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## 2016 Program Chatter

### Secret Fox Missions (10 & Under)

The Foxes are set to participate in a variety of special events this summer. All Foxes will enjoy an evening planned for them to do something unique with a Director or Assistant Director. Your cabin may not know when you will be surprised with an evening of special fun, but get excited for whenever the time comes!



### Live Large Coyotes (11-13)

A Live Large List filled with all kinds of Foley adventures awaits our Coyotes. With the list broken up into categories like Activities, Nature Appreciation, Just Because, Food, and more, the Live Large List is as exciting as it gets! One of the first nights of camp, all Coyotes will check off an item as they participate in an event that has never been seen at Foley before! How many experiences can you rack up!?

### Wolf Cabin Challenges (14-16)

This summer is all about friendly competition between Wolf cabins. Many evenings after supper will be devoted to Wolf Cabin Challenges (WCC for short). Wolf cabins will have the opportunity to challenge another Wolf cabin of their choice and compete in anything from human foosball to swim relays to lumberjack competitions- the options are endless! As the session goes on, each cabin earn points. Which Wolf cabin will prevail as WCC Champion?



### Flick & Float

It's back! The Foley version of a Drive-in-Movie has returned by popular demand. Fresh Whitefish Lake water underneath, the Minnesota starry sky overhead, campers and staff lounging in various watercraft, and a great flick projected onto the outside of the Marina - is there a more ideal location to view a movie? All four sessions will be get to enjoy Flick & Float so be sure to pack those sweatshirts and sweatpants to be set for a comfortable movie night out on the lake. This is by far our most requested special program - get excited!



# Special Events for 2016

## Banquets

### Outer Space (1st & 4th Sessions)

Campers will be adventuring into the great beyond as they work as team to discover if they have what it takes to complete the journey around a complex constellation. Brush up on your outer space trivia and be ready to make some stars explode! As you travel across the galaxy, cross your fingers in hopes you avoid becoming trapped in a black hole. Dress as Martians, Aliens, and Astronauts or perhaps as a star or planet. Campers can look forward to ending their session at Foley with an elegant meal under the wonders of our galaxy.



### Under the Sea (2nd & 3rd Sessions)

Campers are taking a dive this summer into the depths of the deep blue. We will be coasting along in the current in search of elusive sea creatures, working to evade pesky sharks, and venturing to the Swim Dock to snorkel for gold. Prepare yourselves for a splash of time by packing your best Under the Sea apparel. Whether that be mimicking a real sea creature, or borrowing an idea from *Finding Nemo* or *SpongeBob*, your options are endless!



### 4th of July - 1st Session



Always a favorite! Bring your festive U.S.A. costume items and be ready for a full blown patriotic party! Flag raising, races, contests, trivia, fireworks seen from across the lake and more!

## Founder's Day

Founder's Day is a once a session day dedicated to the 93 year old history of Camp Foley culminating with the highly anticipated camper talent show during Founder's Dinner. If you have a talent you would like to present, come prepared to give the audience a show! After all of the participants perform, the evening ends with the entire dining hall erupting in classic camp songs, just as campers have done dating back to the 1920's. Be sure to wear your Sunday best to this meal.



If you have a question on whether your talent can be performed in the Dining Hall feel free to email [fun@campfoley.com](mailto:fun@campfoley.com) and one of the Foley staff will be happy to help find a talent that works! Singing, playing the piano, and dance routines have all been popular!

## Fun Runs for Charity

For many summers now, Foley has been sending a van full of kids to run in local 5K races for various charities. It is a great way for kids to help out some worthy local causes as well as get the experience of running in a fun run. This summer we have 3 races planned (we are still working on one for 2nd Session).

- 1st Session: Grandpa's Run for the Walleye (7/2)
- 2nd Session: TBD
- 3rd Session: Nevis Muskie 5K (7/30)
- 4th Session: Dru Sjodin Purple Elephant 5K (8/3)

Contact the camp office to sign up!



# Camp Foley's Secret Identity

## What distinguishes Camp Foley from other camps?

Setting aside the pristine location on Whitefish Lake, well maintained and modern equipment, our just right size, being co-ed, or strong safety standards it leaves the core which evolves around one key factor - youth development! What we do, who we are, all revolves around our youth - we are intentionally driven! Did you know that back in 2004, Foley was part of a research project in conjunction with the American Camp Association and Youth Development Strategies, Inc. This revolutionized our program and our thinking on our importance and the role of camp as a youth developer.

## What is Foley's role in partnering with our parents to help children be successful in their adult lives?

As an organization we became students, absorbing information and research from our campers and we became initiators as we changed our programs, how we trained our staff and changed many details big and small of our camp operation. We have continued to listen to our campers and be progressive while also keeping our traditions that are cherished by our campers and parents.

## What is Foley doing to continue to develop the program?

Now it is 2016, and Foley will be taking another progressive step in using the Youth Outcomes Battery. Tom Holland, CEO of the American Camp Association, in his urging of camps to use YOB says, "It's a survey kids take to measure whether camp has increased their independence, friendship, confidence, interest in exploration, perceived competence, problem-solving ability, responsibility, spiritual well-being, family citizenship, teamwork affinity with nature and sense of connectedness."

Tom continued by saying, "Camps pick the qualities they wish to measure, some of which line up with the '21st century skills,' a buzzword for abilities thought to be needed in a changing economy, particularly critical thinking, communication, creativity and collaboration. Efforts to push these skills in school and out of school are hailed by organizations such as the Partnership for 21st Century Learning, a business and educator led group."

