Celebrating 50 years

3,184 campers were served in 2021!
Camp Courageous is saddened by the passing of Honorary Board Member Francis “Skip” Manternach, 92, of Cascade, IA.

Skip was active with Camp for decades and served on the Board of Directors for nearly 20 years. He joined the Board October 31, 1983, at the recommendation of Irv Gadient, and went off the board in 1999. As a result of his exceptional help to Camp, Skip and his wife, Betty, were inducted on to the Camp Courageous Honorary Board.

Over the years Skip sold pineapples, fruitcakes, raffle tickets, dance tickets, breakfast tickets, and dozens of other items to benefit Camp. He headed up the Cascade/Bernard Benefit, which was huge for years. In the 80s there were many breakfast meetings in Cascade to plan the future of the Camp.

Camp Courageous especially hit home to Skip when his grandson, Josh, was born and would become a regular camper at Camp Courageous. Skip was involved during the years the camp grew from serving hundreds of campers to thousands…from 5 buildings to dozens of buildings…and from a small number of board members to the capacity of 30.

Skip introduced thousands to the Camp and had the unique ability to put together a dozen or more volunteers with just a moment’s notice.

Skip was an old-time farmer who introduced thousands to the Camp story that happened for Camp. I will stay in touch at the breakfasts & fruitcake wrapping.”

Always a friend! — Skip

Charlie has quite the Board of Directors! Many are parents of campers, educators, farmers, run businesses, and other distinct backgrounds. Together, they are the foundation that makes Camp Courageous such a success in the lives of thousands of campers with special needs!

(L-R standing) Jan Short, Chris Wiese, Glenn Hasken, Mary Van Houten, Randy Faulkner, Jill McDermott, Jim Zimmerman, Jim Foels, Trish Recker, Amy Rouse, Diane Pittlik, Bruce Scheff, Sheri Grawe, and Phil Short. (L-R sitting) Mag Welter; Board Chair, Amanda Schlemme; and Merlin Hulse.

The Camp Courageous Board welcomes its newest board member Glenn Hasken of Asbury, IA. Glenn, as well as his entire family, have been involved with Camp for years, from donors to counselors. The Camp has always been near and dear to Glenn’s heart, as his parents’ memorials came to camp, as well as much of their processions, after they passed. Glenn is Chief Operational Officer at Molo Companies and is a Past Chair of the Board for FUEL Iowa, formerly the Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Stores of Iowa, who have been involved with Camp for over 40 years.

On December 31, 1993 John and Maxine Menster donated a farm located in South Central Iowa to the camp. After a consultation with the Mensters it was decided to raffle the farm. It was the largest fund raiser in the history of Camp. It took the legislature to pass a bill and the governor signing it to allow Camp to raffle the farm properly in Iowa.

For more information go to www.campcourageous.org/71VW

The camp will be displaying the VW Bus at area events in 2022 to promote Camp, its 50th Anniversary, and raffle ticket sales. Camp is in need of volunteers to trailer the bus (trailer provided) to events and sell tickets. Contact Charlie at 319-465-5916, ext. 2100 or E-mail charlie@campcourageous.org for details.

Camp Courageous 50th Anniversary 1971 VW Bus Raffle Order

Order your 1971 VW Bus Raffle Ticket(s) by mail. The stub to your ticket with the corresponding raffle ticket number will be mailed to you for your records.

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Mail this form with payment info or check (to “Camp Courageous”): Camp Courageous, PO Box 418, Monticello, IA 52310-0418

50th Anniversary T-Shirts are available featuring the VW Bus.
Camp Courageous was delighted to have Tom and Mary Pat Brooke of West Liberty visit Camp to celebrate the Rotary Music Park and the Monticello Rotary’s 100th anniversary. Tom has been a Rotary member longer than anyone in Iowa, 70+ years. Tom & Mary Pat have been involved with Camp for over 40 years. Their involvement began in 1981 when the Petroleum Marketers took Camp under their wing. Tom, a DX Jobber, joined a small group who gave annually, and their donations were matched by the DX Brand. Tom also brought a musical group called the Convenient Singers to Camp to entertain the campers in the 80s. Tom and Mary Pat are holding a picture that is displayed in the office of (L-R) Ed and Marie Kistenmacher, Tom and Mary Pat Brooke, and Henrietta and Norb Bahl. The picture shows the Camp’s gazebo that was given to Camp in honor of Ed Kistenmacher’s 33 years as Director of the Petroleum Marketers (now FUELIowa). While visiting Camp, Tom and Mary Pat picked up their annual 60 Camp Fruitcakes they give to family and friends. They don’t come any finer than these two... what a legacy of caring and sharing this couple has spread to thousands over their 90ish years!

