of 90 Loren's wife, **Genny**, his primary provider, passed and her memorials came to Camp Courageous too. Camp's sincere sympathy goes out to Loren and Jenny's family and friends. What a heartwarming difference they have made here.



Met **Stan** and Jody **Reynolds** in 1981 when introduced by Casey General Store CEO and Founder, Don Lamberti (also a Camp Courageous Honorary Board Member). Camp became the first charity outside the Des Moines area to receive a major gift from the Des Moines Variety Club...a bus. After Don experienced a ride from the Monticello airport to the Camp in an old marginal bus he said, "I know an organization that can provide you a nice bus to transport campers." Thus was born a relationship that found us together from Variety Telethons to many RAGBRAIs. Stan and Jody introduced Camp Courageous to many friends, back in the 80s, from Steve Blank to the heads of many Des Moines area companies. Stan, Jody, Bob Ray (who was then President of Cedar Rapids based, Life Investors and former Iowa Governor) and Camp Courageous were part of the original team to market Variety Club to Eastern Iowa. Stan and Jody Reynolds were legends...and even though they have passed, the number of lives they made better throughout the world is inconceivable.



Camp Courageous' sympathy goes out to the family and friends of **Millie Shaw** of Manchester, IA. Millie, and her husband, Don, were extremely involved with Camp for over 30 years, particularly in the 90s during a huge turning point for Camp's growth in facilities. Don and Millie Shaw owned Guetzko Construction in Manchester, IA. Guetzko Construction provided equipment, staff, and expertise to projects at camp including the taking down of the old lodge, removing the concrete and footings of that structure, and the digging of the huge basement for the new lodge (over 100' X 100'). They helped with the sewer lines, roadways, and parking lots at base camp. They also did extensive work on the drives and parking lots at the Manchester Garage Sale. Millie was a regular volunteer at the Manchester Garage Sale during an era where there was no air conditioning and the old creamery building would often be up over 100 degrees inside. All that the Shaws did was done at absolutely no charge. Millie and Don were very close friends to Lori and Dave Schmitt, all in the construction business and all generous supporters of Camp Courageous! As Don and Millie headed South for the winter, Dave Schmitt stepped in to carry the torch forward and has for decades. Millie desired for her memorials to go to Camp Courageous.



Camp Courageous' sympathy goes out to the family and friends of **Rita Lange** of Cedar Rapids, who recently passed. Rita was a dear friend of one of the first Camp Courageous Board Members, Kay Pitlik. Rita played in Bridge Marathon Card Groups for over 40 years to benefit Camp Courageous. Rita was a fun spirited person who brought a real joy to her bridge players and everyone she met. Enjoyed reminiscing about Rita with Kay's daughter and current Camp Board Member Diane Pitlik, along with Honorary Board Member Liz Valliere. One can't help but have happy thoughts when thinking of Rita. Rita desired her memorials go to Camp Courageous.



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| ALBUQUERQUE, NM
Rachel Walker | CANTON, OH
Michael and Rebecca Risaliti - In memory of Matthew Risaliti |
| BLUEWATER, NM
Velma Cunningham - In memory of Rev. Fred Fangmann | DUBLIN, OH
Alisa and David Blazek - In memory of Dr James Blazek |
| HENDERSON, NV
John and Mary Ann Cunningham | FINDLAY, OH
Roger Lyon |
| BUFFALO, NY
Marietta Bratton - In memory of Tom Rutkowski | LIBERTY TOWNSHIP, OH
Ron & Kathleen Beymer - In memory of Ruth McDonnell & Drew Sobotka |
| HUNTINGTON, NY
Brian Ruggenberg - In memory of Leyland Ruggenberg | MIAMISBURG, OH
Greyson Howard |
| MERRICK, NY
Stephen Melley - In memory of Leyland Ruggenberg | MILFORD, OH
Mike Huseman |
| | OTTAWA HILLS, OH
Kathleen Kress - In memory of Bill Frommelt |

Lou Ann Kress - In memory of Bill Frommelt

WORTHINGTON, OH
Chuck and Kris Gehring - In memory of Bill Frommelt

YOUNGSTOWN, OH
Peggy Humes

EDMOND, OK
Mike & Gail Grady - In memory of Evelyn M. Jewett

GRESHAM, OR
Marlan and Barbara Rohlena

PORTLAND, OR
Michelle Maina - In memory of Charlie Allan Noaker
Jean & David Simbro - In memory of Ralph Emanuel

BLUFFTON, SC
Richard and Susan Von Maur - In memory of Alice Von Maur McDonald

ELGIN, SC
Jessica Clary - In memory of Rita Lange

RAVENEL, SC
William and Melissa Snyder

SIoux FALLS, SD
Jane & Jeff Gilbery - In memory of Benjamin Reynolds

WAKONDA, SD
Nancy Andresen

BRADYVILLE, TN
Tim Garoutte

BRENTWOOD, TN
Michael Ryan

CHATTANOOGA, TN
Bob & Dianne Richardson - In honor of Verle Haupt's 75th birthday

FRANKLIN, TN
Kathryn Davidson

MURFREESBORO, TN
Jean Johnson - In honor of Sidney & Gabe Christianson's wedding

AMARILLO, TX
Charles Cook - In memory of Joan, Edmund, Ray & Leah Cook

ARLINGTON, TX
Diana Melchert - In memory of Mary Lou Kaiser

AZLE, TX
Casey Carlettine

CHANDLER, TX
Andy & Allison Lehr & Family - In memory of Michael Rose

COMFORT, TX
Michael Brunsvold

EL PASO, TX
Chris Meyer

FORT WORTH, TX
Nancy S Piepho - In memory of Diane M. Wheeler

HOUSTON, TX
Scott and Vicki Remington

IRVING, TX
Wayne and Kay Hadley - In memory of Jay Cowguill

KERRVILLE, TX
Harold Horstmann - In memory of Leyland Rugeberg

LOCKHART, TX
Martha Cantu - In memory of Therese Melchert

MIDLAND, TX
Anne Gorden - In memory of Larry Judd

PHARR, TX
Naomi Dunn - In memory of Joseph Brown

PLANO, TX
Brett Lansing

SHERMAN, TX
Scott Jasper

SULPHUR SPRINGS, TX
Dean Erger - In memory of Ralph Emanuel

TROPHY CLUB, TX
Elizabeth Jewett - In memory of Evelyn M. Jewett

WICHITA FALLS, TX
Linda Burke - In memory of Larry Judd

ALEXANDRIA, VA
Jill Tracey
Tobin and Andrea Tracey

BLACKBURG, VA
Helen Lentner - In memory of Joseph Brown

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA
Kevin and Krista Weih - In memory of LeRoy Peterson