We look forward to the opportunity to partner with parents across the country and in many foreign countries to build kids that are ready for the changing future and have the skills they need to succeed in our global community.



## This 'N That

### ACA Accreditation

Since 1954, Camp Foley has been accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA). Last summer, Camp Foley submitted to a thorough (300 standards) review of its operation, including everything from staff qualifications and training to emergency management and food service. During the summer of 2015 we passed with flying colors!

The ACA collaborates with experts from the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Red Cross, and other youth-serving agencies to assure that current practices at the camp reflect the most up-to-date, research-based standards in camp operation. Camp Foley and ACA form a partnership that promotes summers of growth and fun in an environment committed to safety.

ACA helps all accredited camps provide:

- Healthy, developmentally-appropriate activities and learning experiences
- Discovery through experiential education
- Caring, competent role models
- Service to the community and the environment
- Opportunities for leadership and personal growth

The tradition of accreditation is very important to us. Here is a quote from the January, 1955 newsletter, “Last summer the American Camp Association launched a new visitation program, whereby member camps are visited by an official member of the association and scored on their personnel, program, administration, campsite, equipment, health, sanitation, and safety. The possible total points would score 1000. Father Foley Camp rated second in the state, missing first place by two points. The campers and staff can point with pride in being a member of one of Minnesota’s truly outstanding camps.” We are proud of our history of over 60 years of accreditation!



### New Daily Schedule

You ask you shall receive! For a few years now, our campers have been asking for 3 things:

1. We want to sleep in a little longer.
2. We want more options as to when we can shower.
3. We want canteen earlier in the day.

Well we heard you! We have a new schedule that will allow for a little longer to sleep in (cabin clean up will happen AFTER breakfast) and greater flexibility for showers (before breakfast, during morning fun or free swim and after evening program).

Probably the biggest change, however, will be Canteen. New icecream and candy carts will be in the center of camp between 4th period and 5th periods, giving us a little afternoon break. Hang out, enjoy your canteen and then drift off to your final activity period. You will also get your mail at this time making Free Swim more free.

7:30ish	Rise, Showers
8:00	Breakfast
8:30	Cabin Clean Up/Get Ready for the Day
9:00	1st Activity Period
10:15	2nd Activity Period
11:20	Morning Fun, Showers
11:50	Clean Up for Lunch
12:00	Lunch & Rest Period
1:30	3rd Activity Period
2:45	4th Activity Period
3:45	Canteen/Mail
4:15	5th Activity Period
5:20	Free Swim, Showers
5:50	Clean Up for Supper
6:00	Supper
7:00	Evening Program, Cabin Time, Showers
9:00	Lights Out – Foxes (Flashlight Time)
9:30	Lights Out – Coyotes (Flashlight Time)
10:00	Lights Out – Wolves (Flashlight Time)
10:30	ALL QUIET



## Meet the New Counselors (as of March 7th)

**Jackson B.** attends the University of Oklahoma and is a sophomore majoring in Energy Management. He is from Colorado Springs and, in his first year as a Foley counselor, will be helping out with Archery and Paintball. Jackson was recently elected for the position of “Historian” for his fraternity.

**Allana C.** will be joining us from Hackham, Australia. She is an experienced, competitive swimmer which makes her a natural for Foley’s Swim Instructor position. Allana will also help out at Shop. She plans to pursue Midwifery, Occupational Therapy or Speech Pathology in college. Her unique skill is cooking!

**Tyler G.** is a first year staff member and will be instructing in Fishing and Shop. He is from Maryland but is moving to Minnesota after the summer, and hopes to become a teacher. Tyler’s passion is Ju-jitsu and he holds a second degree Black Belt.

**Meagan G.** is joining us from Mayville State University in North Dakota where she plays collegiate Volleyball. She is from St. Michael, Minnesota, and will be a first year counselor teaching Skiing/Wakeboarding and Climbing.

**Hannah G.** attends Monmouth College in Illinois where she is undecided about a major. Joining us for her first summer, Hannah will be helping our campers with Fishing and Riflery – skills she mastered growing up living on a Sportsmen’s Club in Beecher. She prefers to be called “Rou”.

**Toby G.** spent 8 summers as a Foley camper and current attends Tufts University in Houston where he is a freshman studying Computer Science. Toby will be a Trip Leader as well as helping out with Archery and Climbing. He spent the year after high school working and traveling in Australia.

**Nick G** will be a first time counselor after spending 10 summers with us as a camper, CIT and Octo. Nick is currently a freshman at Marquette University in Milwaukee where he studying Engineering. Nick will be teaching Riflery and Shop.

**Joe H.** spent 2 summers with us as a camper, and is returning to teach Skiing/Wakeboarding, and Riflery. He attends Creighton University in Omaha studying Finance and Spanish.

**Rhianna I.** will be a first time counselor this summer and will be concentrating on pictures and videos as she uses the skills she has learned in her media production internship. Rhianna is currently a freshman at the University of Alabama.

**Dan N.** is on his way to Foley for his first summer teaching Paintball and Biking. Currently Dan is in Spain studying International Business but will be returning to his home country of England for the next school year.

**Kieran O.** is a 2nd generation Foleyite who hails from Saint Louis where she attends Saint Louis University majoring in Elementary Ed. Kieran is a past 3 year camper who will help out with Riflery and Arts & Crafts.

**Nuria S.** is originally from Spain but goes to university at Southampton Solent University in Dorset, England. She has worked at several camps in England and will be coming to Foley for the first time to teach Windsurfing.

**Olivia S.** is currently a junior at Drake University where she is majoring in Elementary Education with dreams of being a kindergarten or 1st grade teacher. This summer at Foley she will be teaching Tennis and Climbing.