Camp Courageous Rotary Music Park
Made possible through efforts of many

The Dan and Carol Vorhies Family trying out some of the instruments (L-R) Chris Vorhies, Carol Vorhies, Todd Manternach, Sue Vorhies Manternach, and the next generation, Sydney Harris.

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Get the latest updates about what’s going on at the Camp.
Sign up on the camp’s web page: www.campcourageous.org
Dick Fratzke, Grand Knight of the Jesup Knights of Columbus, Farther Ferring Council #8227, presented a check to Camp Courageous from their Tootsie Roll Drive For Persons With Intellectual Disabilities. The Jesup Knights have been long-time supporters of the camp and their dinner awards night is exceptional. Super supporters!

Thank you to Donna Wood for inviting Camp Courageous to give a program to the Stanwood Lions. This group have been long-time supporters of the Camp as a group and individually. Front and center is Camp Courageous Board Member, Merlin Hulse. Super group, whose final comment, after the program was, “what more can we do?”

A special thank you to Jeff and Sonja LaBarge of Greenfield, IA for delivering their Lions Club check to Camp Courageous! It is a 7-hour round trip drive and one they have been doing for years. Thank you Jeff, Sonja, and the Greenfield Lions Club!

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus Council 1791 in Anamosa for their recent check presentation to Camp. Pictured is Knight Rick Delagardelle dropping the check off at the Camp. The Anamosa KCs have been supporters for many years.

Camp is excited to announce the return of Camp Boxes!

Each box is $10.00 (plus shipping) and brings camp right to YOUR doorstep!

Each box can be adapted to the needs of you/your individual and is themed by month.

Camp Boxes include: Four activities with most of the supplies, camp activity pages, camp themed recipe, and other goodies.

These great activity care packages have been a major hit for folks of all ages, so don’t miss out on your chance to get in on the fun! Sent right to your doorstep, these boxes are jam-packed with goodies to help bring the magic of Camp into your home! Adaptive version available.

To order a Camp Box go to Camp's online store to select the type of box you want: https://campcourageous.org/shop/
Multiple organizations come together to help with future land resources plans for Camp

Camp Courageous could become a model for improving water quality and providing new unique experiences in nature for campers and visitors through a joint venture with the University of Iowa, the Maquoketa River Watershed Management Authority, and the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Recently, at the Camp’s Durgin Pavilion, four teams of University of Iowa faculty and students presented their strategies to enhance beautiful forest areas at Camp Courageous.

This project began when camp volunteer Jeff Pitlik contacted Maquoketa River Watershed Management Authority. There Jeff met up with Lori Scovel, a longtime resident of Delaware County, who possesses a passion for promoting growth and sustainability in rural Iowa communities and an experienced grant writer and project manager. Lori brought the concept to her board to take on a Camp Courageous project. Things took off like a rocket from there with an incredible team of professionals and students bringing wonderful ideas and research to camp.

The Iowa Civil and Environmental Engineering students presented their plans for the undeveloped areas as part of their semester-long project. These designs involved a multipurpose trail system, a nature education center, storm water management and detention plans, and systems for reducing contaminants in source water. Continued support from the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, along with others could help bring these plans into reality.

