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Join Club Paradise!

Do you want to be a part of the coolest club at Foley? Joining Club Paradise has great benefits. You'll receive \$50 off your camp tuition for each person you sign up, and you'll attend an exclusive Root Beer Float party! So... tell your friends! This only applies to registrants who are totally new to Foley, which excludes siblings and children of alumni.

New Around Foley!

Paintball Fort

Paintball has gained a fort! This fall we built a fort in the center of the Woodsball course to add a new dimension to the game. Mike, the maintenance guy, also built us some movable bunkers so that games can be switched up and our counselors can get creative. Can you defend your castle?

Small Sailing

Although every summer we wish for perfect wind to be able to sail every day, that just isn't a reality, so we need some stuff to do for days where there just isn't enough wind. This summer we will have 6 remote controlled sail boats for sailing classes. Don't think you are going to get off easy - these boats still have to be sailed with wind. You control the sail trim and steer with a tiny little rudder. Can you beat the other sailors around the bouys?



"Walter" the Ski Boat

After the retiring of "Oliver", the Green Ski Boat, at the end of last summer, we had to go on a hunt for a worthy replacement. Meet "Walter", a 2015 Ski Nautique, that will join the ranks this summer and serve as a combo ski/beginner wakeboard boat. Welcome to the fleet!



Archery Nets

When we realized we needed new nets to catch all of the arrows at the back of the Archery range, we looked up when we had purchased the current ones...drum roll...1966! So after 49 years of service we have retired the old ones and purchased new ones. Hopefully the archery range will look shiny and new this summer!

Crazy Crafts!

Crafts supplies are arriving into our office in preparation of a busy program. Look at all of the creative projects:

1. Design & decorate a clipboard
2. Design and wear your jewelry
3. Make a portfolio filled with creative painting
4. Knit a covering for your water bottle
5. Create an anime painting of your camp friend
6. Try your hand at linoleum printing
7. Make a bowl for your trinkets

See you this summer in the craft building!



Handryers for the Boys!

The boys asked...and they have received! The Mid-Washo (boy's bathroom) has all new handryers for summer 2015. We know it might not be the most exciting change around Foley, but a lot of kids wrote that improvement down on their surveys so we felt like it must be important. Enjoy your brand new Xlerator 5000s!



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Special Events for 2015

Banquets

1st & 3rd Sessions:

Halloweens of the Past, Present and Future are coming to Foley. Bring those Halloween Costumes of the past or create a new one! Team players try to earn points by participating in a variety of contests never done at Foley before like Pumpkin Face, Plastic Wrap Mummy Race, Dangling Ghosts, Bubble Gum Pie, or Guess the Candy Bar. Cheer your teammates on if you are not laughing and giggling too much! After the competitions will be the ghostly feast in the Ghost Hall! Meet famous ghosts like Casper and his three brothers, Slimer from Ghostbusters, and those ghosts from Harry Potter. How many ghost jokes do you know?



2nd & 4th Sessions:

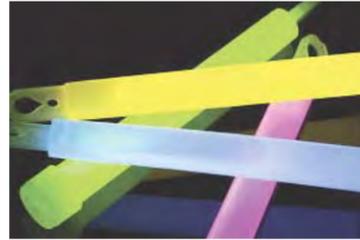
The Foley Family Circus is coming to provide training and entertainment for all! Each group is a “mini circus” hoping to win the esteem of “**Master of Circus Performance**” degree after attending Circus College and performing their skills. Skills will include: clown performances, strongman competition, balancing on stilts or bouncy balls, juggling, spinning plates, tumbling, cup stacking and tight rope walking (slackline). Then the competition begins! The winning performances will be part of the **Three Ring Circus** at the banquet! The banquet will find us



outside eating delicious circus food with live entertainment! **Bring a costume of your favorite circus animal or performer!**

Late Night Adventure

Late Night Adventure will be a “**glowing event**” as campers actively participate after dark in many events involving balls, Frisbees, or jump ropes. You may find yourself “glowing” in the water or on land, in the woods or on a field, or using a flashlight or not! It will be an adventure! If I was packing for camp and owned any **glow in the dark clothing** or had a bottle of glow in the dark **nail polish** or glow in the dark **hair spray** or a **glow stick necklace**, I would add it to my bag.



Candy Retires!

For the last 18 years, Candy has cooked many of our campers’ favorite foods from soda bread to buttermilk pancakes to those numerous BLTs! She has a small stature and was always seen donning her famous white bucket hat as she spent numerous hours behind the scenes cooking for all of us. She avoided the camera at all costs and never wanted to be acknowledged with applause or cheers of our camp community. Candy has officially retired from her job as a camp cook as well as her winter job working in the local school district as a para. This summer she plans to head out to Montana to spend time with her grandchildren. She will be missed!



Refer a Cook

We are now looking for a replacement! If you know anyone that could serve as a full or part time cook - let us know!

Praise the Failures

In the January edition of Southwest The Magazine (from Southwest Airlines), Heidi Stevens writes an article called “In Criticism of Praise.” The article discusses the effect of too much or insincere praise on a child’s emotional and physical well-being. Do we as parents, educators, and youth developers use praise so much that it can actually cause kids to fear failure and hesitate to go outside their comfort zone? We wanted to take a look at how praise is used at camp and what we can do to encourage kids in healthy, meaningful ways.



When your child comes to Camp Foley we strive to bring out their best. Sometimes that means gently pushing them to try new things. Or perhaps encouraging them to meet a new friend. And often it means supporting them when they have a bad day by not saying “you did great” (even when they didn’t) but by coaching them in how to succeed next time instead. By giving honest (yet gentle) feedback to kids, we are able to allow growth that is unique to each camper. Likewise, it means we must constantly be evaluating our program to ensure our campers get the most out of camp.

In the article, Stevens tells us, “As with most pursuits among modern children, their performance is immaterial. How they feel about their performance, however, is paramount.” In order to increase positive results, we, as youth developers, must first make sure that the child feels safe. At Foley, this is always our primary concern. Performance is not just athleticism, but intellectual, artistic ability, social performance, etc. So what happens when a kid feels like they are no good? Can we turn failure into motivation?