FAIRFAX, VA
Melissa Alumbaugh - In memory of Sandra Bjurstrom

LAKE RIDGE, VA
Mary Lee Praetz - In memory of Ann Marie White

WAYNESBORO - VA, VA
Duane Hill - In memory of Harold, Margaret and John Hill

WOODBIDGE, VA
Martha Kobliska - In memory of Lynn Kobliska

DUVALL, WA
Shirley Gibb

EDMONDS, WA
Nathan Staley

KENT, WA
Kenner Ahrendsen

PORT ORCHARD, WA
Debbie McComber

REDMOND, WA
Kevin Rolfe - In memory of Curt Behnke and David Herman
Microsoft Corporation


SHORELINE, WA
Jay Michael Ruehlen

APPLETON, WI
Gene and LaVonne Diemer Memorial

BAILEYS HARBOR, WI
Jean Davison - In memory of Zona A. Hildebrand

BROOKFIELD, WI
Janet Isbister - In memory of Leyland Rugeberg

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Camp Courageous Vermazen-Carver Aquatic Center Information

Daily Admission: \$6/Swimmer
Punch Card: \$80/15 Swims

Lap Swim, Water Aerobics, and Family/Open Swim sessions are available throughout the year. Calendar shows the general time line. Refer to web site for exact dates and times.

<https://campcourageous.org/indoor-pool>

POOL CALENDAR FOR GENERAL PUBLIC

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
LAP SWIM: 6:30-8AM, M-F											
WATER AEROBICS, 9-9:45 AM, M-F											
FAMILY/OPEN SWIM: Saturdays, 10-11:30 AM											
FAMILY/OPEN SWIM: Sat, 10-11:30 AM											
LAP SWIM: 1-2:30PM, M-F				LAP SWIM: 4-5:30PM, M-F				LAP SWIM: 1-2:30PM, M-F			

Pool Rental - Pool rentals are limited to 1.5 hours swim time. Non-swimmer guests are included in each package.

\$50.00..... Party Room (25 Guests) \$225.00... 30-50 Guests One Pool (2 Lifeguards)
 \$150.00... 25 or less Guests One Pool(2 Lifeguards) \$275.00... 51-75 Guests One/Both Pools(3 Lifeguards)
 \$175.00... 25-30 Guests One/ Both Pools (2 Lifeguards)

The Vermazen-Carver Aquatic Center is available for rental when not in use by campers. For question or details visit <https://campcourageous.org/indoor-pool> or contact Jocelyn Blanco at 319-465-5916, ext. 2600 or pool@campcourageous.org



BURLINGTON, WI
Kathleen O'Mara

FOND DU LAC, WI
Al and Lori Hundertmark

HAZEL GREEN, WI
Bill and Beth Taylor - In memory of Ken Kartman

HUDSON, WI
Elenor Brentrott - In memory of Dwane 'Benny' Brentrott, Frederick Bartels, Gary Mohl, Jody Feuss, Leyland Rugeberg, and Melvin Duwa

LA CROSSE, WI
Kwik Trip, Inc.

MADISON, WI
Cecil and Sheila Gillingham
Carol Steckel
International Assoc. of Decanter & Specialties Clubs

MEMONONEE FALLS, WI
Ehab Atallah - In memory of Larry Judd

MILWAUKEE, WI
Nancy Pickett
Jaime Weber - In memory of Larry Judd

OAK CREEK, WI
Shawn Stolte - In memory of Darrin Kohrt

OCONOMOWOC, WI
Margaret Mulqueen

RUDOLPH, WI
Gary Erickson

SHEBOYGAN, WI
Cheryl McLimans - In memory of Keith Kline

SUN PRAIRIE, WI
Mary Jon & Phillip Lennon - In memory of Larry Judd

TOMAH, WI
Gail Riedisel - In memory of Radine Ridesel and Sally Waugh

VERONA, WI
William Mason - In memory of Zona A. Hildebrand
Steve and Sue Ullrick - In memory of John Raymond Sramek

WAUKESHA, WI
Larry & Jan Caracci - In memory of Larry Judd

WEST BEND, WI
Jeffrey & Amy Duening - In memory of Ralph Emanuel

WILWAUKEE, WI
C&C Environment - In memory of Ralph Emanuel

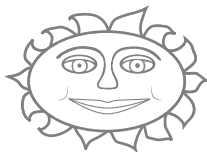
MORGY, WV
Michael Perone

WORLAND, WY
Richard Forsyth

ADDRESS UNKNOWN
Harold Buehl - In memory of Melvin Lee Campbell
Geir Ragnhildstveit - In memory of Jane Corbin

Rosie Boley - In honor of Laura Irvin's birthday
Lori Breen Mullin - In memory of Lori's birthday
Lani Burton
Tim Carr
Sydney & Gabe Cone - In honor of Sidney & Gabe Christianson's wedding
Darcy Dugan - In honor of Lisa's birthday
Jean Faulkner
Holly Fettkether
Lisa Forgie - In honor of Happy Birthday to Derek A. Fuller
David France - In honor of Happy Birthday to Derek A. Fuller
Derek Fuller - In honor of Happy Birthday to Derek A. Fuller
Ben Gander
Mary Ann Gensicke - In memory of Jerry Goad
Carrie Gordon
David Gott
Keith Hale
Maryann Hayes - In memory of Sandra Bjurstrom
Pam and Gary Hulseberg - In memory of Donna Henderson
Terry Kruse - In honor of Happy Birthday to Derek A. Fuller
Michelle Lovetinsky
Jamie McWade - In honor of Happy Birthday to Derek A. Fuller
Tom & Jody Meyer - In memory of Sandra Bjurstrom
Frank & Loretta Murano - In

Thank you!