Special thank you to: Travis Kraus, Director, Iowa Initiative for Sustainable Communities, U of I; Derek Harrigan, University of Iowa Alumni Engagement; David Bridges, Iowa DNR District Forester; George Schaefers, NRCS Area Engineer; Rebecca Ohrman, Iowa Water Quality Consulting, L.L.C.; James Kurth, Camp Courageous, Facilities Director; Charlie Becker, CEO, Camp Courageous; Matthew Graesch, Iowa DNR Environmental Specialist, Land Quality; Amber Sauser, Iowa DNR Environmental Specialist, Water Supply; David Cwiertny, Director, Center for Health Effects of Environmental Contamination; Lori Scovel, Executive Director Limestone Bluffs Resource Conservation and Development; Erin Erickson, Watershed Coordinator, MRWMA Limestone Bluffs RC & D; Larry McDevitt, Chair MRWMA & Jackson Co. Board of Supervisors; Dr. Paul Hanley, Associate Professor for Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Iowa; Mr & Mrs Mike Steines, Jackson Co. Board of Supervisors; Jeff Pitlik, Volunteer Development, Camp Courageous; and Greg Schmitt, Iowa Department of Natural Resource.

Thank you to the Iowa faculty that helped assist the students and develop these semester projects. Camp appreciates their efforts in making these plans possible.

Camper Kaitlyn gets back into the groove of Camp Courageous

This summer I had the pleasure of meeting Kaitlyn. She returned to camp to her first respite in a while in July where she was shy and trying to learn the groove of camp again. In early August she came for another respite, and as soon as she got out of the car Kaitlyn asked for me by name! I was flabbergasted, I had thought she wouldn’t remember me!

With some encouragement I got her to try all the wonderful activities at camp. It had been four respites and Kaitlyn said with her communication device that she didn’t want to ride the zipline, she was scared to ride. Finally, after a lot of convincing and telling her I would paint her fingernails if she rode she hopped on and she had a blast! The rest is history.

Kaitlyn has been to nine respites and she becomes more of a social butterfly each time! Every time Kaitlyn arrives she asks for me, and when I see her she gets the biggest smile. I’ll ask if she is ready for an amazing weekend and she says, “yes!”

Camper Kaitlyn is pictured with her favorite Counselor, Emily, learning how to use flint and steel. Kaitlyn has been coming to camp for 14 years. She is pictured learning how to use a flint and steel for the first time. Kaitlyn, along with other campers, helped gather egg cartons and dried pine needles. Staff members then helped each camper build a small contained fire. Later, campers gathered wood and dried needles for a bigger fire, and helped cook hamburgers and roasted their own s’mores!
Faith is holding on tight when the going gets windy.

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Inside the delectable chocolate shell are a delightful combination of flavors and ingredients that melt into a scrumptious cup of steaming gourmet cocoa when hot milk is poured over it. Be sure to watch for the Camp Courageous marshmallow!

Order yours now through March 1st. Each order is made fresh when orders are placed. Order Cocoa Bombs or view sale locations: https://campcourageous.org/cocoa-bombs

A very special thank you to **Liz Durham** for inviting Camp Courageous to give a program to the **Rotary Cedar Rapids West Club**. Liz did an exceptional job making the atmosphere very ‘campy’! Before the event she collected Camp Courageous informational material, made her homemade smore cookies, little campfires with marshmallows on sticks, and so much more for table decorations. There were many members that are also long-time supporters of Camp like Dennis Green, who did his magic on the AV; Teressa Hackenmiller, who had just done a fund raiser for Camp through Thrivent; and Club President, Matt Teply. A terrific group that meets in the beautiful Czech Museum. Many participating virtually for the meeting, as well.

Camp Courageous would like to thank **Paul Gudenkauf** (far right) for suggesting to **Haili Hensley** that the **Jespun Lions Club** have a Camp Courageous Program! It was a wonderful evening of fun and reminiscing back 40+ years of their support. Jesup was home to Honorary Board Member Norb Bahl who, along with enlisting the support of the Petroleum Marketers of Iowa behind Camp, also enlisted the vast majority of the residents of Jesup! So many fond memories were shared. We are grateful to the Jesup Lions Club for their years of support! It is heartwarming to see so many people spend their whole life in the service of others -cwb.

Thank you to Jeff Schmatt (back, standing next to the banner) from the **Cedar Rapids Thursday Noon Optimist Club** for giving Camp Courageous the opportunity to provide a program. This Optimist Club has been supporting Camp Courageous for over 45-years (1976)! I fondly remember splitting wood by hand with Gary Kouba (former WMT staffer) and the rest of the club, back in 1980, behind the old lodge. Don Peterson, also a member, was among the first Petroleum Marketers to take camp under their wing in 1981. Chuck Gartner is another of their great members who has provided Camp Courageous with some wonderful guidance and support over the years. And Larry Kennedy, whose family rented the camp for years. Most of their club members help at the camp’s breakfasts/open houses and other events. Super group! We always appreciate the opportunity to give them an update on camp.

