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Kamp 2011: "Add One More Kamper"

Kamp Kiwanis' appeal to district clubs this year is the "Add One More Kamper". Clubs that send one more Kamper than last year will receive a patch commemorating their contribution to the kamp.

Kamp can serve up to 840 children; last summer there were about 200 open spaces. That means that 200 more children could have benefited from a week at Kamp Kiwanis but didn't have the opportunity. The Kamp hopes that this year the district's clubs will fill those slots with deserving children. The cost, for the fourth year in a row, will be \$425; busing costs an additional \$110.

As an option, clubs can provide kamperships for an increasing number of families who are applying directly to the Kamp for assistance.

Once again this summer, the Kamp will have a Carnival Day every Friday during Kamper weeks from about 9 a.m. until noon. Kamp Executive Director Rebecca Lopez said Kiwanians are encouraged to come out and join the fun. Kiwanians can help out with concessions: handing out popcorn, sno cones or cotton candy. The Kampers play carnival games, and the Kamp has two bouncy obstacle courses that were donated by James Michael and the Five Towns Kiwanis Club.

Kiwanians also are welcome to attend the awards night, every Friday evening from 7 to 8:30 p.m., when deserving Kampers receive awards for their week



The concrete slab is ready for the new Arts & Crafts Building at Kamp Kiwanis. The old building is at left; in the background is the Morgenroth Drama Center.

at Kamp, Lopez said.

At the Key Club District Convention on April 10, the Shaker High Key Club donated \$4,500 to Kamp which will be used for kamperships. At the Kamp Open House on May 14, the staff room will be dedicated in the club's honor for its continued dedication and support of the Kamp and foundation.

Also at the Open House there will be a dedication in honor of Past Gov. Jim Yochum, who served many years as treasurer of the New York District Foundation.

Everyone is invited to attend the May 14 Open House for tours, dedications and lunch. A meeting of the District Foundation Board will follow lunch.

The work days are May 12 and 13. Lopez reports that they are desperate for volunteers this year, as there is much more work to complete than normal. In addition to major maintenance work that has been backing up for the last few years, there is office work, lots of painting, carpentry work, yard work, kitchen work and basic manual labor.

Lopez invites volunteers from the K-family to stay at Kamp or hotels in the area. The Kamp will provide housing and food if needed.

The current major construction project at the Kamp is a new Arts & Crafts building, which is being built near the existing structure. It is expected to be ready for the summer of 2012.

10 Reasons to make the trip to Geneva, Switzerland

Here are 10 reasons to attend the 96th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Geneva, Switzerland, July 7-10:

1. You'll be part of history when Kiwanis officially launches The Eliminate Project: Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus.

2. Free local-travel cards are presented by Geneva Tourism and Convention to all Kiwanians staying in Geneva hotels. The travel cards are valid for the length of your stay.

3. It's an international convention, with forums, delegate session in multiple languages.

4. Centrally located, Geneva is close to popular European destinations.

5. New friends from all corners of the world are eager to meet you.

6. The forums and workshops have helpful ideas and advice to help your club succeed in service, membership and fellowship.

7. Your club's ideas and advice are needed to help other Kiwanis clubs succeed in service, membership and fellowship.

8. You'll have fun! Join your fellow Kiwanians during the gala dinner on Thursday, partake in the Wednesday reception in the exhibit hall, take a boat ride on the lake and enjoy the entertainment at convention sessions.

9. You'll have plenty of pictures to share when you return home. Geneva will astonish you with its discreet and elegant charm.

10. Your club needs a voting representative in the House of Delegates.