**Karl V.** will be back at Foley this summer as a Paintball Ref, and instructing Fencing and Riflery – three activities that he gained a passion for during his 7 years as a Foley camper. Karl currently attends Minnesota State-Mankato, and his goal is to become a Basketball Analyst.

**Returning counselors (as of March 7th):** Paige H, John D, Jack C, Nick H, Alex C, Sarah G, Elisabeth D, Daniel B, and Marc B  
**Returning Directors, Assistant Directors, Office and Maintenance:** Marie, Alli, Jenny, Jordan, Mikka, Mary and Mike  
**Returning and New Camp Nurses:** Traci Haglund, Molly Hagerman, Pam Cunningham and Kerry Dixon  
**Returning Camp Dogs:** Nike and Norm  
**Returning Camp Reptiles:** Tort the Tortoise and all the snakes plus a new corn snake (name needed).

## Look Who's Registered! (as of March 7th)

A Marcela, Sophie, Henry, Owen, Carolina, Pablo, Santiago, Diego, Esteban, Fatima, Kaila, Mara B Brett, Ryan, Sean, Joe, Eli, Skylar, Lina, Lauren, Camden, Grant, Aidan, Sydney, Nora, Olivia, Russell, Ana Cristina, Connor, Jordi, Natalie, Gavin, Justin, Lillian C Alex, Travis, Cooper, Carmen, Diego, Benjamin, Sebastian, Sarah, Luca, Kacey, Andrew, Devin, Meredith, Ava, Emma, Owen, Seth, Abbe, Daniela, Mariana, Emerson, Leopoldo, Max, Paloma, John, Rodrigo, Joel, Christopher, John, Joseph D Antoine, Eli, Grant, Reese, Berenice, Johanna, Martin, Sully, Charlotte, Elliot, Josephine, Andrew E Tyler, Finn, Ivars, Lily, Louis, Demitri, Harper F Nico, Portia, Brendan, Erinn, Madeline, Shane, Aidan, Fremont, Billy, Clara, Kate, Alana, Carson, Landen, Betsy G Esperanza, Francisco, Quinn, Aric, Nathan, Sofia Travis, Mimi, Giana, Lucas, Caroline, Ryan, Colton, Nadia, Matthew, Tommy, Emily, Tyler, Jack, Allegra H Isaiah, John, Grace, Henry, Klara, Max, Wilnasia, Oliver, Annie, Joseph, Sarah, William, Baptiste, Evan, James, Lawson, Will, Meili, Laura, Max, Elizabeth, Chuck, Grayson, Carter, Isaac, Jimmy, Kaitlyn, Martha, RJ I Patrick, Eugenio, Juan J Will, Connor, Cole, Edward, Wallace, Benjamin, Blake, Jamen, Lilia, Preston, Meghan K Lila, Oliver, Quinn, Jack, Maireen, William, Michael, Elijah, Emmet, Daniel, Ryan, Claire, Elizabeth, Robby, Eddie, Grace, Andrew, Meghan, Reagan, Nicholas L Shelby, Vivian, Taylor, Johnathon, Miguel, Addison, Payton, Erin, Sam, Regina, Julia, Molly, Andrew M Meaghan, Alexandra, Raleigh, Andres, Diego, Pablo, Ben, Cash, Cooper, Emma, Mariano, Cole, Na'ama, Abbie, Kate, Mollie, Benjamin, Finn, Robby, Simon, Mason, Pieper, Effie, Tag, Gabriel, Alejandro, Nicolas, MargaretAnn, Peter, Wyatt, Evelyn, Vivian, Regina, Alison, Yanina, Celina, Paige, Walker, Joe, Mae N Abbott, McGregor, Erik, Alexis, Maxwell, Maggie, Diego, Emiliano, Frida, Hannah, Kate O Flannery, Jack, Patrick, Blake, Brooks, Clay, Sydney, Jillian, Avery, Daniel, Katie, Olivia, Adan P Edouard, William, TJ, Abel, Jessica, Julian, Riley, Brooke, Henry Q McKenna, Sadie R Jonathan, Mary Claire, Sophia, Elliott, Kaylee, Garrett, Kelly, Sean, Cordelia, Thomas, Grace, Benjamin, Emily, Faith, Caporin, Emma, Ben, Diego, Camila, Miranda, Louise, Jeffrey, Emma, Jacob S Ava, Ellie, Henrik, Ian, Max, Benjamin, Drew, Helen, Quinn, Carly, Casey, Siri, Emmet, Stephen, Henry, Emily, Mia, Peter, Tessa, Walker, Eli, Campbell, Harper, Casey, Samantha, Genevieve, Connor, Willy, Claire, Harry, Will, Ben T August, Margaret, Naphtali, Gregoire, Daniela, Jose Marcelo, Roberta, John, Luke, Maria Jose, Susanna, Tomas, Veronica U Declan, Ian V Lily, Clement, Ines, Dauphine, Sophie, Cooper, Thea W Jacob, Charlie, Charlie, Daniella, Marina, Clementine, Luke, Dyllan, Maizy, Mac, Shef, Henry, Annabelle, Henry, Tory, Travis, Alex, Billy, Richie, Aidan Y Jack Z Anna, Joe, Cole, Nicholas



Have you been wondering what to do with all your old LEGOs? Can't seem to part with them because you want them to have a **loving home**? How about donating them to the **brand new Camp Foley Lego room**?! We are excited this summer to have a room dedicated to creativity and to allow kids to have something to do if they just want to relax for a bit and take their mind off of all the hustle and bustle that goes along with camp. **We will take sets, random loose pieces, whatever.**

### Register Today!

There is still space in a couple of our sessions! Don't miss out on the fun and family that goes with being a Camp Foley Camper. Go online or call today to register for summer 2016!