(L-R) **Jerry Jackson and his dad, Delbert**, 88, visited Camp Courageous a few months ago. Delbert’s roots are in the Bellevue/Jackson County area where he and his wife Janice raised their family. Jerry moved away to Michigan but was back and they both wanted to see Camp Courageous. Delbert noticed a display in the office showing donors to the Zipline Fund and that one category was unclaimed. He later called and wanted to support the cause and cover that open category with a memorial for Janice. We can’t thank Delbert enough for his wonderful support of Camp in memory of Janice Jackson.

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 also served on the Cedar Rapids Police Department with former Board Member, Larry Greco, for many years.
Camp honors Veterans with special event

Camp Courageous held a new event to honor Veterans on November 11, 2021. Veterans and their families were invited to Camp Courageous for a free luncheon, free zipline ride, as well as tours of the Camp. The ceremony began with the Presentation of Colors by the local Monticello Color Guard followed by comments of appreciation from camp, and lunch. Camp was honored to have Veterans attending from various cities across Iowa. Despite the brisk day, several Veterans and their families rode the zip line and had a tour of the camp. Those that wanted to wait for warmer weather were given a voucher to use at a later date.

This event was made possible through many sponsors as well as a main sponsorship provided by Overhead Door Company of Dubuque. Camp hopes to make this an annual event.

Veterans Day Sponsor:
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Please contact camp if interested in sponsoring the 2022 event.

Camper Maggie gets to know Snow White from A Moment of Magic, University of Iowa Chapter. A Moment of Magic has been a magnificent addition to Camp’s program the last few years and is always a hit with campers!

Thank you to John Cook, General Manager of Spahn & Rose Lumber Company in Dubuque, for a donation from their foundation to Camp. The Spahn & Rose Lumber Co. Charitable Foundation has been supporting camp since the early 80s and much of camp’s earliest building supplies came from the Monticello S&R. The original five buildings built in 1973 have grown to 30+ buildings today! John has his roots in Monticello where his family has been actively involved in the growth of the Camp since its earliest years. He also began his career at the Monticello Spahn & Rose starting in 1991. He has always had a genuine commitment to the customer and passion for the building industry. Personally, I credit Spahn & Rose with much of what I know about the building industry. They provided a foundation from which Camp has grown. Spahn & Rose employed me at the age of 14 and taught me far more than they ever realized. I am personally grateful for this 50 year relationship! -cwb

Among those driving the furthest to attend the Pancake Breakfast and Open House were Greg and Pam Sullivan of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Greg’s mother was my cousin (Nancy Becker Sullivan). Greg and Pam’s son, Kyle, was a counselor at Camp Courageous where, like others, met his future wife Kylie. Greg’s grandparents, Lawrence and Ialeen Becker from W. Des Moines, were also very active in Camp. All have their names on Camp Courageous’ Perpetual Fund Board for giving the gift that will help Camp forever. It was a treat to see them and Camp is grateful for their continued support! -Charlie

Had a wonderful day with Honorary Board Members Phil & Shirley Martin, along with their neighbors and friends, as they toured Camp Courageous. The group had the opportunity to join with campers in riding the train and Zip Line! It was obvious Phil and Shirley live in a good, caring, and fun neighborhood! Phil and Shirley have had a busy year at Camp from volunteering for Cruisin’, to Breakfasts, to fruitcake making, and everything in-between. They are a couple Camp can always depend for help. Camp is so grateful they shared Courageous with their neighbors and friends.

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A huge thank you to Nolan Williams, an 8th grader from Durant, who has been collecting pop cans in bins outside the Durant and Wilton Casey General Stores and Blooming Ideas in Wilton. This takes a lot of dedicated work and we are so grateful to Nolan and those that help by donating their cans. Nolan took over the can collection program from Durant grad Tony Krebs in May.