Failures or setbacks are just stepping stones to greatness. Instead of praising children with words like “You did an awesome job, you’ll get it next time,” we encourage our campers to recognize maybe something they are missing or let them know that it’s OK to make mistakes. Mistakes are a great way to learn. Unnecessary praise can cause a child to protect what they are good at. This could cause them to possibly

stay away from challenging activities that would create a ripple on their reputation. If they stop taking these risks and challenges it could eventually cause their intellectual and emotional growth to slow.

When you think of failure as an invitation it seems less scary. It is an invitation to learn from and overcome defeat. To accomplish something eventually even if it isn’t right away. According to child psychologist Kristen Race, “Calibrating the frequency and style of our praise is one of the most important shifts parents and youth developers can make.” Now, I am not saying we never praise our campers. In fact, Foley directors and counselors love to give all kinds of praise and recognition. We love to praise our campers when they work hard, play hard, achieve success and overcome failures.

Foley does a week and half of intense training with our counselors to ensure they are prepared to help partner with you, as a parent, to help your child achieve success while at Foley and likewise to take those skills away from camp and use them for the rest of their lives. They learn through reading, tutorials, workshops, professional experience, as well as their own experience and knowledge. This allows your child to get the right kind of praise they need and deserve to help them grow.

So, as we look to another summer, we vow to continue to remember that kids will fail, they will stumble, and their pride may be hurt. But the opportunity to help them stand back up, try again and feel pride when they do succeed is what motivates us to create the very best program we can for your kids.

Visit the following website to read the full article from Southwest Airlines: <http://paceco.imirus.com/Mpowered/book/vpco15/i1/p66>.

Also, visit www.acacamps.org to obtain more information about positive failures, self-esteem, and praising.



Club Paradise Corner

Club Paradise recognizes our Foley promoters! Once again, we'll be setting up the You Rock tables in the Dining Hall for our special Root Beer Float Parties. **Twenty-three campers have already joined the club in 2015!**

We often hear people tell us that they tried to refer a new family, but the parents have a few reservations about summer camp. Here are three of the most common concerns and how you can help minimize them:

"How can you let your kids go away for two weeks? Don't they miss you? Don't you miss them?" Of course campers miss their parents and parents miss their kids - but that's healthy! On his website, Michael Thompson, PhD says, "But a parent's first instinct - to shelter their offspring above all else - actually deprives children of the major developmental milestones

that occur through letting them go - and watching them come back transformed." We recommend reading his book, **Homesick and Happy**.

"I don't think I can go a whole two weeks without talking to my kid on the phone." To this we say, "sure you can!" We recommend practicing before camp. Try having your child spend a weekend away from home without calling to speak directly to your child!

"Camp is so far away from our hometown. It would be better for my kids to just go to a local camp." A camp a few hours by car doesn't seem much closer than a camp that's an airplane ride away once your child is gone. In both cases, parents aren't able to see their child or speak to them. Campers that go far from home have a sense of accomplishment and independence!

5K Community Races

Last year **45 campers** with ages ranging from 10 to 16 years old participated in local 5K races. Their generous parents paid fees to support a variety of local causes. Foley offers one race per session. In 2014, 3 of these races had waiting lists as Foley limits the number to 13 making a full van with room for supervising counselors.

2015 Dates and Races:

Saturday, June 27th: Komen Brainerd Lakes Race for the Cure. 75% of the money raised is used for local programs offering breast health education, breast cancer screening and treatment. 25% supports national research and training grant programs.

Saturday, July 4th: Grandpa's Run for the Walleye. Money raised helps the walleye habitat on the Whitefish Chain.

Saturday, July 25th: Northern Plaid Run. Proceeds help support chronically-ill children and their families living within the Brainerd Lakes Area.

Saturday, August 1st: Crosslake Dam Run. Proceeds are invested back into the local community.



*To sign up for one of the races please contact the camp office (fun@camp-foley.com)

Vegetarians & Food Allergies

We do our best to make meatless entrees or provide alternative choices for our vegetarian campers and staff. We also work with campers that have a variety of food allergies. We work closely with parents to provide options for campers with medical diets. We will also provide soy milk and alternative choices when serving dairy-heavy entrees. Products that are known to contain peanuts or tree nuts are limited at camp. **We will definitely work with the above or other allergies! Please be clear when completing the Health History.**

Leadership Team

We are excited to have **Jenny Delaney** back as our Camper Coordinator this summer. Joining her is **Mikka Green and Wes Long** who will work as the Girls' and Boys' Assistant Directors. The three of them will work closely with **Marie and Alli** to create the best possible cabin living and overall camp experience for each camper. Jenny, Mikka and Wes all **bring youth development experience both in the camping world and outside.**

Look Who's Registered! (as of March 10th)

Get EXCITED to celebrate Foley's 91st summer! If your name isn't below - register today!