## Can you keep a secret? We hope not!

By far the **best promoters** of Camp Foley are the **campers, parents and staff** that have attended. We could not do what we do without your help and dedication. **Over 80% of new families** find out about Foley through some sort of word of mouth. And we want to say thank you!

**Club Paradise**, our referral program, has been up and running for many years however it just got a major make over. **Now you can earn Camp Credit.**

### So what is Camp Credit?

Camp Credit is a choice of a **check** for you, **credit** for future camp tuition or a **donation** to the Foley Scholarship Fund. At the end of the summer, Camp Credit in the amount of 10% of the new referred camper's tuition, will be given to the Family, Alumni or Staff Member that refers the new camper.

### But that's not all!

The new referred family will also get 10% of their first summer's total tuition applied as a credit to the following summer's tuition.

### Oh and by the way...

The root beer float parties that happen each session for campers who have referred other kids will still go on (complete with root beer mugs) - see ya there!

**Earn your Camp Credit by referring new families today!** More details here: [www.CampFoley.com/clubparadise](http://www.CampFoley.com/clubparadise)



### Flyboarding

Back by popular demand for campers going into 9th, 10th or 11th grade is **Flyboarding**. Our instructor, **Caleb**, just returned from Dubai after competing in the **World Tournament and placing 6th**. He will be back with his team of instructors once a session to let the Foley kids try out this up and coming sport. **Email the camp office for more details and to sign up.**



### Rio Olympics - 4th Session

This summer, athletes from all over the world will head to **Rio to compete for their countries** in the Summer Olympic Games.

Activities and events will happen at Foley to celebrate those athletes. Daily updates and special viewings of some of the events throughout the session. **Bring clothing from your home country to cheer on your team!**





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## Spectacular Evening Programs!

This summer debuted a handful of fantastic evening programs that left campers and staff wanting more! In addition to the events highlighted below, other notable evening programs included a green army men epic battle, banana olympics, camp wide clue, porcupine adventure, and countless more!

### Wolf Cabin Challenges

The Wolves participated in **cabin challenges most evenings right after dinner**. Challenges ranged from traditional games like capture the flag or dodgeball, to less traditional games like wet sweatshirt relays and canoe races using brooms as paddles. A highlight was a **Foley Feud**, in which all Wolf cabins duked it out in a head to head to head to head competition. The goal was to win and earn the other cabins' bandana. The cabin with the highest number of bandanas at the end of the session received Wolf Pack Blue Armbands.



### Giant Fort Building with Old Screens

Last winter we updated a couple cabins' windows on the boys end, leaving us with a plethora of old screens that seemingly had no purpose. Think again! As campers discovered, they were fantastic for building massive forts.



### Life Sized Hungry Hungry Hippo

Four teams of two would face off in the traditional hungry hungry hippo fashion. One partner would lay on a roller scooter holding a bin (mouth of the hippo) while partner two would grab partner one's feet and roll them into the center to scoop up as many balls as possible and roll them back to their zone to release the balls before rolling back in for



more! Winning required "eating" more than the other teams, all while avoiding colliding with the other hippos!

### Slip 'N' Slide Kickball

Cabin groups headed to the soccer field to find four tarps arranged in a square with inflatable pools as bases. The tarps were covered in soap and hosed with water to provide slippery runways between the bases! Campers chose their strategy to get to the bases, whether it was crawling, sliding, or gliding the whole the way. It will be back in 2017!

### Giant Slingshots & Giant Boxing

Campers faced off on either side of the soccer field and **played games like 500** with all of the different "ammo" being worth a different amount of points or maybe the goal was just to get drenched by **long distance waterballoons**. Whoa wait, did we say the campers **face off on EITHER SIDE of the soccer field? Yes!** These slingshots could shoot clear across the field! The teams would try to catch dodgeballs, waterballoons, and even the surprise egg, yuck!



When we were done launching stuff, we took to the **boxing ring** with our giant boxing gloves. Most contests ended in **exhausted laughter** - those gloves are heavy!



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## 2016 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 2016 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:** Grant Altenhofen & Avery Opland

**Advanced in Water Skiing:** Alejandro Mesa

**Advanced in Fencing:** Fremont Forsberg, Libby Holmes, Gabriel Mendoza, Jillian Oncay and Jack Yerhot

**Advanced in Tennis:** Connor Brener and Sophie Vogelsang

**Advanced in Canoeing:** Clementine Webre

**Flying Eagle in Springboard Diving:** Clementine Webre

**Beaver in Snorkeling:** Grace Hanavan, Will Henkhaus, Taylor Lanners, Alex Mann, Edie Newman, Jillian Oncay, Genevieve Stockman and Mariana Webb

**Rock Jock in Climbing:** Henry Burton, Betsy Fries, Gabriel Mendoza and Casey Stocking

### Highest Award of the Year

In addition to the top awards above, the following campers received the highest awards for **this year**. Congrats!

**Riflemaster #2 in Riflery:** Jordi Brown

**Mate in Sailing:** Martin Dieck, Walker Mullin and Nicolas Zeh

**Rock Hopper in Biking:** Cooper Camp, Finn McMahon and Clementine Webre



1st Female American Archer:  
Avery Opland

We generally only give out 1 or 2 American Archer Awards each summer all of which have gone to boys - until now! Congratulations to **Avery Opland** who became the **first girl in the history** of Foley to earn her American Archer! Archery has long been a favorite activity at Foley and

it is great to see this milestone finally obtained in 2016! Avery worked really hard, doing extra shooting during her free time.