Recently, Camp Courageous received a contribution from the Iowa Bowhunters Association. The funds go towards a variety of archery equipment and staff training. The Iowa Bowhunters Association has been a supporter of Camp since 2005. Thank you for your donation!



Camp Courageous was honored to be chosen as the charity for the International Association of Decanter & Specialties Clubs held in Cedar Rapids, IA. This group was formerly known as the IAJBBS (International Association of Jim Beam Bottle and Specialties Clubs). The group has been involved with camp on a local level for over 40 years and on an international level for over 10 years. This group has provided carloads of much needed supplies over the years along with lots of toys to be used as gifts for the campers throughout the holidays. Their hearts are truly with Camp Courageous. A big thank you to Ken and Fran DeMarce, two key local members, who received the highest honor the international group can bestow on a member last year. They continue to be key to Camp's relationship. This year's group was composed of members from all over the US and the world with the furthest member flying in from Australia. We thank the group for their abundance of support!



Thank you to Joy Adams for choosing Camp Courageous for her husband, Jim's, memorial service and luncheon. It was a beautiful service on a beautiful day. Jim was a naturalist, and many attending enjoyed the wildflowers, wild edibles, and so much more around Durgin Pavilion and Lake Todd. Jim developed a love for flowers from his mother and grandmother when he was very young. As a Junior in High School, Jim started Adams Nursery in Monticello. After graduation, Jim built around 200 homes in the area and was instrumental, along with Joy, on Riverside Gardens, parks, cemetery, and so much more. Jim and Joy have been involved with Camp Courageous for decades.



It was a treat to have Bruce Jeffries and his granddaughter, Brooklyn Nash, stop by Camp. Brooklyn is the fourth generation of Jeffries to be actively involved with the camp. The grand kids were given money and encouraged to pick a charity to support. Brooklyn picked Camp Courageous! The relationship between the Jeffries and Camp Courageous started with Kenneth and Mary Edith Jeffries who had Jefferies Deep Rock Service in West Branch. Their boys, Bruce, Craig, and Dale grew up in the business and often all the Jeffries would come to Camp for the Annual Open Houses and Breakfasts. Brooklyn is the daughter of Kerri (Jefferies) and Matt Nash of West Branch. Super Family!



Thank you to Jeff Collins and Malora Cosgrove with the Cedar Rapids Donutland (4307 Center Point RD NE) for choosing Camp Courageous to benefit from their 50 years in business, round-up, Camp fund raisers, and so much more! Jeff knows firsthand the thrill campers experience at Courageous through having a daughter that attends Camp. Thank you to all the customers, vendors, and to Jeff and Malora for being so supportive of Camp Courageous! Big congratulations to them on opening a new store location in Des Moines!



The Bi-State VW's 27th Annual Show & Shine Picnic was recently held at Empire Park, Hampton, IL to benefit Camp Courageous. Everything Volkswagen was on display. Camp Courageous thanks the Club for giving it the opportunity to bring the VW Bus to the event and sell raffle tickets. Thank you to the Bi-State VW Club for thinking of Camp the year-round. Absolutely super group!



Every Wednesday Pat and Fran's Irish Pub in Coralville, IA donates 15% of their food sales to a charity through their Dine-Out for Charity program. For June, they chose Camp Courageous as their local charity. Thank you for supporting Camp Courageous! Owner Rob Olson presented Respite Director John Geyer a check from their benefit. Also pictured is John's family; Jenn Geyer, Kieran Geyer, and Camp Courageous Camper Liam Geyer.



Thank you to Sullivan Flinn for his dedicated work at camp. For his eagle scout project he chose to help Camp Courageous and build an accessible Team Building activity.



A sincere thank you to **Larry and Charlene Richtsmeier of Latimer, IA** for making the long drive to Camp with a SUV loaded with donations. Larry is the former Franklin County Sheriff. He and Charlene are both retired and spend a lot of time making wood toys for the Lions Visually Impaired week at Camp. This is a tradition that Larry's dad, Dutch, started years ago. Camp is grateful for the Richtsmeier's years of friendship and generous support!



Thank you to the **DeWitt Noon Lions** for giving Camp Courageous the opportunity to give an update their Club. These long-time supporter are a fun-loving group that accomplishes a tremendous amount of good. Just the nicest group of folks who really pour their hearts out for Camp and have for decades. One of my first programs 40+ years ago was to Nancy Aiken's DeWitt Lioness Club in the living room of one of their members. We appreciate all they've collected for camp and their financial support! It was also a treat to see **Bill "Mr. DeWitt" Homrighausen** who at 97 years old has a personal visit to Camp Courageous on his bucket list of places to go.



The **Iowa Hawkeye Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club (SDC)** held one of its monthly meetings at Camp Courageous this summer. The purpose of SDC is to honor the Studebaker automobile and all of the Studebaker-related products. Many Chapter members learned about Camp Courageous for the first time and took a tour of the camp's beautiful setting, amazing facilities, and fun-filled activities for the campers. Camp Courageous impressed each and every person in attendance. At the end of the visit, several chapter members were asking how they could help the camp's missions.



Thank you to the **AM VETS Chapter 49** for once again spending a few days to give campers rides on their motorcycles. They generously volunteer their time to do this each year and the campers really enjoy it. Pictured are (L-R) Don and Mary Nicholson, Jolene and Randy Digman, Joan Lehman, Cody Lehman, Mia Jordan, Vernon Lehman, Dennis Schoester, Jan and Rick Roberts, Steven Handberg, Greg Jennings, Crystal Lehman, and Mokey Beck.

Traci Long started coming to Camp Courageous when she was 13 years-old and continued attending up to her passing in 2018 at the age of 47. Coming to Camp Courageous was a highlight of her year! Along with spending weeks at Camp, she traveled the country with Camp's Travel Program from St. Louis to Los Angeles. Traci was a favorite of everyone! Even though Traci has passed, her legacy lives on in so many ways. Recently, Traci's brother, **Wade Long**, held a benefit for Camp through his business. He is President, CEO, and Owner of Al's Full Service (1201 15th Ave SW) in Cedar Rapids and had a portion of every dollar spent there during the month of June come to Camp. We are grateful to Wade, the staff at Al's, and all their wonderful customers. Wade mentioned that he felt many bought a little more than usual, because they knew part of their purchase came to Camp. A big thank you to all who made this possible.