A Marcela A, Sophie A, Owen A, Carolina A, Pablo A, Santiago A, Diego A, Esteban A **B** Brett B, Eli B, Peyton B, Skylar B, Lina B, Lauren B, Joseph B, Thomas B, Emiia B, Jackson B, Elijah B, Ella B, Louie B, Anna B, Nora B, Olivia B, Russell B, Connor B, Jordi B, Natalie B, Gavin B, Justin B, Thomas B, Capucine B, Jonny B **C** Renata C, Calvin C, Quinn C, Benjamin C, Sebastian C, Will C, Andrew C, Annabel C, Kody C, Meredith C, Emma C, Joshua C, Owen C, Christopher C Seth C, Abbe C, Andrew C, John C, Ian C, Emerson C, Leopoldo C, Max C, Paloma C, John C, Griffin C **D** Jens D, Felix D, Johanna D, Martin D, Charlotte D, Elliot D, Sean D, Avi D, Emilio D, Juan Pablo D, Marcelo D **E** Finn E, Ivars E, Lily E, Beau E, Mercedes E, Annie E, Louis E **F** Javier F, Brendan F, Erinn F, Madeline F, Fremont F, Clara F, Kate F, Betsy F **G** Charlie G, Esperanza G, Francisco G, Quinn G, Nathan G, Mimi G, Giana G, Lucas G, Colton G, Thomas G, Julia G, Matthew G, Cole G, Emily G, Tyler G, Emile G, Tom G, Kai G, Micah G **H** Alex H, Grace H, Henry H, Carla H, Adin H, Annie H, Joseph H, Peter H, Baptiste H, James H, Lawson H, Meili H, Mia H, Zaria H, Laura H, Christine H, Ken H, Marian H, Elizabeth H, MaryKate H, Christian H, Christoffer H, Sebastian H, Chuck H, Grayson H, Isaac H, Kaitlyn H, Martha H, RJ H **I** Patrick I, Juan I **J** Thomas J, Kate J, Will J, Natalia J, Edward J, Wallace J, Benjamin J, Preston J, Tristan J, Zachary J, Katherine J, Emily J, Meghan J **K** Lila K, Oliver K, Quinn K, Jack K, William K, Taylor K, Emmet K, Daniel K, Elizabeth K, Scott K, Robby K, Eddie K, Andrew K, Taylor K, Nicholas K, Ethan K, Shannon K **L** Vivian L, Taylor L, Dylan L, Wyatt L, Payton L, Paloma L, Alma Regina L, Ander L, Mariana L, Julia L, Molly L, Andrew L **M** Meaghan M, Morgan M, Diego M, Alexandra M, Raleigh M, Emma M, Mariano M, Monica M, Lilly M, Abbie M, Mollie M, Finn M, Robby M, Simon M, Rhys M, Mason M, Pieper M, Caroline M, Effie M, Alejandro M, Nicolas M, Alex M, Clara M, Celina M, Paige M, Walker M, Joe M, Mae M **N** Rohan N, Abbott N, McGregor N, Maggie N, Norm, Marjorie N, Hannah N, Kate N, Nike, Peeker N, Josh N **O** Percy O, Stella O, Jillian O, Cade O, Avery O, Katie O, Olivia O **P** Jessica P, Julian P, Riley P, Cole P, Sadie P, Thomas P, Daniel P, Joey P, Henry P **Q** McKenna Q **R** Katie R, Jonathan R, Mary Claire R, Sophia R, Kaylee R, Garrett R, Kelly R, Sean R, Kate R, Thomas R, Faith R, Emma R, Camila R, Louise R, Emma R, Jacob R **S** Michael S, Ellie S, Hannah S, Henrik S, Maggie S, Ian S, Darien S, Morgan S, Murphy S, Benjamin S, Grace S, Helen S, Carly S, Siri S, Stephen S, Landon S, Bryce S, Ashley S, Jonah S, Emma S, Gabrielle S, Marla S, Nicole S, Ryan S, Emily S, Cameron S, Mia S, Peter S, Tessa S, Eli S, Harper S, Casey S, Samantha S, Genevieve S, Willy S, Will S, Ben S **T** Olivia T, August T, Margaret T, Naphtali T, Daniela T, Jose Marcelo T, Roberta T, Anna T, John T, Luke T, Maria T, Tomas T, Veronica T, Louis T, Gregoire T **U** Ian U **V** Dauphine V, Sophie V **W** Jacob W, Daniella W, Marina W, Clementine W, Luke W, Dyllan W, Maizy W, Mac W, Shef W, Henry W, Annabelle W, Henry W, Tory W, Alex W, Ella Grace W **Z** Anna Z, Joe Z, Cole Z, Nicholas Z

Session Availability (as of March 10th)

Two-Week Sessions (ages 8-16)

- June 16 - June 29
- June 30 - July 13
- July 15 - July 28 (Waitlist started for girls; Limited boys)
- July 29 - August 11

Four-Week Sessions (ages 8-16)

- June 16 - July 13
- July 15 - August 11 (Waitlist started for girls; Limited boys)

One-Week Sessions (ages 8-12)

- June 16 - June 22
- June 23 - June 29

*Sessions have been filling fast. Register now to ensure a spot in the session you would like to attend!

New Campers Only...Lingo just for you!

Evenings are so exciting at Foley! If you are 8 or 16 they are created with you in mind – sometimes with the entire camp and many times with your cabin or peer group. Of course, as a cabin group you get input and choice as well.

Opening Campfire: This is our official all camp gathering to kick off our session and the entire camp community participates. It is a fun, upbeat campfire, filled with new and old songs, tricks, and skits.

Pack Initiation: On the second night of camp, campers are officially welcomed in their Pack Groups - Foxes (going into 3rd – 5th grade), Coyotes (going into 6th – 8th grade) and Wolves (going into 9th - 11th grade). Meet your peers from other cabins, set some goals and play a few games.

Pack Activities: Throughout the session, your cabin may choose to join your Pack Group for a large field game, a crazy time at the Swim Dock, or for a game of Human Foosball. These are activities that are more fun with a larger group.

Late Night Adventure: A late evening of activities done in pack (peer) groups followed by a sleep in the next day.

Cabin Activities: These are activities that just your cabin chooses to do from a board game night in the cabin to playing Frisbee golf. Or challenge another cabin to a game of soccer or dodgeball! All cabins spend a night in the tree houses as well cooking out their supper.



Grand Dance Festival: This occurs towards the end of each session and is an all-camp celebration of the camp community. A fun crazy theme will be announced and everyone dresses up. There is up-beat music to dance to or one can choose to play tennis, volleyball, or basketball or knock the tetherball around or play Gaga Ball. Many like to listen to the music while playing pool, ping pong or air hockey.

Friendship Campfire: Girls and Boys: This campfire focuses on camp friendships and closure to the camp experience. Boys and girls separate for a time of sharing about friendships and memories of camp and perhaps some tears and hugs as well. The Anchor Award is presented to one boy and one girl camper who demonstrated strong character in the camp community.

Banquet Day: Each session, a theme will be announced and the morning will be filled with fun events relating to the theme. In the evening campers and staff dress up in this same theme for a special closing banquet.

Closing or Awards Campfire: This campfire is held on the last evening and is the final gathering of the camp community. It is a time to recognize the achievements of the campers throughout the session at their activities, sing a few songs, and listen to a traditional camp story.



Leadership Program

Are you going into 9th, 10th or 11th grade? Do you want to be a role model in the camp community and learn valuable leadership skills? If yes, then you should definitely join Foley's Leadership Program! Space is limited, so check online for more information and to find the online application. We've got some AWESOME leaders already signed up so **apply today to join the fun!**

We also have space for some STRONG and BRAVE campers to join the elite **Dishwashing Team!** You earn credit toward your tuition each time you wash dishes. Dishwashers must be at least 14-years-old.

