

## THE MT. HOOD KIWANIS CAMP EMPOWERMENT CIRCLE

The purpose of THE EMPOWERMENT CIRCLE is to assure continuous, ongoing, and sustainable support for the operational needs of the Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp. It is intended to provide a predictable year-to-year annual level of financial support for camp operational needs that remain constant regardless of programs and services offered each year.

Individuals or families, corporations, and businesses may purchase annual memberships. Each financial level of membership entitles the member to certain benefits during that year of membership. Benefits may change from year to year as the camp adds new features or programs. Memberships are separate from any other contributions made to the camp, such as events, special and other appeals, and in-kind donations. Memberships may be purchased at any time, but are active for a specific year, so any time-related benefits already past are no longer available in that year. The membership, and benefit, year is January 1 through December 31.

### **ANNUAL INDIVIDUAL/FAMILY MEMBERSHIPS**

#### **Lake Circle                      \$50 - \$999**

- Membership Card
- Citation in the Camp's Annual Report

#### **Forest Circle                      \$1,000 - \$2,999**

- Membership Card
- Citation in the Camp's Annual Report
- 15% off Annual Camp Auction table sponsorship

#### **Timberline Circle                      \$3,000 - \$4,999**

- Membership Card
- Citation in the Camp's Annual Report
- 50% off Annual Camp Auction table sponsorship
- 5% off lodging for a camp rental within the calendar year

#### **Pinnacle Circle                      \$5,000 - \$9,999**

- Membership Card
- Citation in the Camp's Annual Report
- 75% off Annual Camp Auction table sponsorship
- 10% off lodging for a camp rental within the calendar year

#### **Summit Circle                      \$10,000 and higher**

- Membership Card
- Citation in the Camp's Annual Report
- Foresome at the Annual MHKC Golf Tournament
- Free table of 10 for the Annual Camp Auction
- 15% off lodging for a camp rental within the calendar year

The Empowerment Circle also offers several levels of corporate/business membership with corresponding benefits. Please contact our Development office at 503.452.7416 for details.

## THE EMPOWERMENT CIRCLE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **What is THE EMPOWERMENT CIRCLE?**

THE EMPOWERMENT CIRCLE is an annual membership program intended to provide individuals and families, corporations, and businesses an avenue to provide yearly financial support for Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp.

### **What is the purpose of the program?**

The purpose of the membership program is to assure continuous, ongoing, and sustainable support for the operational needs of the camp. It is intended to provide a predictable year-to-year annual level of financial support for essential camp operational needs.

### **What does camp operational needs mean?**

The funds received through the membership program are considered unrestricted allowing them to be used for the basic camp needs required to operate each year. Examples of such expenses are utility expense, regular maintenance of facilities, our fire alarm inspection and membership in the American Camp Association. These camp expenses occur regardless of the programs being offered at the time.

### **How much do some of these expenses cost?**

Many of these expenses are relatively fixed and recur every year. They range from small, such as routine vehicle maintenance, to large, such as electricity and snow removal. For specific examples of these costs, please refer to the list in the document titled "How your Empowerment Circle Membership Helps Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp".

### **Who can become members?**

Anyone. Annual memberships are solicited from individuals/families, corporations, and businesses at various financial levels. Each financial level entitles the member to certain benefits during that year of membership.

### **What is the membership year?**

The membership (and benefit) year is January 1 through December 31.

### **Can I apply my other contributions to my membership?**

While we greatly appreciate donations to the annual auction, Walk, Roll, or Stroll, other special events and appeals, and in-kind donations, annual memberships are separate from any other contributions made to the camp.

### **When can I purchase a membership?**

Memberships may be purchased at any time. However, the annual membership drive will generally occur in the fall (typically October/November) for membership during the following calendar year. While memberships may be purchased at any time, since they are active for a specific year, any time-related benefits already past are no longer available in that year.

### **How will I know my membership has been activated?**

Membership purchases will be acknowledged promptly with a “thank you” letter and/or an email for the full membership amount and an indication of the payment plan selected by the member. Members can indicate a multi-year commitment in the form of an automatic renewal option.

### **What are the payment plan options for my membership?**

The following payment options are available:

1. One-time payment of the full amount by cash, check, or credit card.
2. Quarterly payments\* on the first business day of each quarter of the membership year by credit card authorization (or electronic debit at a future date). The payments will be dated the first business day of January, April, July, and October of the membership year.  
*Example:* For a \$1,200 Forest membership, you are authorizing a credit card charge of \$300 the first business day of each quarter.
3. Monthly payments\* on the first business day of each month of the membership year by credit card authorization (or electronic debit at a future date).  
*Example:* For a \$1,200 Forest membership, you are authorizing a credit card charge of \$100 the first business day of each month.

\*If the membership is purchased for the current year, and a payment plan option is selected, each quarterly or monthly payment will be adjusted to an amount required to fully cover the membership by the last payment, (*Example* – For a membership purchased in June with the quarterly payment option selected, the July and October payments will be one-half the total membership cost so that it will be fully paid after the last payment).

If you selected an automatic membership renewal, the payment plan option originally chosen will be applied unless changed by the member. A reminder letter and/or email will be sent to each member in the fall indicating a deadline for renewal and/or changes to your plan so that the renewal can be processed in December. That will give you ample opportunity to increase your membership level and/or change payment plans.