Things are generally quiet around 5 AM at Camp Courageous, but one morning it was not! To Camp's surprise, former counselor **Gafur Khasanov** stopped by on his way from Colorado to Chicago. Gafur was a counselor at Camp from May of 2003 through May of 2005. Had a great opportunity to reminisce. Dima Katkov was Camp Courageous' first volunteer from Tajikistan. It was going to be new staff from a new country for Camp. Dima, who had been working security at the US Embassy in Tajikistan, opened the door for many to follow. After Dima, Camp welcomed Khurshed Jabborov, Gafur, Khasan Mirzoev, and more... all great Camp Courageous staff. It was fun for Gafur to reconnect with Becky Melchert, Matt Bollwitt, John Geyer, and Charlie Becker; all on the staff then and now. Gafur went from Camp to Oregon, where he worked for Department of Human Services. He is now in Colorado where he has a number of businesses. Camp Courageous played a key role in Gafur's life and it was fun to reminisce about the old and talk about all the exciting new changes for the campers. We wish Gafur and his family the best and are grateful he diverted on his way to Chicago to visit Camp!



At the base of Camp Courageous is a **Camp Courageous Foundation**, governed by its own **Board of Directors** which meets several times a year. The Camp Courageous Foundation was started in 1980 by Dr. Earl DeShaw, and it provides donors the opportunity to give a gift that will give forever (principal is never touched). Dr. DeShaw was very persuasive. As the new director in 1980, making \$17,000/year, he persuaded me to sign a pledge to give \$1,000 a year for five-years, with the comment, "it is only \$20/week." Thus started a tradition that has continued for over 43 years, with that \$20/week only growing with time. Donations given to Camp Courageous through an estate go into this perpetual fund so that it will give forever. Camp is very grateful for the time and talents of this wonderful Board of Directors. Pictured Board Members are (L-R) Randy Faulkner, a Past Board Chair; Dave Dohrmann, a Past Board Chair; Jim Zimmerman, current Board Chair; Jodie Kollsmith; Lori Dohrmann; Bob Kollsmith; Jim Klinger, a Past Board Chair; and Steve Supple, a Past Board Chair. Not present are Mary Klinger, Mary Zimmerman, Tom Penaluna, and Sonja Penaluna.



It was a treat to have **Jim and Linda Croy** visit Camp with some donations of needed items. They also made a contribution toward a bench in honor of their dear friends Bob and Kay Morris of Solon, IA. The Croy's relationship with Bob and Kay goes back to the 50s with Bob Morris' DX Station in Solon. Everyone loved Bob and he treated everyone exceptionally well. Jim and Linda have been wonderful to Camp by purchasing things off the Camp's needs list. Items such as radios for the counselors to a popcorn popper. A wonderful couple that Camp is so very grateful to have as friends.

Around 1980 to 1981 Milo Brokaw of Monticello came to Camp with an idea... let's sell Camp Courageous Belt Buckles! It would be a limited edition (2,500) pewter buckle made by a company in Oregon and part of the Camp's 10th anniversary. Board Member Irv Gadiant was the first to jump on board followed by his son, Jim Gadiant, who enlisted the assistance of his friend (pictured here) **Tom Glanz**. Over the years Camp sold out of the buckles and every once in awhile one pops up on the Internet. One of the biggest thrills I personally had, was when visiting all the Presidential Museums, was to see the Camp Courageous belt buckle in President Reagan's collection on display for all to see! Camp had sent him one. While Tom Glanz was moving he uncovered a small collection of belt buckles and dropped them by the Camp. We are grateful for the belt buckles and grateful to see Tom, a dear friend of the Camp throughout the decades. Contact the Camp if interested in one of these buckles.



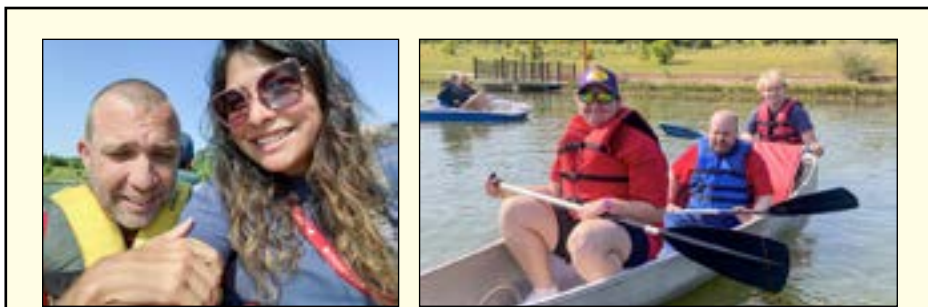
It is always a treat at Camp Courageous when **Ron and Jeri Hansen** visit. Friends since the early 80s, Ron is a past president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles for the State of Iowa. During his term, Ron took Camp Courageous under his wing as his state project and as a result air conditioning was added to the Multi-Purpose Building. Ron and Jeri's son, Paul, was a camper with Muscular Dystrophy, so they know firsthand the good that comes at Camp Courageous. Ron and Jeri delivered many large containers of pop tabs they had collected from the Cedar Rapids Eagles, Moose, and others and they donated other needed supplies. A day does not go by that they are not helping a veteran, their church, the food bank, taking an elderly person to a medical appointment, and so much more. Ron also served on the Cedar Rapids Police Department with former Board Member, Larry Greco, for many years. Ron and Jeri are displaying Camp's two newest t-shirts in the Camp Store.