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The Ryan Nationals Car Club from Ryan, IA present an annual car show. This year some of the proceeds from that show went to benefit Camp Courageous. (L-R) Bob Hostert and Mike McElliott present a check from the car show to Camp. Bob & Mike are regulars at Cruisin’ For Camp Courageous, not only attending, but bringing their cars. They remarked how impressed they were with the facilities and improvements every time they come to the show. They also know campers that benefit from Camp Courageous and what a great time they have coming to Camp. Thank you, Ryan Nationals Car Club for your many years of support! https://campcourageous.org/cruisin/

Thanks to a donation from the Fritz family campers had an absolute BLAST making buttons in Arts and Crafts! What a wonderful donation that quickly had an affect with campers. It will add to Camp’s program activities time and time again! Pictured (above) is a group showing off their buttons.

Pictured (right) is counselor Karl assisting camper Zack with the button maker to create the perfect Batman button.

Dayna Decker-Nuzum and Roberta Snyder (L-R) made a trip to Camp Courageous in late Fall to deliver several beautiful handmade quilts donated by the Pythian Sisters from Winterset IA. The brightly colored quilts will be a warm welcome to the campers during the winter months. Camp would like to thank these ladies for their many years of support.

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A special thank you to **Christopher Oetker**, Floral Manager at the Collin’s Road Hy-Vee and **Jodi Burns**, Hy-Vee’s Event Coordinator and Social Media Specialist for thinking of Camp Courageous with dozens of fresh flowers! Camp had them quickly in the hands of campers, who then surprised their parents and teachers and other loved ones, with these special gifts of appreciation to these special people in their lives. Thank you Hy-Vee for being so good to the campers!

**Polly Williams** donated 185 beautiful crocheted hats she made for the campers. This was special for a couple of reasons—her 80th birthday and the donation of a total of 1,000 of her hats. She began crocheting 2007 and have donated her creations to numerous causes. Camp is so grateful Polly chose to share her talents and beautiful designs. Happy Birthday Polly!

Camp Courageous was thrilled to have the **Anamosa Wrestling Club** visit on Christmas Eve. The Club had raised money for families in need and for Camp Courageous. The group shopped for things off the Camp’s needs list, like paper towel, TP, paper plates, arts and craft supplies and so much more. They loaded the items into about four vehicles and headed to Camp. The wrestlers and coaches helped put everything away and watched the Camper video, so everyone came away with a better sense of the good they have done. It was such a beautiful day; they also took a ride on the zipline! This group made for an extra special Christmas Eve at Camp. Special thanks to **Coach Scott Wheeler** for coordinating the project. Pictured are Coaches Benji Silver, Scott Wheeler, Brian Dietiker, and Troy Stupka. The wrestlers included Ryker Silver, Wes Wheeler, Rylan Dietiker, and Ashlyn Dietiker and Colton Stupka.

**Brian Sheehy** was a wonderful Camp Courageous volunteer who loved helping with Respite Care Weekends and worked in the dietary department for years. It was heartwarming to have his brothers and sister donate money to camp in Brian’s memory. His legacy will live on at Camp and with all the campers he inspired. Pictured are (L-R) **Jim Sheehy**, Dale Sheehy, and Rena Sheehy.

**The amazing Jargo Family** spent a couple of days before Christmas volunteering at Camp Courageous, which has become an annual family tradition. Chas and Nancy Jargo of Miles, IA have been active with camp for decades. For years they donated beef to camp that helped feed many campers. They have decided, as a family, to help make a difference at camp instead of buying gifts for each other. Camp is honored and humbled by their thoughtfulness, generosity, and unselfish spirit of giving. Front row (L-R) are Catrina, Karissa, and Jacinta Jargo, and Michael Hackbarth. Back row are Travis, Nancy, and Chas Jargo. The Jargo family pulled nails and taped the Weber House (formerly the Camp’s Guest House) as the house is being remodeled in anticipation of Dr. Mark Hulub and Kristen Kennedy’s volunteering at Camp Courageous beginning in the Spring of 2022! More to come on that in the future. Thank you, Jargos!