Information about the Leadership Program and Dishwashing Program can be found online: www.campfoley.com/foley-campers/lit-cit



LITs Volunteering at Community Garden

Meet the 2015 Counselors (as of March 10th)

Megan B. is a past Foley camper of 6 years, returning as a staff member this summer to instruct campers in Fitness and Swimming. She currently attends the University of Wisconsin- Madison where she is studying Biology- hoping to pursue medical school after graduation.

Kevin B. is joining us for his second summer as a Foley counselor after spending nine years as a camper. He will be a Marina Leader and will be teach Waterskiing/Wakeboarding. Kevin is in his sophomore year at the University of Minnesota (Carlson School of Management).

Kylie B. was a camper for 12 years and will be back down at the Marina for her 4th year on staff – instructing campers in Waterskiing and Sailing. She will graduate from Curry College in Milton, MA this spring with her nursing degree, and will also assist the camp nurse with taking campers to and from medical appointments.

Kira C. will be joining us for her first summer, and will be instructing in Nature, and helping out in the camp kitchen! Kira is from St. Paul and currently attends the University of Wisconsin- Milwaukee, where she is majoring in Conservation and Environmental Science.

Jack C. is a freshman at the University of St. Thomas planning to double major in Computer Science and Entrepreneurship. He has a passion for sailing, and is working to resurrect St Thomas' club sailing team. After spending 5 years with us as a camper, this will be Jack's first at Foley as a counselor. He will be teaching Sailing and Fishing.

Elisabeth D. is a past Foley camper of 9 summers, returning as a staff member this summer. She will be putting her talents to work in Crafts, at Riflery and helping out with Janitorial duties. Elisabeth currently attends the University of Minnesota-Duluth and wants to work with children –either in pediatrics or child psychology.

Melissa F. spent 9 summers at Foley as a camper and will be returning for her 2nd as a counselor. This summer Melissa will be found all over camp – teaching Sailing or Windsurfing, as a Marina Leader or helping out in the camp office. Melissa attends Connecticut College where she is a sophomore concentrating on American Studies and English.

Regina F. will be joining us from Mexico this summer – her first as a counselor. Two of Regina's favorite activities in her 7 years as a Foley camper were Sailing and Waterskiing, and she will be instructing in both of those activities this summer. Regina currently attends school in Mexico where she is studying to become a Dental Medical Surgeon.

Erin F. attends Boise State University where she is pursuing her teaching degree. She hopes to join the Peace Corp some day and teach English in 3rd world countries. Erin will be joining us for her 6th summer (5 as a camper and her 1st as staff!) and will be teaching Climbing and Riflery.

Paige H. a past Foley camper of 7 years, will be spending her 1st summer on staff teaching campers Crafts, Riflery and Fencing. She is very involved at Muhlenberg College (majoring in Theatre) – as a member of her Fencing Club, the Theatre Association, is a Campus Delegate and writes for the Muhlenberg Fashion Society's magazine – for starters!

Josh K. is looking forward to joining us this summer as a Trip Leader using the skills he gained while hiking the Superior Hiking Trail. Josh is from Maple Grove, Minnesota and attends the University of North Dakota pursuing a degree in Air Traffic Control.

Maddie L. joins us from Iowa where she is a freshman at the University of Iowa, majoring in Biology. As a past camper of 8 years, Maddie will be spending much of her day at her favorite place at Foley – the lake- teaching Waterskiing/ Wakeboarding. Maddie is fluent in Italian and spent a year in Italy through the Rotary Youth Exchange.

Rosie Mc. will be back at Foley this summer. She has been working as a volunteer in Chicago through Catholic Charities after graduating from Villanova in May 2014. As a 9 year Foley camper and counselor in 2011, Rosie has always had a love of Foley and looks forward to another opportunity to positively influence campers. Rosie will be instructing in Crafts, helping out in the camp office, and working with older campers on Community Service projects.

Mary S. who was a camper for two years, will join us for her 2nd summer as a counselor and will be teaching Swimming and Waterskiing. Mary is a freshman at the University of Missouri where she is studying Architecture.

Sujith S. will be joining us for his first time this summer, and will be teaching Guitar and Media & Journalism. He is originally from India and currently attends Monmouth College in Illinois where he is studying Consumer Science, Arts and Music.

Thomas S. will be back at Foley after spending 7 summers with us as a camper, and will be instructing our campers in Riflery. Thomas has the notoriety of earning his "Expert" award in Riflery here at Foley – with a cast on his broken wrist! He attends Creighton University in Omaha where he is studying Pre-med, Business, and Economics.

Hans V. will be found down at the Marina this summer, and will be teaching our campers how to Sail. He has spent many years, both as a camper and on staff, with the Lake Minnetonka Sailing School. Hans attends the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul.

**We are still hiring for Summer 2015 so keep checking the website for an updated list. If you know any 19-25 year olds that you think would make great camp counselors, send them our way!

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2015: A summer of Foley Firsts!

Flyboarding

This summer, Wolf campers could sign up to try something brand new for Foley - Flyboarding! An up and coming watersport, **Flyboarding propels campers out of the water** by a jet ski in an Iron Man like fashion. Over **120 campers defied gravity and challenged themselves** to try it, many pushing past a fear of heights. Every single camper that tried was able to get up above the water, with quite a few campers progressing to doing **flips and dolphin dives** while friends cheered from the dock. Flyboarding allowed campers to have a new experience while growing grit and developing confidence in the ability to try new things! **Flyboarding will be back next summer as an optional sign up for campers 14 and older!**



A Trip to Schoolcraft State Park

A record number of campers packed their sleeping bags and ventured out to **explore the Mississippi River** and to camp on her banks in the park. Tents were erected and numerous meals over the fire were created including "toads in the hole" to "tin foil dinners". Many times our campers were the only ones staying at the park and could enjoy the beauty of its surroundings. Not only did they canoe and enjoy the Mississippi River but they also **canoeed on the Vermillion River**. One night, they were able to lay outside to see a beautiful display of Northern Lights! **This small State Park, located about an hour from camp, has now become a favorite at Foley.**



The Northern Lights

Imagine yourself sound asleep in your bunk after a busy and full day of camp activities. Suddenly **after midnight**, Alli or Jordan or your counselor is trying desperately to wake you up. For those who responded, it was not disappointing! Outside, was a beautiful display of Northern Lights! Campers who dragged themselves outside were **totally impressed at the beauty in the sky!** Those who drifted back to sleep were a little disappointed in the morning. It was one of the **most talked about events of the summer!**

We wish we could put a picture of the Northern Lights here but we will let that vision stay in the memories of the campers and staff that experienced them first hand!