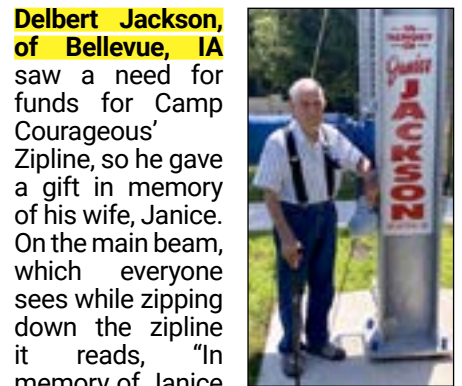
It was a treat to have **Ron Steele** spend a day at Camp Courageous. Campers, staff, and visitors were thrilled to have Ron interviewing, taking pictures, and shooting video during his visit. Ron and Camp go back decades. Ron is the news anchor at KWWL in Waterloo, IA. He has been at KWWL since 1974 where he started as the sports director and is Iowa's longest sitting anchor. Ron is a warm, good, and caring person, who radiated all things good, especially during his day at Camp Courageous. A very busy person, Camp is grateful to Ron for sharing his day.



(L-R) **Dr. Mike J. Male, Mrs. Barbara K. Male, and Mrs. Ila Feuerbach** came to Camp Courageous to personally deliver the memorials from Keith Feuerbach. Keith was the brother of Barbara and son of Ila. He was a wonderful brother, brother-in-law, son, husband, father, and grandfather who loved his family, farming, and giving back. Camp was grateful for his memorials.



The calendar might say "Fall Season," but campers are enjoying the summer-like weather for Respite weekends and the Fall overnight sessions.



Delbert Jackson, of Bellevue, IA saw a need for funds for Camp Courageous' Zipline, so he gave a gift in memory of his wife, Janice. On the main beam, which everyone sees while zipping down the zipline it reads, "In memory of Janice Jackson, Bellevue, IA". Janice and Del had been married 63 years. Camp was thrilled when Delbert stopped by Camp this summer and had the opportunity to ride the zipline.



The **Camp Courageous Travel Program** recently took campers on a fun-filled trip to Denver, CO that included an experience at the Shine Music Festival. It was a trip full of tours, sight-seeing, and great music.



The first day of the Denver trip the Travel Campers visited Red Rock Park, went on a tour of Hammond's Candy Factory (and bought a bunch of candy in the gift shop!), shopped at the 16th street mall, and ate at Bubba Gump's restaurant. The second day was spent visiting the Denver Zoo and Meow Wolf. While at the Zoo they viewed all the animal exhibits and the group watched a performance by "Billy" the Elephant. After eating lunch at the Safari Grill and checking out more animals it was time for Meow Wolf, which turned out to be an unforgettable experience. Meow Wolf was a show filled with immersive psychedelic and mind-bending art that was a favorite for many campers.



On the third and final day in Denver the morning was spent with swimming, having a pizza party, and celebrating a Camper's birthday. Campers then enjoyed a drive through scenic Golden, CO. In the afternoon everyone headed to Civic Center Park for the main event of the trip, the Shine Music Festival. This festival is all about inclusivity and adaptability for individuals with Special needs in the music world. The travel group danced and had a blast at the festival. It was a great last day of the journey in Colorado and we hope to attend the festival again next year!



Thank you to Camp Board Member **Merlin Hulse** of Tipton, IA for inviting **Margaux Mennes** of Belgium to visit Camp Courageous. Margaux is part of an International Lions Club program and stayed in Tipton through July. Margaux is a third generation Lions Member. Merlin Hulse is a long-time Lion's Club Member who will be turning 99 on September 21, 2022 (here is Merlin's address if you want to send him a birthday wish: 219 S Cedar St Apt 208, Tipton IA 52772). Merlin has and continues to spend every day helping others.



Camp Courageous Board Members Phil and Jan Short from the Winthrop area generously donated 1,200 pounds of beef to Camp! This will go a long way toward feeding the hundreds of hungry campers attending Camp this summer. Jan had a sister who came to Camp many times over the years.

Gary Cray drove all the way from Colorado Springs CO, to deliver a carload of train memorabilia, camping equipment and other needed items. Gary was the son of Bud and Alberta Cray. During their lifetime, Alberta & Bud were always on the lookout for things Camp could use. Alberta died in 2015 at the age of 92, with Bud passing a number of years before Alberta. Nice to see the tradition of supporting Camp Courageous continue through the generations!



(L-R) Thank you to Lavern Vauble for introducing the Camp Courageous program to the **Iowa City Old Capital Kiwanis Club**; Scott Becker, President of the Iowa City Old Capital Kiwanis Club and holding a donation to the Camp from the Club; and John Green, the Club's Secretary and contact for decades. The Iowa City Old Capital Kiwanis has been supporting Camp with gifts of needed supplies, volunteer time, and financial support for decades. Camp Courageous is super grateful... and often refers to this group as family. PS - John Green received the award for the best dressed member, as he proudly displays his Camp Courageous T-shirt. John is a treasure!

A big thank you to Camp's dear friends, **Bob and Carol Deppe** of Ames, IA for providing Camp Courageous the opportunity to present the Camp to the **Green Hills Retirement Community** along with others from the area. Bob and Carol have been involved with Camp for decades and their roots go back to teaching in Monticello for three years in the late 1950s. They never forgot Monticello and the friends they made here. Bob will be turning 93 this August and between the two of them, they continue to make things happen. They moved from Monticello to Ames and never left. They recently donated 127 acres of land along I-35, between Ames and Story City, which they had stewarded for over 50 years, to the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation. Like this land, everything Bob and Carol have touched they have left better for future generations to enjoy. A wonderful group at the presentation and a beautiful facility and staff!



If you would like to volunteer at Camp Courageous in any department please contact: volunteer@campcourageous.org



It was a special treat for Camp Courageous to have the **Bob Morris Family** stop by Camp with Bob's Memorials. Kay Morris, Bob's wife, was on Facebook and saw Camp Courageous needed a commercial popcorn popper. Bob loved popcorn, so it only made sense that Bob's memorial money be used to buy the Camp a new commercial popcorn popper. A wonderful family! (L-R) Ann Morris, Elise Morris, Kay Morris, Max Kinney and Maureen Kinney.



A huge thank you to **Lynn Burrell of Frontier Garden Center** in Cedar Rapids for once again thinking of camp with a generous donation of annual plants. Another thank you to Lynn's wonderful staff Traci Sandeen and Rod Weber, a local couple who are super workers for Lynn and helped load up all the beautiful plants. Lynn's kindness and generosity has been such a blessing to Camp for many years.