Camp Courageous was honored to be chosen as the charity for the 50th Convention of the **International Association of Decanter & Specialties Clubs** held in Cedar Rapids, IA. This group was formerly known as the IAJBBSC (International Association of Jim Beam Bottle and Specialties Clubs) Collectors International. 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 along with lots of toys to be used as gifts for the campers throughout the holidays. Their hearts are truly with Camp Courageous. Pictured are **Ken and Fran DeMarcé**, two key local members who received the highest honor the international group can bestow. We congratulate the DeMarcés and sincerely thank the group for their abundance of support!
Camp Courageous would like to thank the staff and residents of Oaknoll, An Active Lifecare Community in Iowa City, for giving it the opportunity to present a program. It was a perfect evening full of reminiscing and appreciation for the role many have played in the success of Camp Courageous. The evening started with a tribute to Helen Byington, a former resident, who's doing the Camp Zipline was on her bucket list. She thought so much of that experience, a picture of her doing the Zip was on her Memorial Card upon her passing. It was heartwarming to see individuals like Herb & Janice Wilson, whose donation of a timeshare condo in Florida, decades ago, has raised thousands of dollars over the years for the camp as an auction item at the Pineapple Gala. This wonderful group made for a beautiful evening!

Dirt work has began this fall at the Pitlik-Beckwith-Johnson-Bader (PBJB) Addition. Picture above looks South toward the Durgin Pavilion and Lake Todd. Directly across from this area will be parking from overflow at Durgin and all the activities that will be going on at the PBJB Addition.

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A heartfelt thank you to Lynn Burrell of Frontier Garden Center in Cedar Rapids. Lynn has a huge heart for Camp Courageous. His generosity and kindness go far beyond what he donates to us throughout the year. Thank you, Lynn and Frontier, for all you do for camp!

Thank you to Ed and Janet McEvoy of Dubuque for their labor of love in making these extremely popular pillows. The McEvoy's have long been time supporters of Camp Courageous going back to when they lead their students in doing fund raisers for the camp and collecting tabs. A wonderful couple who are involved with many camp projects.

Thank you to Dick Newcomb and the Walcott American Legion Post 548 for presenting Camp Courageous a check at the recent Pancake Breakfast/Open House! Camp appreciates him for also giving Camp the opportunity to give a Camp Program to the Walcott Legion. Nice facility and super nice people!

Pictured is Al Blatz, store manager, as he delivers a donation from Cascade Lumber. The delivery included pallets of building materials (blinds, flooring, electric snow blowers, cleaning supplies, and more). Thank you to Al and Cascade Lumber Co.!
Camp Holiday Parties are a big hit!

Camp Courageous was excited to hold the annual Holiday Parties this year. Both youth and adult Campers were invited into the main lodge, which was filled with colorful holiday decorations and the wonderful fragrance of hot chocolate, homemade candy coated popcorn, and cookies. The magic of the holiday season was in the air. This year camp offered three sessions for youth campers and two sessions for adult campers. Youth campers from preschool to high school students attended from various school districts. Adult campers came from group homes, and residential and assisted living facilities.

All campers that attended the holiday parties had the opportunity to choose from a variety of activities including bowling, arcade games, holiday craft, indoor wall climb, archery, carnival games and karaoke. One of the adult sessions also had the amazing opportunity to listen to the New Horizons Band of Cedar Rapids perform live holiday music. Many campers sang along to their favorite holiday tune.

Of course the most anticipated part of the Holiday Parties is seeing the big man in red, Santa Claus. It was wonderful to see the faces of all the campers, whether they were 3 or 65 years old. Their faces lit up as he entered the room. Each camper had the opportunity to sit next to Santa and tell him what was on their holiday list. A young male camper brought with him a picture he made and letter he wrote for Santa. He sat next to Santa and read his letter. When he finished he carefully folded up his letter for Santa to take back to the North Pole and gave Santa a huge hug.

All campers that attended received a candy cane and a wrapped gift. Camp Courageous is always in need of holiday gifts for campers of all ages to make this event possible each year. Donations of gift items, especially for adult campers, are greatly needed for next year. Ideas for adult gifts include puzzles, games, hats, gloves, blankets, word searches, ornaments, sporting goods, and home décor. Toys or other items for youth are also appreciated, especially items for youth campers aged 12-21.

A special thank you to both Lee Thompson and Jeff Hinz who took time out of their busy schedules to play a “special role” and really take the time to listen to each camper, giving them each individual attention, and time to share what they wanted to say.