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2015 Activity Honors

We'd like to congratulate all of our campers who earned awards at camp this summer. From basic to advanced, every award that's handed out is special because it shows passion and persistence in an activity a camper enjoys. We'd like to recognize the campers who earned the highest award offered in an activity and campers who earned the highest award given out in 2015 at an activity.

Highest Award Offered

These campers earned some of the most difficult awards at camp! Congratulations to those who went above and beyond to master a specific Foley activity!

American Archer in Archery: Alex Miley and Cameron Steffen

Top Rock in Biking: Jamen Johnson and Thomas Bryan, Jr.

Advanced in Canoeing: Thomas Bryan, Jr. and Alejandro Mesa

Rock Jock in Climbing: Lachlan Ewald and Paige Mullin

Advanced Foil in Fencing: Louis Thomazeau

Skipper in Sailing: Thomas Bryan, Jr.

Flying Eagle in Diving: Thomas Bryan, Jr.

Expert in Riflery: Lilly McCarty

Force 4 in Windsurfing: Thomas Godron

Highest Award Achieved in 2015

These campers may not have achieved the highest award possible in these activities, but they are showing skill and improving with each class they take! Congratulations to all who earned the highest award given out at an activity this summer!

Advanced Intermediate in Tennis: Sophie Vogelsang

Pathfinder in Camp Craft: Walker Mullin

Beaver in Snorkeling: Emilia Bermudez, Kate Foster, Mason Meccia, Louise Rose and Jeffrey Rumpf



Jamen shreds the Bike Course



Lilly gets in position at Riflery



Thomas surfs Whitefish



Sophie swings and connects



Barefootin' on the Boom

The Closet Junkie!

We'd like to give a huge shout out to the 2015 campers who got their Closet Junkie this summer: Nick St. John, Nevaeh Zins, Griffin Curran, and Thomas Bryan, Jr. These campers showed off their talent shredding the gnar on Whitefish Lake.

To earn the Closet Junkie a camper must successfully ride everything in the ski closet including: waterski (two skis and slalom - one ski), trick ski, wakeboard, wakeskate, wakesurf, the disk and barefoot on the boom.

The challenge is that "sort of" getting up doesn't count. Campers must show enough skill that they could go to the ski closet, grab anything, jump in the water and successfully ride the course. **Only 38 campers have earned this honor since 2010!**

Summer Special Events!

Circus Banquet: Sessions 2 & 4

If any of our 2nd or 4th session campers had the dream of being involved in an extraordinary circus act, their dream became a reality as we participated in an all-out **circus themed production**. Campers expanded their horizons as they learned the art of being a daring **tightrope walker**, saw if they had the flexibility to become an awe-inspiring **contortionist**, or tested their skills at cracking jokes with the hilarious **clowning around group**. The **Foley Circus** production allowed all campers to demonstrate their incredible talents as well as encourage and cheer on their friends as they performed. We spent the morning practicing our acts and The Foley Circus began at dinnertime with all of the circus-type food served outdoors during the production!



Glow-in-the-Dark Adventure

Most of us can perfectly picture the view from the steps of the Dining Hall, but can we picture this same view at night, with no flashlights!? This summer every camper had the opportunity to experience just how neat camp is in the dark. Each session, we had a late night adventure called **Glow Night**. With the help of hundreds of glow sticks and countless other light-up items, we stayed out after sundown to experience the wonders of Foley at night. Glow Night included all things that can glow – **basketballs, volleyballs, jump ropes, tennis balls, soccer balls, beach balls, floor hockey balls, ultimate Frisbees, and more!** If one preferred to relax under the stars rather than play in a tennis match, they could visit the top of the Marina and **learn all about the constellations overhead**. Glow Night had an activity for everybody, and the experience of nighttime adventure with your closest friends is one not soon to be forgotten.



Halloween Banquet: Sessions 1 & 3

The Halloween Banquet Day began with teams competing at **haunted stations**, all while trying to **avoid receiving the "curse of the witch."** Once all the results were in, the witch melted and the campers were safe to go get in costume for the main banquet. Before heading into the banquet, a costume contest took place, as well as a "scariest scream" contest. **The costumes were wonderful** and the screams were ear piercing- both successful. These 1st and 3rd session campers had the opportunity to enjoy a very spooky, Halloween themed dinner. The Dining Hall was "blackened" with light resistant curtains and was fully equipped with a fog machine, which both provided for an eerie, haunted setting. **Ghostly versions of the counselors appeared from the fog** serving entrees like "Witches Fingers" (carrots with guacamole), "Bat Wings" (chicken wings), "Ghost Pizza" (pizza), and more. Banquet meals are always a treat, but with the added fog and blackening effect, this was an **all-around spooktacular event**.



Funky Staff Talents

Our staff have always been talented, but this summer brought some crazy and amazing moments as our campers explored a variety of unique games and talents with their counselors. Campers became enthralled **juggling Diabolos or the Devil Sticks**. Others were able to create huge bubbles! Some enjoyed some International Games like **Petanque** (a French version of Bocce ball), **Gaelic Football, or Rounders**. Skills were tested at the **giant operation board or giant Jenga**. Minds were tested with riddles and others tried starting a fire with a bow drill. Whether doing improv, making a piñata or doing **Indian paper cutting**, new skills were tried. It was a wonderful way to **expand all of our horizons!**



Parent Feedback

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2015 Anchor Award

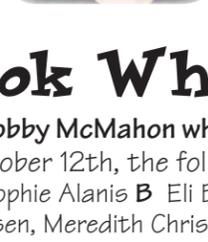
The Anchor Award is an award that honors outstanding campers who demonstrate qualities of being friendly, well-mannered, respectful and enthusiastic. All nominees for the award must have attended camp for a minimum of five weeks. The recipients are chosen by the campers and staff during each session, and the award is presented at Friendship Campfire. **Congratulations to our 2015 Anchor Award recipients:**



1st Session:
Neveah Isackson-Rod & Alex Miley



3rd Session:
Lilly McCarty & Jens Damgaard



4th Session:
Siri Shropshire & Walker Mullin



2nd Session:
Alana Hall & Russell Bransfield



Look Who's Already Registered!