Clementine on her way to her  
Advanced Canoe Award

### The Closet Junkie!

We'd like to give a huge shout out to the 2016 campers who got their Closet Junkie this summer: **John Turner, Piper Sorock, Martin Dieck, Simon McMahon, Greg Thomazeau, Kelly Reiling, Finn McMahon, and Fremont Forsberg.** 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 46 campers have earned this honor since 2010!**



## Summer Special Events!

### Outer Space: Sessions 1 & 4

It is the dream of many children and adults alike to **travel into the great unknown**, win the chance to embark on a special space mission to Mars, or eat amongst an awe-inspiring constellation. Campers 1st and 4th session did just that! Campers joined their **teams, which were named after famous space shuttles**, and tested their grit while competing against the other teams for the **chance to be invited on a special mission** - be the first seated to eat the extraordinary rib dinner in a hazy, constellation arranged Dining Hall. Challenges included **testing a team's care-giving ability** by keeping alien babies safe (zero gravity water balloon tosses), using each team member's **brain power** to construct an indestructible escape pod (tested in traditional egg drop style), and concluded with a creating your best alien **costume contest**. This Banquet was definitely Out of This World!



### Lego Room

**New to Foley this summer was the LEGO Room!** During free time, on Special Days, for evening program, as an **alternate to all camp events**, like the Grand Dance Festival, the opportunities to use the Lego Room were endless. Lots of **LEGO donations** were made and lots of campers (and staff and alumni) **donated or loaned us completed sets** to have on display for inspiration.

The Room's temporary location was Foley Hall, with the goal to have the **actual Lego Room (Father Foley's original ice house) completed well before next summer begins.** Significant progress has already been made this fall! Stay tuned for a completed picture of this highly anticipated addition.



### Under the Sea: Sessions 2 & 3

We began with a camp wide "Sea Creature Hunt." The **LIT's dressed up as sea creatures** and hid around camp - sea creatures were found everywhere, from behind the Wabi to laying low in Tort's enclosure! Then the team challenges began, sand sculptures at sand volleyball, **water relays on a giant inflatable turtle** at the Swim Dock, **finding rubber ducks**, and more! At the conclusion of the team challenges, campers headed to the barn for **turtle races**, which ultimately decided the winner of the day. **Newborn baby turtles** even made an appearance at one of the races! **Costumes were phenomenal** with jellyfish, mermaids, and scuba divers being a few that were spotted. The evening feast consisted of submarine sandwiches and **beautifully carved watermelon rind fruit bowls**. The whole day was a sight to sea.



### Flick & Float

To the excitement of campers all four sessions, **Flick 'N Float made a comeback this summer!** The evening began with special all pack group events. Foxes had a **Secret Mission**, Coyotes had their **Live Large Extravaganza**, and Wolves got messy at **Camp Jam**. Then at dusk, campers and staff excitedly made their way down to the lake where the **canoes, safety boats, ski boats, and pontoon** were all floating in front of the



**Marina** waiting to be the best seats in the world to enjoy a movie. Campers in 1st & 4th session viewed *E.T.* while campers in 2nd & 3rd watched *Finding Nemo* both corresponding to the theme of their sessions. This experience was one of a kind. The **calmness of Whitefish Lake**, a **starry sky overhead**, your **best friends** beside you, and a bag of popcorn in hand all created a memory you are not likely to forget.

## Silver Paddle Award



We would like to congratulate **Shef West**, who became just the **47th recipient in 47 years to earn his Silver Paddle Award!**

During 4th session, the Olympic Games were going on in Rio de Janeiro. Each evening our CITs would do an update to let the campers and staff know highlights of the events that had happened that day, as well as overall medal counts. During one such update, **Alli and Marie interrupted with a special announcement.** There was a medalist here at camp that also needed announcing. **Shef was surprised** when his name was called and he was brought to the front to **receive his Silver Paddle.**

**Started in 1969**, the **Silver Paddle honors campers who are 12 and under**, that are accomplished in a wide variety of activities. They also must be voted on amongst the directors and assistant directors as a **person of good character and leadership.** This is the highest activity award that a camper who is 12 and under (the Gold Paddle is available for those campers 13 and older) can receive during their time here at Foley.

Congratulations to Shef on this huge accomplishment!

**Awards Shef completed for his Silver Paddle:** Bowman Sharpshooter (Archery), Basic Canoeing, Target Shooter #4 (Rifery), Seaman (Sailing), Shark (Swimming), Advanced Beginner (Tennis), Board Award (Windsurfing), Biner (Climbing), DNR Boat and Water Safety, Springboard (Diving) and Muskrat (Snorkeling). He also attended Floor Hockey, Crafts, Shop, and Paintball classes.

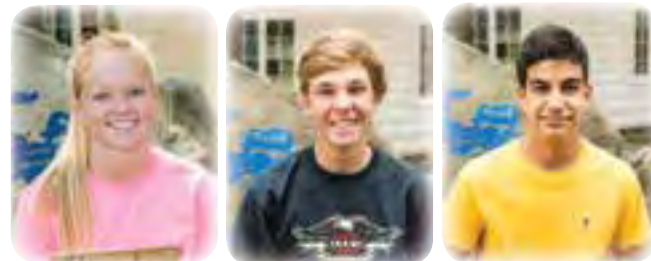
## 2016 Anchor Award



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. Recipients are chosen by the campers and staff during each session, and the award is presented at Friendship Campfire. **Congratulations to our 2016 Anchor Award recipients:**

**1st Session:**

Jordi Brown & Luca Mioli



**2nd Session:**

Natalie Brown, Nick Zeh & Martin Dieck



**3rd Session:**

Mollie McGrann & Nick Kronschnabel



**4th Session:**

Kelly Reiling & Louis Epstein



## Register Today & New System!

We are excited for Summer 2017! The Early Bird Discount will **end on November 17th** - so register today to receive 5% off of your total tuition and first choice of session. Some of the sessions fill very fast!