Jocelyn Blanco joins Camp Staff as Aquatic Coordinator

Camp is excited to welcome Jocelyn Blanco as the new Aquatic Coordinator. Jocelyn came to Camp Courageous this past summer season as one of Camp’s Therapeutic Recreation Interns.

She was in her final semester of college with the University of Western Illinois and applied to Camp Courageous to complete her field internship. Jocelyn came on board this summer with enthusiasm and brought some new programming ideas and activities for campers. It was apparent early on that Jocelyn had knowledge and skills in aquatics and was adept at relating to campers.

Jocelyn was born and raised in Chicago, IL. Growing up she spent most of her free time in parks, trying different sports and activities. The one activity she enjoyed the most was swimming. Swimming became part of her life since she was 4 years old. Her parents would sign her up for Tiny Tot lessons and soon after Learn to Swim classes. Later, she moved to Swim Team where she learned more about the competitive side of swimming. Swimming was a year-round sport for Jocelyn. She was either training, playing water polo or competing in swim meets.

While in high school, Jocelyn became a seasonal lifeguard for the Chicago Park District. She guarded both indoor and outdoor pools, but her favorite was guarding at Lake Michigan. After graduation she became a year-round lifeguard and taught several aquatic programs: tiny tots, learn to swim for youth and adults, aqua aerobics, swim team, junior lifeguards, life guarding classes, and Special Olympics. Jocelyn said “I wanted to do more, so I received my Water Safety Instructor (WSI) and Lifeguard Instructor Certification (LGI). Soon after I became a Natatorium Instructor. I oversaw indoor and outdoor pools and ran my own programming.”

Jocelyn has new ideas to help expand the aquatic program at camp for both campers and the community. Her aquatic background and knowledge will give campers a safe, rewarding experience while using the Vermazen-Carver Indoor Pool. Camp is excited to see Jocelyn take the aquatics program at camp to the next level.

Love, not time, heals all wounds.
Needs List

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

Program
Paddle Boat Covers  
Pinball Arcade Game  
Volleyball net  
Paint Face  
Kid Safety Glasses  
Exercise Mats  
Air Hockey Pucks  
Knee Pads-size XL  
White Shirts 2XL, 3XL, 4XL  
Clear Packaging Tape  
Hula Hoops  
Garden Gloves  
Boat Cushions

Wobble Seats  
Plastic Shower Curtains  
Beeper Ball  
Archery Arm Guards  
Indoor Arrow Tips  
Rubbermaid Commercial  
Wheelbarrow  
AAA batteries  
Chalk Powder  
Amazon Gift Cards  
Valentines Decor  
St Patrick’s Day Decor

Pool/Aquatics
Pool Basketball  
Straps for Spinal Boards  
Lifeguard Fox 40 whistles  
Calcium and Run Remover  
(1 gallon)  
Lie Out SOS pads  
Magic Erasers  
Adult & Kids Swim Googles

Shower Mats  
Big Kahuna Pool Noodles  
Lifejackets-Oversize  
Aqua Jogger Active Belts  
Water Gear Instructional  
Swim Belt  
Kickboard Swim Trainer

Arts & Crafts
Large Glue Gun Sticks  
Shaving Cream  
White Canvases  
Colored Duct Tape  
Dye for Tye-Dyeing  
Colored Air Clay  
Color your own puzzles  
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Dye for Tye-Dying  
White Canvases

Tablecloths  
Heat Gun  
Butcher Paper  
Packaging Tape  
Contact Paper  
Watercolor Pads  
Unfinished Wood Chimes

Outdoor Living
Folding Campfire grates  
Cooking Knives  
5 Gallon Buckets  
Extra long 22” tongs  
Wooden Mallet  
Rubber Mallet  
Ensolettes Sleeping Mats  
Firewood Tongs 36"

Headlamps w/red light  
4 person tent  
Waterproof Dry Bag with Strap 50-65L  
Rain jackets and Pants  
Batteries-All Sizes* AA, AAA, C, D, 9V  
Tay Welde  
Paint Thinner  
Pallets of Sod/Black Dirt  
Black Hills Spruce Trees  
Riding Lawn Mowers  
Paint Brushes  
Round-Up Concentrate  
35 Qt. Dehumidifiers  
Craftsman 299 pc Toolset  
1/2-3/8" PVC Fittings  
Brake Cleaner  
Fit Well Puts Fittings 1/2"  
Soft Water Salt  
Torque Sticks for Lug Nuts