Shout out to Robby McMahon who was the first camper (for the 2nd year in a row) to register for Foley's 92nd summer. As of October 12th, the following 88 campers have registered:

A Marcela Alanis, Sophie Alanis **B** Eli Barton, Nora Boyd, Olivia Boyd, Ana Cristina Bravo **C** Carmen Campbell, Andrew Chapelle, Devin Christensen, Meredith Christensen, Emerson Corona, Max Corona, Rodrigo Cota **D** Reese Dawson, Johanna Degori, Martin Dieck, Emilio Duran, Isabela Duran, Marcelo Duran **E** Louis Epstein **F** Clara Foster, Kate Foster, Betsy Fries **G** Esperanza Garcia, Francisco Garcia **H** Annie Heinritz, Joseph Henkhaus, Sarah Henkhaus, Chuck Howes, Grayson Howes, Martha Hughes, RJ Hughes **I** Eugenio Iza, Juan Iza **J** Blake Johnson **K** Jack Kellogg, Mairén Kellogg, William Kellogg, Michael King, Claire Knudsen, Elizabeth Kotovic **L** Alma Regina Lozano **M** Andres Marcos, Diego Marcos, Pablo Marcos, Mariano Martinez, Na'ama McGowan, Abbie McGrann, Kate McGrann, Mollie McGrann, Robby McMahon, MargaretAnn Mickelberg, Peter Mickelberg, Celina Mouret **N** Diego Niño de Rivera, Emiliano Niño de Rivera, Frida Niño de Rivera, Hannah Norman, Kate Norman **R** Kaylee Rehani, Thomas Revord, Faith Roche, Caporin Rock, Emma Rock, Camila Romo, Miranda Romo **S** Ellie Scheid, Andres Schleske, Marian Schleske, Helen Shearon, Tessa Stephenson, Walker Stephenson **T** Alejandro Touche, Marielle Touche, Daniela Treviño, Jose Marcelo Treviño, Roberta Treviño, Maria Jose Turner, Tomas Turner **W** Daniella Webb, Marina Webb, Dyllan Wellhausen, Maizy Wellhausen, Annabelle Whitaker, Aidan Wulff **Y** Jack Yerhot **Z** Cole Zeh, Nicholas Zeh

Club Paradise

We'd like to recognize those of you who encouraged others to join the Foley Family this summer! In 2015, **42 campers and 14 alumni succeeded** in referring friends who registered for camp through our Club Paradise referral program. With their referrals and enthusiasm for Foley, **75 new campers decided to join us at Foley** in 2015 after being referred! The following folks had multiple referrals: Lucas', Alvarezs, Ortizs, Trevinos, Wests, Emersons, Renata Cantu, CJ Dahl, Will Guttery, Claudia Leon de la Vega, Chris Liakos, Eli Stevens, Eugenio Villarreal, Eli Stevens, Katie O'Connell, and Emily Hiner- way to go!

Want to join the club? All you have to do is refer friends to us! For every person you refer, you'll get a free canteen! If your friend registers, you'll get a root beer mug and \$50 off your camp tuition. When you refer your fifth person, you'll receive your root beer float spoons (plus \$200 off your camp tuition)!

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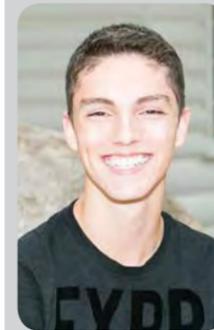
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Without knowing this was an award he could even earn, Jens made a **personal goal** to get an award in each activity. His last one, the pedal pusher, was earned during his last sign up as a camper! He was surprised at campfire with the honor being the recipient of the newly enacted Buoy Award.

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"The people at Foley, however, are what truly makes camp perfect for me...people like the kind and entertaining friends that you seem to make with little effort simply by coming to camp, are what makes every day entertaining." – **Elliot Code**



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"Camp isn't the friendship bracelets we receive or the activities that we do, it's the people that we meet that keeps us coming back. The people I've met at Camp Foley have changed my life and will continue to do so for the rest of my life." – **Mason Zins**



"Camp overall for me is home. You will always be encouraged, welcomed, and loved. My friends will always be there for me. Camp has many different names and meanings to people but the name I choose to call it is home." – **Maggie Schmoker**



"It is impossible for me to be completely accurate when describing what Camp Foley means to me. There is just this feeling, this sense of security, that no matter who you are on the outside world, you will be accepted into camp." – **Preston Johnson**



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"I can honestly say I would not be the person I am today without Camp Foley. I would not be nearly as confident, flexible, determined, or as good a listener if this place hadn't found its way into my life. I think the reason for that is the people." – **Paige Harrington**



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"First, I want to thank Foley for all the memories and connections I have made the past seven years. It was not until this year I truly understood why I became the person I have over the 21 years of my life." – **Jack Failor**

Will 2016 be your fifth or more summer at Foley? If you haven't written your Bridge Crossing 500-word essay yet, why not take the time to write it over the school year? Some people even use the essay as a school assignment! (Killing two birds with one stone!) **You can email your completed "What Foley Means to Me" essay to Fun@CampFoley.com, and we'll have it ready for you to read next summer.**

Hall of Fame

The Hall of Fame is an important achievement for many campers and staff. Unlike traditional activity awards, the Hall of Fame doesn't require any special skill set. But it does require a passion for camp and a desire to return year after year. Campers and staff can only enter the Hall of Fame after they **have spent 10 summers at Foley**, have joined the Bridge Crossing group by writing their "What Camp Foley Means to Me" essay, and have completed a biography sheet describing their years at Foley. Below are excerpts from the **2015 Hall of Fame inductees'** "What Camp Foley Means to Me" essays:

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All-Star Nurses

We have been honored and lucky to have a couple of our camp nurses with us for many years. **Yvonne Combs (left) and Tracey Miley** have given up time at home, taken precious vacation days and offered their expertise to keep our campers and staff safe and healthy for 16 and 8 years respectively. With their children now "graduated" for camp, they are "retiring" (at least for the moment) from their Camp Nurse job. These two fantastic women will be missed!