We have listened to our parents and have switched to a **new online registration system** that will hopefully help with your needs. You will be able to **check your account balances, add money to your camper's canteen account, email, check to see what forms you haven't completed, see posted pictures** and more!

We know the **posting of pictures** is something that comes up a lot with parents. We believe in an **independent experience for your kids** and want to make sure that in today's, camera happy society we are able to allow kids to just play and enjoy what they are doing without always having their photo taken. That said, we **do understand that you want to see what they are experiencing.** We have a **great plan for pictures for next summer** (this was one of the main reasons we switched registration systems) that will allow us to post them at the end of each two-week session and are looking in to internet options that will allow the uploading of all those images to be more timely. We are trying. Promise.

We, of course, would love to talk to you about next summer and answer any questions you may have. Give us a call (218-543-6161) or email us (fun@campfoley.com).

## Look Who's Already Registered!

**Shout out to Annabelle and Mary Jane Whitaker who were the first campers to register for Foley's 93rd summer.** As of November 3rd, the following 80 campers have registered:

**A** Brooks Arnold **B** Joe Bakken, Diego Blanco, Ferran Blanco, Nora Boyd, Olivia Boyd, Libby Bruce, John Butler, Michael Butler **C** Andrew Chappelle, Devin Christensen, Meredith Christensen, Daniela Cordovez, Mariana Cordovez, Ferran Cors, John Costello **D** Pablo Diaz, Rodrigo Diaz, Elliot Dotson, Isabela Duran **E** Louis Epstein **F** Clara Foster, Kate Foster, Betsy Fries **G** Espe Garcia, Francisco Garcia, Sofia Garza, Isabel Gutrich, Henry Gutrich **H** Rylie Harrelson, Grace Headrick, Beth Heymans, Ryan Heymans, Max Hoener, Grayson Howes **I** Eugenio Iza, Juan Iza **J** Sophia Johnston **K** Lila Kadue, Oliver Kadue, Quinn Kadue, Jack Kellogg, Mairan Kellogg, William Kellogg **L** Julia Lucas **M** Abbie McGrann, Kate McGrann, Robby McMahon Celina Mouret, Joe Munkeby, Mae Munkeby **O** Ella OConnell, Vince OConnell, Brooks Olson, Clay Olson, Avery Opland, Jose Ortiz, Lucia Ortiz, Sofia Ortiz **P** Brooke Portland **Q** McKenna Quam **R** Benjamin Ridder, Emily Ridder, Faith Roche, Louise Rose, Emma Ryan, Jacob Ryan **S** Ian Schnabel, Max Schnabel, Helen Shearon, Tessa Stephenson, Walker Stephensen **T** John Turner, Luke Turner, Susanna Turner, Veronica Turner **W** Henry Whelan, Annabelle Whitaker, Mary Jane Whitaker **Y** Jack Yerhot

### Parent & Camper Feedback

We value all of the input from our campers and parents! It's not too late to share your thoughts about the summer with us, and we'd love to hear what you have to say! Visit [campfoley.com/foley-families/parent-feedback-form](http://campfoley.com/foley-families/parent-feedback-form) to fill out the form!

### Recent Changes due to Feedback:

- Added a 3 week session (2016)
- Change of schedule and Canteen times
- Equipment Updates

### The Rattlin' Blog

Head to Foley's blog to check out some fun things in the off season. Visit [CampFoley.blogspot.com](http://CampFoley.blogspot.com) today! Read camper stories, tales from alumni or about the benefits of summer camp! **Contribute to the blog by emailing your ideas or blog posts to Fun@CampFoley.com**

### Sample Article Titles:

- Mother Knows Best: A Parent's Take on Foley
- G is for Grit
- 7 Reasons to Register Early

## Bridge Crossing Essays

Congratulations to the **12 campers and staff** who completed their 500-word, "What Does Camp Foley Mean to Me" essay in 2016! These campers and staff have all been to Foley for five or more years and joined the Bridge Crossing group this summer at camp!



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"Camp Foley is a place where I am free to be myself and only worry about what I want for canteen that day. Camp Foley means trying things I usually would never do. Camp is the best 2 weeks of my summer and I'm lucky enough to return every year." ~ Charlotte Dixon



"Camp isn't just a place for friends but also for firsts. My first time shooting a bow was at camp. My first time getting up on skis was at camp. My first time sailing was at camp. There are so many things I would have never been able to do had it not been for camp." ~ Griffin Curran



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~ Ken Hollenbeck



"I always enjoy the debate which is better: the swim dock or the marina; such a fun conversation of friendly banter with my friends. It actually doesn't matter which is better because what matters is that they are a part of Camp Foley." ~ Traci (Lueth) Haglund (Counselor & Camp Nurse)



"The place {Camp Foley} that has meant so much to me ever since I started my first of eleven summer to follow. I am determined to make it twelve. I think back over the years and I cannot imagine what my summers would have been like without Camp Foley." ~ Nick Goldman

**Will 2017 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.**

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Learn more about Club Paradise at: [campfoley.com/foley-families/club-paradise](http://campfoley.com/foley-families/club-paradise).