For the past year **Doris Lehrman** has been working on making these beautiful, bright colored quilts! In all, she created 17 quilts and 17 lap robes for the campers to enjoy. While she did the cutting, piecing, and sewing, she wanted to be sure to thank the St. Paul Lutheran Church Loyal Workers for contributing the quilt batting for her project. Shown (R-L) is Doris with her husband Arnold. Camp is so grateful for friends like the Lehrmans.



It is always fun to have (L-R) **Duane and Eunice Sill** from Manchester visit Camp Courageous. It was especially nice when they brought along their nephew, **Jeff, and his wife, Candice Morton** from Auburn, California! Of course, the John and Dorothy Sill Barn was a major highlight of their tour. Duane spent two-years (365 days of each year) of his life building this incredible structure in honor of his parents that is enjoyed by all. John and Dorothy Sill were Honorary Camp Board Members and very active with the Manchester Garage Sale. John was a long-time member of the Camp Board. The Sill Barn was donated to Camp by John and Dorothy Sill and built with a labor of love by their son, Duane, and his siblings Allan, Judy, and their families. Judy Morton, who lives in Arizona, is Jeff's mother. A wonderful family!



Camp Courageous was grateful to **Honorary Board Members Janet and Denny Zahrt** of Davenport who organized and brought a bus load of **Masons and friends from the Quad City** area to tour and have lunch at Camp. Along with monetary donations, they brought a huge load of needed supplies. The Davenport Masonic Organizations work year-round for Camp Courageous from gathering garage sale items and things off the needs list, to auction items for the Pineapple Gala. Camp is very grateful!

Congratulations to **Camp Courageous Honorary Board Members Janet and Denny Zahrt** on their 60th Wedding Anniversary! Denny and Janet have been dear friends of Camp for over 40 years! Anytime Camp needs something in the Quad Cities area we know the Zahrts will be there, from selling 100s of fruitcakes to picking up needed supplies and donations. We wish them many more years of good health and happiness together!



Camp Courageous was once again fortunate to be selected to receive a generous grant from the **Dubuque Racing Association**. The 2022 grant was written to support the second phase of the multipurpose field the campers are now enjoying daily. A reception was held on August 30th to present organizations receiving grants with their checks. Shown is Alex Dixon (center), CEO of Q Casino and DRA, and Wendy Runde, (R) VP and General Manager of Diamond Jo Casino presenting a 2022 grant check to Becky Melchert (L) for Camp Courageous. Camp would like to thank the DRA for their support of so many projects over the years through this wonderful program.



For over two decades, **Scheels in Iowa City, Iowa** has supported Camp Courageous. This year, Camp was in need of sporting good items for the new Macek-Papke Multipurpose Field. A needs list was created and the needs were generously met by Scheels. Working with Scheels employee Ariel White, almost all of the items from Camp's multipurpose needs list were acquired! This is a HUGE part of the success of the new field as there is no way to play without the items, especially the ones needed for safety. Items donated ranged from Pickleball paddles and balls, Baseball helmets and bats, to Soccer balls and re-usable water bottles. Camp is very grateful for the decades of support from Scheels and is excited to continue to partner with them for decades to come!



Needs List

Find this list at <https://campcourageous.org/needs-list/>
Currently needed items for each area of Camp.

Program

- Shaving cream
- Kitchen size garbage bags
- Halloween Decorations
- Sleeping pads
- Campfire grate
- Portable speakers (small)
- Chalk Powder
- TV Trays
- Face Paint
- Safety Glasses
- Air Hockey Pucks
- Garden Gloves

- Whiffle bats and balls
- Pickleball paddles
- Painters Tape
- Dress up items and accessories
- Boat Cushions
- Wobble Seats
- Rubbermaid Commercial Wheelbarrow
- Batteries (AAA)
- Amazon Gift Cards
- Genesis Right & Left Handed Compound Bows

Pool/Aquatics

- Aqua Jogger Active Belts
- Lifeguard Fox 40 whistles
- Floor Squeegee
- Mesh storage carts
- Adult & Kids Swim Goggles
- Antibacterial Spray Cleaner
- Lie Out SOS pads
- Magic Erasers
- Pool Basketballs

- Straps for Spinal Boards
- Calcium and Lime Remover (1 gallon)
- Big Kahuna Pool Noodles
- Life jackets-Oversize
- Kick Board Swim Trainer
- Resistance Bands
- Lifeguard hip bags
- Febreze plug-in fresheners
- Deck scrub brushes

Arts & Crafts

- White Canvases
- Disposable Rectangular Tablecloths
- Contact Paper
- Colored Duct Tape
- Acrylic Paint

- Large Glue Gun Sticks
- Dye for Tye-Dying
- Colored Air Clay
- Heat Gun
- Butcher Paper
- Water color paper

Outdoor Living

- Folding Campfire grates
- Ensoolite Sleeping Mats
- Headlamps w/red light function
- Waterproof Dry Bag with Shoulder Strap 50-65L
- Cooking Knives

- 5 Gallon Buckets
- Extra long 22" tongs
- Wooden Mallet
- Rubber Mallet
- Firewood Tongs 36"
- Rain jackets and Pants
- Coleman Two Burner Stove
- 3 and 4-Person tents

Volunteer

- Paint Rollers
- Painter's Tape
- Leather Work Gloves
- Safety Vests
- Rubbermaid Carts
- Vacuum
- Polaris Ranger
- Milwaukee M18 or M12 Fuel Tools

- Paint Brushes
- Gardening Work Gloves
- Safety Glasses
- Angle Grinder Blades
- Milwaukee Bit Set
- Knife
- 8 Ft. Fiberglass Ladder

Maintenance

- Grass Seed
- Wasp Spray
- Rubbermaid Ranger
- 35-Gallon Brown 2-Door Trash Can
- Furnace Filters (16X20 & 20X25)
- Cabot Stain Australian Timber Oil Jarrah Brown
- 6" DA Sand Paper (220-6 Gauge)
- GB Tan Wire Nuts (22-6 Gauge)
- Power Probe 3 Tester (PPKIT03)
- Painter's Tape 1/2"

