Hello and welcome to Camp season 2019, the 86th summer for Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp! Since I joined MHKC this January, our staff and Board have been hard at work preparing for this nine week stretch of adventure, fun and fellowship. After months of meeting with campers and families, hearing their stories, and learning about their history with our Camp, I could not be more excited to experience the magic in person.

You may have noticed that I am not the only new face at MHKC. In addition to several new staff members, we have increased the size and diversity of our Board, which has grown from five to 12. Together, this team of Board and staff has already made significant progress ensuring that our Camp continues for another 86 summers and beyond. The first step in this process has been to create a five-year strategic plan to focus and guide our efforts. I am pleased to share with you here for the first time what to expect from MHKC in the coming years.

1. **Serve more campers.** Each season, our camp fills in a shorter and shorter time frame. This year, it was less than four hours for main camp and less than 15 minutes for Kids Week. Also each year, our waitlist grows longer. This year, we had over 140 campers on the waitlist. We simply do not think it is fair to ever deny someone the opportunity to enjoy our programs. That’s why our primary goal for 2019-2023 is to increase our campers served by 50% to over 800. We will do this by maximizing our capacity in the summer with facilities upgrades and optimized staffing. We will also add new opportunities for campers to engage with us throughout the year, including monthly off-season community gatherings, adding an adventure retreat in the Fall, and an alumni weekend for our aging camper population in the late Spring.

2. **Build and maintain state-of-the-art facilities.** Holding our 22-acre campsite to the highest standards of quality is not only about safety, it is about increasing the capacity of our camp and increasing access for all campers. Our five-year facilities plan, already in review with the US Forest Service, includes increasing capacity by improving chokepoints in our septic system and sleeping arrangements, and improving safety by expanding our emergency generator system. Throughout this process, we will have an eye toward, and an architect assigned to, the looming project of rebuilding our aging Hemlock Dormitory.

3. **Reflect our community and constituencies in all aspects of our organization.** By the nature of our programming, MHKC is keenly aware that with equitable access and a culture of inclusion, all people of all abilities can make a valuable contribution to our society. For that reason, we have committed to consciously create, monitor, and maintain diversity among our campers, staff, volunteers, and Board. Our ongoing process of improvement will be overseen by a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion committee that includes staff, Board and outside experts and will involve direct outreach and support for previously underrepresented communities.

I look forward to working together with you to fulfill the promise of Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp as an experience that is open to all who wish to join us. If you wish to support us in this pursuit, I’d love to talk with you further about our plans.

Lastly, I invite you to join us for one of MHKC’s most enduring traditions, the Thursday Night BBQ! Each Thursday our campers enjoy skits, BBQ, and the music of The Staff Infection Band for the celebration of the last night at Camp. It is one of the most fun ways to experience what MHKC offers and I hope to see you there!
2018 MT. HOOD KIWANIS CAMP NUMBERS

528
CAMPERS SERVED THIS YEAR
during our Summer Camp Program, Family Camp, and Winter Retreat.

SUMMER CAMP CAMPERS BY AGE
10-13
19-24
25+
70%
OF 2018 ANNUAL BUDGET
GOES DIRECTLY TO PROGRAM EXPENSES

WHERE OUR SUMMER CAMPERS LIVE
416
OREGON
52
WASHINGTON
5
IDAHO
1
CALIFORNIA
1
N. CAROLINA

These numbers represent our eight week Summer Camp Program and do not include Family Camp or Winter Retreat. Several campers attended Camp more than once.

22 ACRES
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE
1,067,043 ACRE MT. HOOD NATIONAL FOREST

$11,875 IN FINANCIAL AID
AWARDED TO 27 CAMPER FAMILIES IN 2018

214 COUNSELORS
from Portland State University, Pacific University, and Jesuit High School served as volunteer counselors in 2018 to provide our campers with a 1:1 camper/counselor ratio. Each group has 8 campers, 8 counselors, and 2 staff members.

TEN ADAPTIVE PROGRAMS
→ ADVENTURE COURSE
→ SWIMMING
→ HORSEBACK RIDING
→ CANOEING
→ HIKING
→ FISHING
→ ARTS AND CRAFTS
→ RECREATIONAL FIELD GAMES
→ WHITE WATER RAFTING
→ BIKING

MT. HOOD KIWANIS CAMP COVERS 62% OF THE ACTUAL COST OF CAMP

IT COSTS $3,550 TO PROVIDE A CAMPER A WEEK AT MHKC, AND CAMP FAMILIES PAY $1,375. THIS NUMBER IS CALCULATED BY THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CAMPERS SERVED ANNUALLY VS. ANNUAL PROGRAM SPECIFIC COSTS WHICH DO NOT INCLUDE ANY COST ASSOCIATED WITH ADMINISTRATION OR FUNDRAISING.
2018 CAMP PHOTOS
PHOTOS BY JUSTIN TUCKER
MEET OUR CAMPERS:
MATTHEW ANNAL

“Matthew is more of an experience,” his mother, Janet Annal, explains. “He is gregarious, caring, friendly, helpful, and he has a wonderful sense of humor.”