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## Now & Then

A look back at some of the most prominent features of Foley. What they look like in the 1930's vs now!



Arrival Day



Inner Tube Sailing



Tennis



The Waterfront



The Dining Hall



The Cabins

## 2016 Scholarship Donors

In 2016, scholarship funds were used to help a total of **15 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.

### Direct Scholarship Donations

(via direct family donations - \$13,724):

Margaret Andrus, Julia Brown, Brainerd Deanery CCW, MaryElla Galbraith (Arthur Galbraith), Greg Haley, Emily and Bruce Hanavan, Emily Heintzelman, Dave and Michelle Horan, Colleen and Henry Huey, KC Kauth, Judy Klauer, Peter & Kym Kronschnabel, Austin Lilly, Christine McGarvey, Aaron Nalezny -in memory of James Shandorf, Mike and Heidi Norman, Kathleen Philipp, J. Timothy Power, Sarah Rauenhorst and Family, Steve and Naomi Schmid, Robert & Mary Snediker- In memory of deceased staff members, Kathleen Sluis Tuggle – in honor of camper Michael Sluis, Jeff and Susan Turner, Gianna Zeh

### Family Donations

(via summer 2016 Canteen balance \$31.40 & Club Paradise Referral Credits \$5585)

Joe and Casey Bergquist, Tanya and Dion Buhman, Alvaro Cota and Maria Estela Albo, Joan and Robert Cummins, Casey Offersen, Sophie and Dominique Hautbois, Pat and Chrisy Hughes, Celia Kennedy, Bruno and Estelle Lauier, Claudia Leon de la Vega, Greg and Chris Moffet, Stephanie Mortel, Benagh and Josh Newsome, Jeni and Jeff Shoemate, Pat and Jana Sweetman, and Robin and Alison Winslow

### 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](http://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.

### Camp Moves Me

In the fall of 2015, Alli started working with the American Camp Association on Camp Moves Me. During the month of October participants can dedicate miles of walking, biking, running, swimming or hiking to raise money for Foley's scholarship fund. October 2016 we were able to get more and more people involved with 10 people **exercising their way through October and raising \$5832.15**.



**Thanks to:** Jana Schmid, Cara Rieckenberg, Laura and Mark Webber, Kevin Beltz, Kylie Beltz, Melissa Ferrie, Gaby Driessen, Jordan Anderson and Alli Faricy for all their hard work and to the following donors that made Camp Moves Me 2016 a big success!

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Erica Aarons, Katie Arvesen, Kevin Beltz, Carla Bender, Ashley Berhorst, Michael Bishop, Daniel Burford, Marc Burgoon, Alex Capell, Matt Carney, Donna Childers, Taylor Costas, Matt Crane, Jack Cunningham, Steve and Jennifer Darr, Jenny Delaney, Martha Driessen, Megan Evans, Lachlan Ewald, Jack Failor, Julie Ferrie, Regina Flores, Erin Foley, Beth Foster, Jessie Garretson, Sara Gokey, Amy Greenfield, Patrick Haley, Joe Harrington, Lauren Hartzell, Nichols, Annie Hertz, Jessica Hickok, Pam Jamison, James Johnson, Kendra Johnson, Danielle Jones, Thomas Kelly, Shelby Kersten, Emilia Kronschnabel, Peter Kronschnabel, Tessa Lee, Mike Lillo, Austin Lilly, Joe Long, Tricia and Rick Long, Maddie Lorentzen, Rachel Mann, Rosie McCarty, Christine McGarvey, Molly McGuire, Kathleen Meyer, Tracey Miley, Mike Mogard, Stephanie Nagel, Lark Nierenberg, Kieran O'Connell, Ross Palmer, Nicole Payne, Tim Payne, Zak Payne, Sondra Reis, Cara Rieckenberg, Kari Roehr, Erica Schmid, Kerry and Mike Schmid, Stephen Schmid, Jackie Shydowski, Kyle Stolarz, Krista Strobel, Leslie Strobel, Pamela Vaughan, Chutney Ward, Madison Way, Laura Webber, Ronald Webber, Kathleen West, Lo Wood, Gianna Zeh and several anonymous donations.



## Silver Paddle Award



We would like to congratulate **Shef West**, who became just the **46th** recipient in **47 years** to earn his **Silver Paddle Award**!

During 4th session, the Olympic Games were going on in Rio de Janeiro. Each evening our CITs would do an update to let the campers and staff know highlights of the events that had happened that day, as well as overall medal counts. During one such update, **Alli and Marie interrupted with a special announcement.** There was a medalist here at camp that also needed announcing. **Shef was surprised** when his name was called and he was brought to the front to **receive his Silver Paddle.**

**Started in 1969**, the **Silver Paddle honors campers who are 12 and under**, that are accomplished in a wide variety of activities. They also must be voted on amongst the directors and assistant directors as a **person of good character and leadership.** This is the highest activity award that a camper who is 12 and under (the Gold Paddle is available for those campers 13 and older) can receive during their time here at Foley. Shef's mom K.C. (Williams) West was a counselor and assistant director at Foley.

**Congratulations to Shef on this huge accomplishment!**

**Awards Shef completed for his Silver Paddle:** Bowman Sharpshooter (Archery), Basic Canoeing, Target Shooter #4 (Riflery), Seaman (Sailing), Shark (Swimming), Advanced Beginner (Tennis), Board Award (Windsurfing), Biner (Climbing), DNR Boat and Water Safety, Springboard (Diving) and Muskrat (Snorkeling). He also attended Floor Hockey, Crafts, Shop, and Paintball classes.