### **What are the membership benefits?**

Please see the membership level description sheets for the specific benefits associated with each level. Each financial level entitles the member to certain benefits during that year of membership. Benefits may change from year to year as the camp adds new features or programs. Memberships may be purchased at any time, but since they are active for a specific year, any time-related benefits already past are no longer available in that year.

### **When and how can I access my membership benefits?**

Generally, you can indicate your membership level on any form you fill out for an event (for example, the annual auction) to receive the benefit, usually a discount on a purchase. If a benefit you exercise has a significant monetary value, you will be informed of that amount for tax purposes when the benefit is exercised.

### **Will I receive a reminder that my membership must be renewed?**

Yes. A reminder letter and/or email will be sent to each member in the fall indicating that a membership renewal is due for the next year. That will give you ample opportunity to increase your membership level and/or change payment plans as desired.

### **What are my options for continuing or renewing my membership?**

You have several options for your yearly membership. You can renew your membership at your current level or you are encouraged to consider moving up to the next membership level. If you have chosen an automatic renewal or multi-year membership, you will have the opportunity to opt out of those plans. And, if you do not take action by the renewal deadline, while we would not like to see you discontinue membership, we will deactivate your participation in the empowerment circle.

### **Can I purchase a membership for someone else (as a gift, etc.) or multiple memberships?**

Yes. You can put a membership in anyone's name you desire and they will receive the membership information and benefits. However, you will need to specify who should receive the membership renewal information in the fall – you or the recipient. Memberships may be ideal for someone other than you as a gift, honorarium, or memorial.

### **Who can I contact about memberships?**

You can contact the Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp office for membership information. The office is located at 10725 SW Barbur Boulevard, Suite 50, Portland, OR 97219. The office telephone number is 503-452-7416.

## **HOW WILL YOUR EMPOWERMENT CIRCLE MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE HELP MT. HOOD KIWANIS CAMP?**

Every year in addition to the many direct expenses associated with running quality programming for our Campers with disabilities, the Camp must also cover the cost of dozens of fixed expenses that continue regardless of how many program services we offer.

Your support makes it easier for the Camp to cover these on-going costs of doing business.

**\$100** covers the expense of routine maintenance on our Camp vehicles each month

**\$500** covers the cost of our annual fire alarm inspection

**\$1,500** covers the monthly cost of power/electricity for the entire campsite

**\$3,000** pays our annual dues to be a member of the American Camping Association

**\$5,000** covers the annual expense to keep the 2 miles of Forest Service Road 39 from the highway to Camp plowed and accessible from November through April each year

**\$10,000** covers the Camp's annual budget for mandated Forest Service and State of Oregon required upgrades to systems and buildings

**\$15,000** covers the cost of providing employee health insurance benefits.

**\$25,000** covers the annual expense of the technology,(computers, software, databases, and communications) which are required to operate the Camp

**\$50,000** covers the expense of the Camp's comprehensive insurance package for one year

**Thank you for considering helping  
Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp through a membership!**

THE MT. HOOD KIWANIS CAMP  
EMPOWERMENT CIRCLE  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I am ready to provide yearly financial support to Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp-helping ensure continuous, ongoing, and sustainable support for the camp's operational needs.

Please accept my Empowerment Circle membership gift.

Please indicate your membership level choice and gift amount

_____ Lake Circle	\$50 - \$999	I elect to donate \$ _____
_____ Forest Circle	\$1,000 - \$2,999	I elect to donate \$ _____
_____ Timberline Circle	\$3,000 - \$4,999	I elect to donate \$ _____
_____ Pinnacle Circle	\$5,000 - \$9,999	I elect to donate \$ _____
_____ Summit Circle	\$10,000 and higher	I elect to donate \$ _____

The following payment options are available, please indicate your preference:

\_\_\_\_\_ **One-time payment** of the full amount by cash, check, or credit card, please enclose.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Quarterly payments** on the first business day of each quarter of the membership year by credit card authorization. The payments will be dated the first business day of January, April, July, and October of the membership year.

*Example: For a \$1,200 Forest membership, you are authorizing a credit card charge of \$300 the first business day of each quarter.*

\_\_\_\_\_ **Monthly payments** on the first business day of each month of the membership year by credit card authorization.

*Example: For a \$1,200 Forest membership, you are authorizing a credit card charge of \$100 the first business day of each month.*

\_\_\_\_\_ **I wish to automatically renew my membership each year**

If you select an automatic membership renewal, the payment plan option originally chosen will be applied unless changed by you. A reminder letter and/or email will be sent to you in the fall indicating a deadline for renewal and/or changes to your plan so that the renewal can be processed in December. That will give you ample opportunity to increase membership level and/or change payment plans.

I elect to make an additional donation dedicated to offsetting the cost of camp registration fees and providing camperships to families in financial need.  
Please indicate amount desired.

\_\_\_ \$10 \_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ Other Amount \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

If paying by credit card please indicate:

\_\_\_ Mastercard \_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_ American Express

Would you like to cover the cost of the credit card transaction processing by adding 5% to your donation total?  Yes  No

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete and enclose this form, along with payment if by cash or check, & return in the envelope provided. Thank you for helping Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp to succeed!**