Those traits were on full display when Matthew Annal, a four-year MHKC veteran, joined our annual gala this Spring. Matthew stunned the crowd as he shared his Camp experiences, including his love for Canoe Group and his favorite activity: the zipline. He praised his counselors and staff for helping him explore activities outside of his comfort zone without pressuring him.

“MHKC, they made me feel welcome. It would make you feel like you want to go to a family reunion,” Matthew said. “Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp is important to me because it’s my family.”

Over his time at Camp, our staff has always had their eye on Matthew, who is known to take new campers under his wing.

“From Matthew’s first year to this year, I’ve just seen a growth in more confidence and independence,” said MHKC Programs Director Kayla Plessinger.

Janet also has noticed the change in Matthew since first coming to Camp.

“My hopes for Matt are that he continues to grow in as many ways as he can grow. Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp has showed us that there is a lot more back there that needs to come out and be nurtured.”

In large part because of Matthew’s skills as an orator, MHKC raised a record-setting $294,600 at our annual auction and gala. Thank you, Matthew!

PHOTOS COURTESY OF MATTHEW & JANET ANNAL.
This year’s annual Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp auction & gala was one for the record books! “Cocktails & Crooners: A Rat Pack Party!” opened its doors to 300 people on April 27, 2019 at the Oregon Golf Club and closed with a new Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp record: $294,600 raised! Thank you to all our sponsors, guests, volunteers, Kiwanians, staff and Board for their time, generosity and support!

Prior to dinner, guests mingled, donors enjoyed champagne, while bidding on over 50 silent auction items ranging from sports tickets and dining experiences to children’s toys and musical instruments. Thank you to our Auction Committee and volunteers for their help organizing the silent auction!

Our theme promised to transform the golf club into the Rat Pack hot spot - the Copa Room at the Sands Hotel - and MHKC delivered. Our opening act, The Staff Infection Band, conjured all the glitz and glamour necessary for a half hour set of classic Rat Pack tunes. Auctioneer Dale Johannes of Artisan Auctions closed the concert and opened the evening program with the Bobby Darin hit “Beyond the Sea,” before bringing on the night’s host, FOX12 Oregon’s Pete Ferryman.

The live auction buzzed with competition as guests bid on exotic vacations to Hawaii, Mexico and Belize, local getaways to the Oregon Coast and Bend, and unique packages like the Seven Wonders of Oregon. But it was the safari to South Africa that stole the show, earning a winning bid of $5,000 - twice!

The highlight of the night was camper Matthew Annal, who shared his experiences at MHKC and gently encouraged all our guests to support our mission. Thanks to Matthew’s eloquence and our guests’ benevolence, our special appeal raised over $126,000, another MHKC record!

Thank you to everyone that supported Cocktails & Crooners! We will see you next year on April 18, 2020 at the Nines Hotel in downtown Portland!
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WE’RE GOING TO THE NINES!
Join us in 2020 as MHKC moves its annual gala & auction to The Nines Hotel in downtown Portland!

Saturday, April 18, 2020
See you there!
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Securing your legacy at Camp.

The Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp Foundation was formed in 1989 for the sole purpose of providing operational support to Mt. Hood Kiwanis Camp. The MHKC Foundation secures private philanthropic gifts that ensure the camp will be here to create life-changing opportunities for future generations of campers.

Let the MHKC Foundation help secure your legacy. Whether your gift is small or large, in the moment or a thoughtful bequest, the MHKC Foundation ensures that your philanthropic support of our camp will continue in perpetuity, just like the camp itself.

By preserving its invested principal, the MHKC Foundation provides financial support from its investment earnings. Community support and philanthropic gifts allow the fund to grow over time, increasing its ability to support the camp. The long-term objective is to provide a significant portion of the camp’s annual operating budget, thus securing the legacy of each Foundation donor.

Gifts to the MHKC Foundation can take many forms:

- Cash
- Stocks & Bonds
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A gift to the MHKC Foundation is the most effective way to create a lasting legacy at our Camp. If you or your family is interested in joining the dozens of local families that have made a planned gift to our Foundation, please let us know. We would be honored to talk with you about your goals and help you to ensure that the Camp we love is here to serve children and adults with disabilities in perpetuity.

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Sunday, September 8, 2019
Oaks Amusement Park

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When you raise $50, you earn the 2019 MHKC walk shirt!

Raise $200 to earn an MHKC zip-up hoodie!

www.mhkc.org/walk
MT. HOOD KIWANIS CAMP 2018 FINANCIALS

TOTAL INCOME:
$1,424,935

TOTAL EXPENSES:
$1,405,127

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