**Shef joins the following 45 recipients of the Silver Paddle (in order):** Tom Schmid, Pat Conlin, Bill Feeley, Peter George, Stuart Feeley, Tim Mahoney, Carl Bruce, Paul Gerrard, Kevin Mahoney, Tim Moffett, Paul Berg, Gerrardo Leon, Mike Hurtgen, Mike Lindsay, Brian Snediker, Paul Meekin, Maureen Conlin, Courtney McCurdy, Eliseo Serdan, Joshua Newsome, Heather Shannon, Joel Benton, Pat O'Keefe, Aaron Prophet, Holly Werth, Tony Stone, Alli Faricy, Lauren Hartzell, Blake Dotson, Mike Schmid, Christine Papayonpulos, Sarah Rhomberg, Steve Schmid, Erica Schmid, Laura Schmid, Molly Hagerman, Will Urion, Peter Beltz, Kylie Beltz, Adrian Villareal, Kevin Beltz, Adam Kay, Jack Hamel, Claudia Leon de la Vega, and Claire Hickey.

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## 2016 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 2016 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:** Grant Altenhofen & Avery Opland

**Advanced in Water Skiing:** Alejandro Mesa

**Advanced in Fencing:** Fremont Forsberg, Libby Holmes, Gabriel Mendoza, Jillian Oncay and Jack Yerhot

**Advanced in Tennis:** Connor Brener and Sophie Vogelsang

**Advanced in Canoeing:** Clementine Webre

**Flying Eagle in Springboard Diving:** Clementine Webre

**Beaver in Snorkeling:** Grace Hanavan, Will Henkhaus, Taylor Lanners, Alex Mann, Edie Newman, Jillian Oncay, Genevieve Stockman and Mariana Webb

**Rock Jock in Climbing:** Henry Burton, Betsy Fries, Gabriel Mendoza and Casey Stocking

### Highest Award of the Year

In addition to the top awards above, the following campers received the highest awards for **this year.** Congrats!

**Riflemaster #2 in Riflery:** Jordi Brown

**Mate in Sailing:** Martin Dieck, Walker Mullin and Nicolas Zeh

**Rock Hopper in Biking:** Cooper Camp, Finn McMahon and Clementine Webre



**1st Female American Archer:**  
Avery Opland

We generally only give out 1 or 2 American Archer Awards each summer all of which have gone to boys - until now! Congratulations to **Avery Opland** who became the **first girl in the history** of Foley to earn her American Archer! Archery has long been a favorite activity at Foley and

it is great to see this milestone finally obtained in 2016! Avery worked really hard, doing extra shooting during her free time. Avery's mom, Suzanne Johnson, was also a camper at Foley!



Clementine on her way to her Advanced Canoe Award

### The Closet Junkie!

We'd like to give a huge shout out to the 2016 campers who got their Closet Junkie this summer: **John Turner, Piper Sorock, Martin Dieck, Simon McMahon, Greg Thomazeau, Kelly Reiling, Finn McMahon, and Fremont Forsberg.** 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 46 campers have earned this honor since 2010!**



# Preserving the Foley Environment

## Shoreline Restoration

The Lakeshore is an area Foley takes great pride. Between ice heaves in the winter and excessive rainfall in the summers, our shoreline has endured some unfortunate changes. We have received the Community Centered Runoff Mini-Grant, funded by the Clean Water, Land, and Legacy Amendment, Clean Water Fund and over the past year, have taken action in a full-on shoreline restoration project. After receiving \$17,643.00 from this amazing grant, Foley collaborated with the **Crow Wing County Soil and Water District** and **Sunshine Gardens Landscaping** to reinvent the shoreline.



**Darren, with Crow Wing County Soil and Water District**, spent time with us this spring helping to reestablish the shoreline, which was negatively affected by the ice heaves the previous winter. With Darren's guidance, we strategically placed, and fastened **Willow Bundles horizontally in to the soil** where the ice had pushed against the shoreline. The idea is the bundles will hold the shoreline in place and **prevent this area from eroding and washing away.**



This fall we **moved onto the bank itself to introduce more native plant species** that have the ability to thrive in our sandy soil. **Bonnie and the crew from Sunshine Gardens planted 1,415 individual plants** with tenacious root systems and spread countless seeds. This ideal foundation will hopefully transform the bank back to its beautiful, natural self. Erosion stands no chance.



If you would like to **learn more about our shoreline restoration project**, feel free to email Jordan at [ad@campfoley.com](mailto:ad@campfoley.com).

## Water Clarity Testing

Camp Foley's participation within the **Citizen Water Monitoring Program** was a very unique and rewarding experience. Our **leadership program places an emphasis on a community service element**. This project was a fantastic opportunity to further **immerse our campers in a natural Minnesota environment** while helping them build positive relationships amongst their peers in a constructive manner. Our campers took part in testing water clarity at **12 different sites on the Whitefish Chain**. They worked together to classify sites based on esthetics, recreational suitability, and quantified clarity. This granted them the opportunity to explore numerous bodies of water in which most had never been to. They enjoyed the day of travel and exploration - admiring the pristine waters of the area.



Our partnership this past summer has allowed us to give children the ability to see nature up close. These kids were able to explore new areas of the Whitefish chain throughout their travels to testing sites, foster interest in their own environmental impact, and grow positive relationships as they bond over common interests. **They were fascinated to see how readings changed throughout the season and how quickly these changes occurred.** We look forward to continuing our work next summer!

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