- Batteries-All Sizes" AA, AAA, C, D, 9V
- Tig Welder
- Paint Thinner
- Pallets of Sod/Black Dirt
- Black Hills Spruce Trees
- Riding Lawn Mowers
- Paint Brushes
- Round-Up Concentrate
- 35 Qt. Dehumidifiers
- Craftsman 289 pc Toolset
- 1/2-3" PVC Fittings
- Brake Cleaner
- Propress Fittings 1/2-2"
- Soft Water Salt
- Torque Sticks for Lug Nuts

Housekeeping

- Paper Towels
- Antibacterial Liquid Soap (1 gal. jugs)
- Angle Brooms
- Brown Single-Fold Paper Towels
- Commercial Pivoting Upright Lobby Dustpan
- Magic Erasers
- Dexter Industrial Washer & Dryer
- Mop Bucket & Wringer
- Combo- 35 Qt (2)
- Easy Paks Water Soluble Drop-in Toilet Cleaner
- Rug Doctor Spot+Pretreat Dual Action Cleaner

- Rug Doctor Oxy Carpet Cleaning Solution
- Rug Doctor X3 Commercial Carpet Cleaner
- Swiffer extendable handle
- Swiffer refills
- Swiffer Wet Jet refills
- Stainless steel cleaner
- Trash Bags (55, 33, 13 gal, and Tall kitchen style)
- Toilet Plungers-Bellows Style
- Toilet Paper
- Toilet Cleaner
- White multi-fold towels

Camp can always use paper towels, toilet paper, napkins, paper plates, and other paper products. Gift cards of all types/stores can be accepted!

Dietary

- Hot Cocoa Mix
- Brown, White, Powdered Sugar
- Salad Dressing (Ranch, French, Mayo, Honey Mustard)
- Boneless/Deli ham

- Canned Vegetables
- Food Gift Cards

Medical Supplies

- AED Pads - Smart Pad II Philips (need 7)
- Freestanding/Folding Six-Panel Room Divider
- Bacitracin Ointment
- Benadryl
- Children's Tylenol
- Claritin (Loratadine)
- First Aid Cream
- Hemorrhoid Ointment
- Hydrocortisone Cream
- Imodium
- Glucose Gel Bug spray
- Milk of Magnesia
- Miralax
- Triple Antibiotic Cream

- Triple Antibiotic Ointment
- Band-Aids (XL, Knuckle, Latex-Free)
- Bleeding Control Kit
- Chux/Cloth Bed Protectors
- Defibrillator Pads
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Ear Plugs (Wax/Silicone)
- Hand Sanitizer (1 or 15 oz)
- Invacare 1079815 Reliant Lift Battery Charger Kit w/ Wall Mount
- Nitrile/Vinyl Gloves (L & XL)
- Sunscreen
- Quart bags
- Ziploc Bags (Gal. & Qrt)

Nature Center

- Small Animal Wire Cages
- Timothy Hay
- Grass Hay
- Mulch
- Natural Pet Bedding
- Red Cedar Bedding
- Dried Mealworms
- Snake skins, bones

- Bird Feeders
- Guinea pig food
- Tetra Whisper Bio Bag Filter Cartridge
- Parakeet food
- Wild bird food
- Rabbit food
- Bearded Dragon food
- Mineral blocks

MAJOR ITEMS NEEDED:

- \$150,000 - New camper bus
- \$75,000 - 200KW standby generator 120/208 Volt 3 phase
- \$75,000 - 800 AMP Generator for PBJB buildings and area
- \$50,000 - 3/4-ton Truck and trailer
- \$25,000 - Maint. Utility Terrain Vehicle
- \$25,000 ea. - Mainliner Memorial Park sponsor of Five branch (Army taken) & COVID monuments
- \$20,000 - 8 Passenger People Mover
- \$5,500 - Commercial Paddle Boat
- \$5,500 - 8-Foot Prostyle Air Hockey Table
- \$2,500 - Adventure Equipment (helmets & Adaptive Harnesses)
- \$2,000 - Foam Machine for Campers

Office Supplies

- Paper (White 8.5"x11")
- Bubble Wrap
- Stamps: Forever and Extra
- Ounce
- Dymo Label Cassette
- Calculator Tape
- Manila File Folders
- Easels
- Labels Avery #5160

- Correction Tape
- Clear Heavy Duty Packing Tape
- Gift Cards to Office Supply Stores
- Compressed Air Canisters
- Markers (Sharpies, Fine Point)

Travel Program

- Clear Plastic Backpacks
- Small Utility Shower Caddy
- Tote

- Hotel/Gift/Gas Cards (BP, Casey's, Kwik Star), Restaurant Gift Cards

Camp Courageous has a **WISH LIST** on Amazon! Almost all of the needed items on this page are on the Wishlist and are just a click away online. Find the wish list link at: www.campcourageous.org/needs-list

How you can help with the Multipurpose Field...

Camp Courageous is currently constructing the **Macek-Papke Multipurpose Field**. Naming rights are available on Baseball/Kickball Field, 4-Square Court, Shuffle Board Court, and Concession/Storage/Bathroom building. Signage available at the Musco Field and on the Baseball/Kickball field fence banners. Get more details or make your contribution online at <https://campcourageous.org/multipurpose-field>

Your name and address (billing address if using credit card): NEEDS LIST

NAME (or name on credit card):

ADDRESS (or billing address of credit card):

CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE:

DAY PHONE #: E-MAIL ADDRESS:

Your gift toward this project: Credit Card information:

ANY AMOUNT APPRECIATED: (make checks payable to Camp Courageous)

CARD NUMBER:

EXPIRATION DATE (MM/YY): 3-DIGIT AVS # (BACK OF CARD):

For gifts of \$1,000 or more will have name at field site: NAME(S) TO BE ENGRAVED OR DESIGNATED: SIGNATURE:

Mail to: **Charlie Becker, PO Box 418, Monticello, IA 52310-0418**

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The Courier is Camp Courageous' greatest form of communication with supporters and is distributed to as many as 20,000 supporters each quarter. Through the Courier, Camp is able to promote various fund raising events and projects, as well as inform supporters of current needs and opportunities to give.

