

SCAMP NEWS

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UPDATES FOR SCAMP FAMILIES AND SUPPORTERS

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Summer is S'more fun at SCAMP

What a fun and exciting summer for our SCAMPers! They enjoyed Clarkston Family Farm, therapy dogs, music class, art class, the parks, swimming and so much more! Thank you to our camp staff - Hank, Kylie, Erin and Tarynn as well as all of the teachers, aides and volunteers. Without all of you SCAMP wouldn't be able to run so successfully!

IMPORTANT DATES:

- September 10:
Golf Classic
- November 6:
Jingle & Mingle
- November 30:
Giving Tuesday
- December 1:
Annual SCAMP Meeting



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"A Special Camp for Special Kids!"

Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs Grant

We are so excited to announce that Clarkston SCAMP was awarded one of the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA) grants for \$4,000. We used this money to fund Paint a Miracle at SCAMP this year.

Paint a Miracle is an organization that strives to build a supporting and encouraging community of artists that recognizes the important contribution artists with disabilities bring to the world. The grant will fund the art teachers, art supplies and the framing/completion of the artists' works.



GivingTuesday

GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement unleashing the power of radical generosity. GivingTuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good.

In 2020 SCAMP had a goal of raising \$2,000. Our supporters went above and beyond and we raised \$3,605!

On Tuesday, November 30, help us reach our goal of \$4,000.

GIVING TUESDAY



Don't forget to "Like" Clarkston SCAMP on Facebook for updates on camp and upcoming events.

Walk & Roll 2021 Sponsors

Platinum

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Gold

Dr. Larry Baylis

Bowman Chevrolet

The Hauswirth Family

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Silver

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Bronze

Overhead Door and Fireplace

David W. Elliott Memorial Foundation

Chat With Kathy Christopher

What is your background in special education?

I was a speech pathologist for CCS for 17 years followed by 15 years as a special education administrator

What is your involvement with SCAMP?

I have supported the coordination and oversight of the SCAMP program for the past 15 years. This has provided me the privilege of interacting and collaborating with so many individuals (parents, employees, volunteers, community members, NOFSC Board members) who demonstrate the highest level of compassion and commitment to the children and young adults who participate in SCAMP.

Why do you think SCAMP is so important?

- SCAMP provides a unique and special summer camp experience for children and young adults with disabilities. Most of the Scampers would not have the opportunity to participate in a traditional camp program due to their complex needs.
- SCAMP also provides a critical respite opportunity for families. Due to the unique and complex needs of some of the children, parents have limited options to consider for camps or daycare that would provide the level of skilled staff required to ensure a safe and positive experience for their children.
- SCAMP is tailored to meet the individual needs of the Scampers. The low staff: student ratio and highly trained staff (most of whom work in special education programs during the school year) enable participants with significant physical, cognitive, medical, social-emotional and/or sensory needs to have a very positive camp experience.
- SCAMP also provides a volunteer opportunity for many adolescents and young adults (approximately 50-75 per summer). This creates valuable opportunities for authentic peer interaction, as well as contributing to a greater understanding and advocacy for individuals with disabilities. Many of the volunteers end up following a career path in special education, sparked by their experience at SCAMP.

SCAMP Partnership:

- SCAMP is a unique community collaboration which includes the North Oakland SCAMP Funding Corporation (NOSFC), Clarkston Community Schools and the local business community.
- It would not be possible to operate SCAMP without the generous donations of so many local businesses and individuals. The NOSFC Board of Directors is a highly dedicated group of individuals who contribute an incredible amount of time and energy into supporting and promoting SCAMP.
- The actual cost to operate SCAMP is over double what is collected in tuition. NOSFC generously donates approximately \$150,000 each year to cover the additional costs to operate SCAMP, which includes offering financial assistance to many families.

It has been an honor to be a part of the SCAMP Program for so many years. This marks the 45th year that SCAMP has been in operation, with only a global pandemic interrupting operation one year. We were very excited to resume the SCAMP tradition this year and look forward to many more years to come!



John Spokaeski Picnic and VIP Day

At the annual John Spokaeski Picnic SCAMPers enjoyed hot dogs, watermelon, and checking out the Sheriff's motorcycles and rescue vehicles. John Spokaeski has been hosting this picnic for 33 years and it is always such a fun way to finish SCAMP for the summer.

We also honored our VIP Day award recipients. Thank you for all you do for SCAMP not only this past year, but every year!

Smiles Award - Dan Stencil

Bob Brumback Award - Kathy Christopher

Helping Hands Award - David W. Elliott Memorial Foundation

Mel Vaara Award - Cari Peck



SCAMP Golf Classic

Friday, September 10th - Fountains Golf & Banquet

Sponsorship Opportunities are still available:

Executive Sponsor \$1,000

Name on sign//4 Golfers//Name on all publicity

Hole Sponsor \$100

Signage at one hole//Name on all publicity

Donation Requests

We are looking for donations to be placed in our silent auction. If you have an item you would like to donate, or know someone or a business who may be interested in donating please contact our office.

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Want to golf?

\$125

Full buffet breakfast

18 Holes of golf with cart

Beverage tickets

Lunch at the turn

Awards reception with open bar and strolling dinner

Prizes for men and women

Special event prizes

Great thank you gift!

Register to golf or sponsor by August 27th online at www.clarkstonscamp.org/golf-classic or call our office (248)623-8089.