Note: We are now on the hunt for a couple nurses for next summer. Email marie@campfoley.com if you or someone you know is interested!



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2015 Activity Honors

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Highest Award Offered

These campers earned some of the most difficult awards at camp! Congratulations to those who went above and beyond to master a specific Foley activity!

American Archer in Archery: Alex Miley, Cameron Steffen and Nick Kronschnabel

Top Rock in Biking: Jamen Johnson and Thomas Bryan, Jr.

Advanced in Canoeing: Thomas Bryan, Jr. and Alejandro Mesa

Rock Jock in Climbing: Lachlan Ewald and Paige Mullin

Advanced Foil in Fencing: Louis Thomazeau

Skipper in Sailing: Thomas Bryan, Jr.

Flying Eagle in Diving: Thomas Bryan, Jr.

Expert in Riflery: Lilly McCarty

Force 4 in Windsurfing: Thomas Godron



Jamen shreds the Bike Course



Lilly gets in position at Riflery



Thomas surfs Whitefish



Nick poses next to a perfect bulleye



Flyboarding

This summer, Wolf campers (14-16 year olds) could sign up to try something brand new for Foley - Flyboarding! An up and coming watersport, **Flyboarding propels campers out of the water** by a jet ski in an Iron Man like fashion. Over **120 campers defied gravity and challenged themselves** to try it, many pushing past a fear of heights. Every single camper that tried was able to get up above the water, with quite a few campers progressing to doing **flips and dolphin dives** while friends cheered from the dock. Flyboarding allowed campers to have a new experience while growing grit and developing confidence in the ability to try new things! **Flyboarding will be back next summer as an optional sign up for campers 14 and older!**

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Same Ol' Foley

The number one question we get asked by Alumni is: **“What has changed around Foley?”** It’s a tough question. One year blends in to the next and the timeline of when things come and go from Foley is often hard to keep straight. But it is tough for another reason, too....a lot has changed, but a lot has also remained exactly the same. Here is a look at a few things at camp that have been the **same for decades** and remain a huge part of our history, tradition and often are some of the camper favorites.

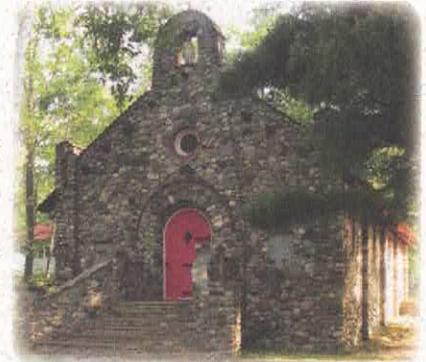


With chants of “Ashes to ashes, dust to dust...” the old tradition of throwing campers and staff in the lake on their birthdays continues.

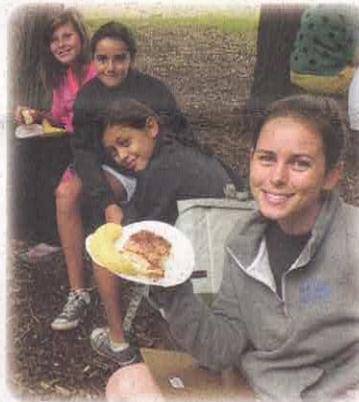


Although subtle improvements, like electricity and wooden bunk beds, have been made, the 18 cabins remain very similar to how they were in the 30’s and 40’s. The cabin names are still the same, highlighting Native American heroes, tribes and places, many important to Minnesota history.

Mass is still held every Saturday evening in the Camp Chapel for those campers and staff that are Catholic or wish to attend.



Twice a session, campers and staff gather on the picnic benches with mouths watering for Soda Bread, by far our most popular recipe. Complete with a banana and the age old question, “Which goes better...Milk or water?”



Were you a camper in the 60’s? Does that canoe look familiar? It should! With a lot of love, many of our canoes continue to float the Whitefish Waters, showing that the old adage “they just don’t make things like they used to” rings true.

This little white building still stands visible to every visitor of Whitefish Lake. The **Camp Foley Marina** has served as a launching pad for Sailing, Windsurfing, Fishing, Canoeing and Waterskiing since 1958.



Upper Mosquito has long been a favorite for end of session campfires. The tall pines, thick, green forest and picturesque fire pit offer the perfect backdrop for a telling of the “3 Braves Story” and end of session reflection.

It's All in the Family

Over 100 campers came to Foley last summer whose parents are alumni (not counting aunts, uncles, grandparents, etc)! We love hearing the stories from parents when they drop their kids off and seeing the excitement from generations of family members that now can connect over their time at Foley.

Do you recognize some names? If we are missing someone, please let us know - fun@campfoley.com.

Brian Beh, Jeff Brown, Rose Cheshire, Sarah Conlon, Angela Cortesio, Colin Dougherty, Beth Foster (Berger), Tom Gallagher, Maureen Garrett, Peter Gerrard, Amy Goldman (Rauenhorst), Michelle Guckeen (Rossmiller), Amy Guttery (Garrett), Paul Newsome, Emily Hanavan (Dolan), Inger Hansen Elliot, Ann Henkaus (Zeckser), Trienel Hickman (Ahearn), Katie Holton (Thompson), Pat Hughes, Chrisy Hughes (Barnett), Kristen Igo (Klauer), Ivonne Iza, Juan Iza, Ann Jones (Galligan), Mary Jurgens (Burnett), Elissa Kadue (Bean), Susan Kiffin (Galligan), Sara Kellogg (Slater), Jim Klauer, Nancy Kotovic (Hughes), Anne Krayer (Underwood), Peter Kronschnabel, Alix Lee (Hays), Gerardo Leon de la Vega, Betsy Lucas (Holtzermann), Stephen Lukasewycz, Rachel Mann (Ryan), Patrick McGowan, Patrick McMahon, Robert McMahon, Julie Mickelberg (Billion), James F. Mills, Andy Mullin, Kristyn Mullin (Walker), Eric Munkeby, Lisa Munkeby (Richardson), Josh Newsome, Mike Norman, Suzanne Opland (???), Vicente Ortiz, Kelly Peterson (Dotson), Jeff Rauenhorst, Joseph Rauenhorst, Anthony Rocheford, Lisa Rudolph (Walker), Enrique Serna, Elizabeth Shearon (Burnett), Laura St. John (Brown), Betsy Stephenson (McGlynn), Patrick Sweetman, Braedi Tagart (Nelson), Dan Tagart, Ellen Tell (Zeckser), Susan Turner (Rauenhorst), Leah VanLandschoot, Ann Vogelsang (Hendry), Tami Wellhausen (Dotson), John Whitaker, Rich Witzel, and Gianna Zeh (Ahearn)