Thank you to these sponsors:



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Mailing Services, Inc. in Cedar Rapids, IA addresses, sorts, and mails this newsletter as a donation to Camp Courageous. They save the camp thousands of dollars with each mailing. Thank you to Joe Corpstein and his staff for their incredible work.

Once again **Polly Williams** shows her crochet talents with some of the 200 hats she's created in the past year and donated to Camp Courageous. With assorted adorable patterns, colors, and some with cute little pom-poms, they are sure to be a hit with the campers as the colder months set in. She would like to thank all her friends and organizations who have donated yarn to help bring this project to fruition.



Thank you **Universal Pediatrics** for spending an afternoon with campers. They also helped with warping presents for the upcoming holiday parties and making fruitcake boxes. Great group of hard workers!

Thank you to the **Camp Courageous Garage Sale committee** Marla, Dick, Madeline and Ken and all the wonderful Volunteers who spend their time at the Garage Sale to help Camp Courageous. We can't Thank you all enough for your dedication and your willingness to help.

Camp appreciated this group of **volunteers from Clarendon Hills, IL** who worked with campers this summer. This group volunteers each summer and allows Camp to serve more campers through their assistance. It was great to see some familiar faces.

Upcoming Events:

- Oct. 9 - Square Dance Benefit - Camp Courageous
- Oct. 20 - Haunted Dance and Trail for Adult Campers - 6-8:30 PM
- Oct. 21 - Haunted Trail for General Public - 7-9 PM
- Nov. 17 - Adult Camper Holiday Parties 10:30AM-12PM & 1:30PM-3PM
- Nov. 18, 21, 22 - Youth Camper Holiday Parties 9:30AM-12:00PM
- Nov. 23 - Round-Up for Camp - Participating FUELlowa Stores
- Dec. 31 - 1971 VW Bus Raffle Drawing - Noon at Durgin Pavilion

Listen to AM 600-WMT Newradio for Camp updates every Saturday morning between 7:15 and 7:30 AM. Consult the Camp Courageous web site for the latest info.

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Camp's therapy dog, Skye, is pictured taking a ride on the train with campers. If you would like to sponsor Skye and her on-going training please contact Dalton (dalton@campcourageous.org).

How can I help?

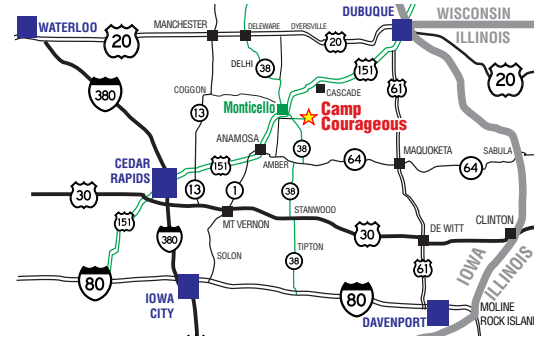
Camp Courageous continues to operate on donations, without government assistance, formal sponsorship, or paid fund raisers. Therefore, everything that is given to Camp directly benefits the campers. One of the reasons the camp has grown from serving 211 campers in 1974 to nearly 10,000 campers today is the incredible dedication of volunteers. Volunteer help is needed in every aspect of the camp. Please consider volunteering your time and talents to Camp Courageous.

Where can I get more info?

Visit Camp's website at www.campcourageous.org, call Camp at 319-465-5916, or stop out for a tour to see firsthand how the camp has grown over the years.

Where is Camp Courageous located?

The camp is located five miles south of Monticello, Iowa, off Highway 38 or 151. The camp lies on 400 acres of land surrounded by thousands of acres of state primitive land and the Maquoketa River. Use US Highway 151 (exit 65), turn south on Highway 38, then east on 190th Street (all hard-surfaced roads).



Donation Form

Camp Courageous continues to run on donations. Use this form to make a contribution.

Scan this QuickCode to jump to camp's online donation page that uses PayPal's secure system for non-profits:



Camp Courageous is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Use enclosed envelope or mail this form to: Camp Courageous, PO Box 418, Monticello IA 52310-0418

Your gift to Camp Courageous:

AMOUNT: \$ Check VISA Mastercard Discover
(make checks payable to Camp Courageous)

Your name and address (billing address if using credit card):

NAME (or name on credit card):

ADDRESS (or billing address of credit card):

CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE:

DAY PHONE #: E-MAIL ADDRESS:

Credit Card information:

CARD NUMBER:

EXPIRATION DATE (MM/YY): 3-DIGIT AVS # (BACK OF CARD):

SIGNATURE:

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In memory of:

In honor of:

To celebrate:

An acknowledgement card or letter can be sent to individuals or families to tell them about your tribute if you provide name(s) and an address below.

Send an acknowledgement about your tribute to:

NAME(S):

ADDRESS:

CITY: STATE: ZIP CODE:

Please use this gift for:

- General Fund
- Campership Fund (Full campership is \$710.00 which covers the camper's fee & may cover other camper expenses)
- Camp Foundation (Perpetual Fund)
- Mainliner Memorial Park
- Building Fund
- Penaluna Tunnel Project
- Pool
- Train Depot Plaque
- Courier Sponsorship
- Camper T-shirt Sponsor
- Solar Project
- 700' Zipline
- Miniature Golf
- Multi-Purpose Field

Other ways to help or get information:

- I would like to be part of your **monthly pledge program**. Please send more information.
- My employer, _____, will match this gift (please enclose matching gift form from employer).
- Please send information on including Camp Courageous in my will/estate.
- I am interested in volunteering opportunities. Please have someone contact me.
- I am interested in having a presentation given to my group or organization about Camp Courageous.

Please send me more info about:

- Camp Foundation
- Rental
- Courier Sponsorship
- Employment
- Camper Registration
- Internships

In general, donations to the camp will be tax deductible to many. However, you will need to contact your tax advisor to determine the deductibility of your contributions. Your personal information will only be used by Camp Courageous and will never be sold or provided to a third party.