Medical Supplies
Defibrillator Pads  
AED Battery  
Baby Wipes  
Disinfecting Wipes  
Hand Soap  
Bleeding Control Kit  
Lifecare Home Kit (Choking Rescue Aid)  
Bacitracin  
Hydrocortisone Cream  
Triple Antibiotic Cream  
Clarin (Loratadine)

Food
Congressional District  
State  
ZIP Code

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

MAJOR ITEMS NEEDED:
$500,000 - Multipurpose Field  
$400,000 - New Garage Complex on Base Camp  
$150,000 - New camper bus  
$100,000 - 3D Interior of the Penaluna Tunnel  
$100,000 - Elevator for Durgin Pavilion  
$75,000 - 2022 Ford F350 4x4 Diesel, with plow and accessories  
$75,000 - 800 AMP Generator for PBJB buildings and area  
$50,000 - JD 72” mower with cab  
$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

Travel Program
Clear Plastic Backpacks  
Small Utility Shower Caddy  
Tote  
Hotel/Gift/Gas Cards  
(BP, Casey’s, Kwik Star, Restaurant Gift Cards

Office Supplies
Bubble Wrap  
Paper (White or Bright Colored)  
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 (Sharpie, Fox Point)

Nature Center
Natural Pet Bedding  
Red Cedar Bedding  
Dried Mealworms  
Small Animal Wire Cages  
Snake Skins, Bones

Dietary
Trash Bags(55 gallon)  
Lysol Wipes  
Paper Towels  
Gift Cards  
Coconut  
Hot Chocolate Mix  
Duncan Hines White Cake  
Mixes

Pharmacy
Children’s Tylenol  
Miralax  
Clarin  
Immodium  
Benadryl  
Glucose Gel

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Your name and address (billing address if using credit card):
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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:  
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Campers from HDC in Davenport enjoy exclusive session

Campers from HDC in Davenport, IA were unable to attend 2021 Fall overnight sessions at Camp Courageous due to health and safety restrictions. However, Camp saw this as an opportunity for camp sessions to still happen, just in a different way. This meant everything for a wonderful group of campers from HDC that have been attending Camp since the 80s. As a result, “HDC Winter Wonderland Camp” was created!

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Upcoming Events:
Jan. 8, 15 - Respite Day Camps
Jan. 23-28 - Disney Cruise for Campers
Feb. 5, 12 - Respite Day Camps
Feb. 10 - Sweethearts Dance for Adult Campers, 10AM-12PM & 6:30PM-8PM
Mar. 10 - Shamrock Shindig for Adult Campers, 6:30-8:00 PM
April 19 - Cheesburgers for Charity - Map Room, Cedar Rapids
April 24 - Omelet Breakfast & Open House - Camp Lodge
May 15 - Cruisin’ for Camp Courageous - Camp grounds
Aug. 7 - Camp Courageous Sprint Triathlon - Durgin Pavilion
Aug. 19 - Pineapple Gala - DoubleTree, Downtown Cedar Rapids
Consult the Camp Courageous web site for the latest info.

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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 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.

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

Your gift to Camp Courageous:

AMOUNT:

$ □ Check □ VISA □ Mastercard □ Discover

Your name and address (billing address if using credit card):
NAME (or name on credit card):
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This gift is:
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 gift if you provide name(s) and an address below.

SENDING TO:
NAME:
ADDRESS:
CITY:
STATE:
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Please use this gift for:
□ Campership Fund
□ Camp Foundation (Perpetual Fund)
□ Building Fund
□ Pool
□ Courier Sponsorship
□ Solar Project
□ Miniature Golf

Please send information on including Camp Courageous in your will/estate.
□ My employer, ________________, will match this gift (please enclose matching gift form from employer).
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□ I have someone contact me.
□ I am interested in volunteering opportunities. Please have someone contact me.
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Other ways to help or get information:
□ □

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

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.

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