All-Star Nurses

We have been honored and lucky to have a couple of our camp nurses with us for many years. **Yvonne Combs (top)** and **Tracey Miley** have given up time at home, taken precious vacation days and offered their expertise to keep our campers and staff safe and healthy for 16 and 8 years respectively. With their children now "graduated" from camp, they are "retiring" (at least for the moment) from their Camp Nurse job. These two fantastic women will be missed!

Note: We are now on the hunt for a couple nurses for next summer. Email marie@campfoley.com if you or someone you know is interested!



Northern Lights

Imagine yourself sound asleep in your bunk after a busy and full day of camp activities. Suddenly **after midnight**, Alli or Jordan (our Boy's Assistant Director) are trying desperately to wake you up. For those who responded, it was not disappointing. Outside, was a beautiful display of Northern Lights. Campers and staff who dragged themselves outside were **totally impressed at the beauty in the sky!** Those who drifted back to sleep were a little disappointed in the morning. It was one of the **most talked about events of the summer** (and probably the last five years). Hopefully we will get an encore performance next summer!

Schmid Family Update

Congratulations are in order for Laura (Tom's daughter) Webber and her husband Mark on the birth of twins! Emilee August and Owen Alexander were born on October 23rd and join sister Beth (1.5 years old).



Kylie (Marie's daughter) graduated in May with a degree in nursing from Curry College, in Milton, MA. After taking her boards in June, Kylie worked as a waterfront supervisor and Nurses Assistant at Foley.

In addition to academics Kylie played four years of collegiate division three basketball. After a very successful career, Kylie ended as the Curry College all time leading scorer. We hope Kylie continues to return to help out at Foley as she starts her career in nursing!



2015 Scholarship Donors

Camp Foley would like to extend a big THANK YOU to everyone who supports our scholarship program through contributions. So far for 2015, the Camp Foley scholarship program has been down a bit from last year with **donations of \$8,649.14**. The generosity of so many people, who recognize the importance of helping to provide a quality camping experience for less fortunate children, warms our hearts.

This year the Camp Foley scholarship fund continued to receive donations in memory of Foley Alum, Bob McCormick. Bob, who was a camper from 1958-1964, and spent 8 years on staff at Foley, passed away in September 2014. His family generously chose Camp Foley as a recipient of donations in memory of "Mac".

Direct Scholarship Donations

(via direct family donations - \$8,315):

In memory of Bob McCormick:

Elizabeth & Ormark Lavinge, Phillip Barnhill & Michele Perry-Barnhill, Fern Davidson, Karen O'Toole, Elisabeth Folliard & Donald Drapeau, William & Teresa Fiedler, Robert & Susan Ruff, Anna Schug & Christopher Clayton, Barbara Baker, Catherine Egge, Paula Finholt, Trevor & Jessica Gust, Kenneth Braun & Laurie Noren, Emily Koski, Lynne Gray, Marshall Tanick, Jon & Jody Lazo, Andrea Aronson, Sue-Mi Cha Tuttle, Paul & Mary Anderson, James Waters & Jacquelyn Henning, David Kleppen, Curtis Martinson, Steven Woldum & Kathleen Drozd, William Stone, BMW of Minnetonka, Rich and Lynn Voebel

In addition:

Emily & Bruce Hanavan, Greg Haley, John Murray, JS Turner Family Foundation, Julia Brown, Suzanne and Michael Becker, Mary Ella Galbraith and Art Galbraith, and Kathy (Sluis) Tuggle (In honor of Michael Sluis)

Want to help a camper Grow Grit and Investigate their Independence?

There is still time to make a **year end** donation! All donations are tax deductible through the American Camp Association. For more information please go to: www.CampFoley.com/alumni/donate. You will be making a difference in the life of a kid! Donations can be done online or via the mail.

Family Donations

(via camper families donating unspent canteen deposits and Alumni donating their Club Paradise incentive coupons- \$334.14):

Kelly Bertenshaw, Stephanie and F. Miller Bransfield, Rachel Gans, Emily and Bruce Hanavan, Fernanda Madero and Bernardo Del Rio, Sarah Rothschild Pelcener, Christopher Rothschild, and Ann Wolfe

In 2015, scholarship funds were used to help a total of **27 campers get to Camp Foley**. In order to qualify for a Camp Foley scholarship, interested parties are required to complete an application process – providing background information, references, and income documentation. To ensure the families are invested in the camping experience, we ask that each family contribute something toward tuition. Also, any recipients over 14 years of age help out by "paying it forward" by joining the Foley dishwashing crew while they are at camp.

Club Paradise

In a world dominated by advertisements and social media we still value the personal referral from our campers, staff and alumni above all. **Over 80% of our new families are referred by someone that has come to Foley before.**

We'd like to recognize those of you who encouraged others to join the Foley Family this summer! In 2015, **42 campers and 14 alumni succeeded** in referring friends to register for camp. **75 new campers decided to join us at Foley** in 2015 after being referred! The following alums referred a kid or kids to camp: Alex Artola, Keely Doyle, Rachel Gans, Emily Hiner, Katie O'Connell, Alexis Peltier, Chris Staley, Rodrigo Villarreal, Diego Marcos, Daniel Orta, Lucia Ortiz, Sofia Ortiz, Jaden Schwab and Jack Taylor

Want to join the club? All you have to do is refer new families to us! When they register, you'll get a root beer mug and a \$50 credit at the camp store (good for tshirts, sweatshirts, pants, and more). When you refer your fifth person, you'll receive your set of root beer float spoons.

Learn more about Club Paradise at: campfoley.com/alumni/club-paradise.