

# NEWSLETTER

Making a difference in children's lives by sending kids to camp.

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Dear Caldwell Foundation, Thank you for the generous campship! This means a great deal to our family during this stressful time. You have helped us all smile a little more brightly! -Amy A



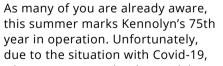
#### Our Staff Scholarships!



Aleksander Berg from Gold Arrow

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what was expected to be a celebratory summer with many planned activities (including a reunion weekend), was cancelled due to regulations designed to keep people healthy and safe. Kennolyn does have every intention of recognizing Aunt Marion and Uncle Max's legacy and their lifelong commitment to providing fantastic summer camp experiences for children. At this point the celebrations are tentatively planned for 2021, when hopefully activities will be resumed and the whole Kennolyn family can help celebrate this major milestone!

#### **MMCF Board**

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**Risë Berry** 

Risë with her husband, John



As she leaves the MMCF Foundation Board we would like to take this opportunity to recognize, Risë Berry, who has served the board in many capacities and has a long history with Kennolyn.

Risë started at Kennolyn Hi-Camp as a camper at age 12. She returned every summer, working her way through the CIT and JC programs to become a counselor, and later Director of the Counselor in Training program. Her first assignment as a CIT was in "Tent D" with Pat Cobb Veatch! While she loved every part of Kennolyn her favorite memories are of lazy days taking her campers down to explore in Bates Creek, teaching swimming to beginners, hanging out at "Brown's Barn", campfires with Uncle Max, and enjoying Monie's cookies!

Though Risë left camp to pursue teaching and later moved to sales in Silicon Valley, her own kids got the wonderful experience of being Kennolyn campers and counselors as well. In 1994, after many years away from camp, Risë and her husband John began a partnership with Kennolyn to supply their Kennolyn logo t-shirts and sweatshirts. This eventually became an entire catalog of camp necessities that their company supplied to camp families, for Kennolyn and other summer camps.

Risë joined the MMCF Board in 2010. As a Board Member she served on the Campership Selection Committee and most recently as President. Her length of service and dedication to the foundation shows her commitment to the importance of camp in childrens' lives. She will be missed by the board!

Kennolyn continues to play an important part in Risë's life as she currently has 4 granddaughters that attend camp each summer!



## Lennolyn12 Day Campers and 14 OvernightCampsCampers came to Kennolyn in 2019! Campers came to Kennolyn in 2019!





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5 Overnight Campers came to Gold Arrow in 2019! Thanks to Manny Vezie Camperships



2 Campers to Camp Krem sponsored by Kennolyn Camps
2 Campers to Via West sponsored by Gold Arrow Camp
1 Camper to Camp Wamp sponsored by Caldwell Family

Our partner camps waited patiently throughout the spring for guidelines on operating camp this summer, taking into account the continued threat of Covid-19. Unfortunately, it became clear that camps were unable to run their traditional programs, so many camps made the difficult decision to modify or cease operations for this summer.



After an extended period of Shelter-in-Place it was especially unfortunate that many kids missed out on the traditional camp experience, but restrictions were deemed necessary by the state and counties to continue the fight against the spread of Covid-19. Kennolyn was fortunately able to operate sessions of Day Camp at both its Stone Creek Village and Hilltop Hacienda sites, following distancing and safety protocols established by Santa Cruz County.

At the end of the summer, Kennolyn also offered two sessions of Overnight Camp. While the Kennolyn camperships for Overnight Camp have been rolled to 2021, MMCF felt very lucky to have awarded 18 Day Camp camperships. These camperships were funded by MMCF and a generous \$9000 donation to Kennolyn by Twin Lakes Church. This summer, more than any other, provided campers a needed respite from isolation and a huge boost to their mental health. As mentioned by one 9-year old camper, "camp helped me find myself again."

### **Camp this Summer**

Gold Arrow Camp, another MMCF partner, operated with virtual programs this summer, and all awarded camperships have rolled over to the next in-person summer. Our three other partner camps – Camp Krem, for people with developmental disabilities, Camp Wamp, for children with physical disabilities, and Via West, for those with disabilities and special needs, have worked to provide different camp programs and benefits following pandemic guidelines. The foundation was happy to continue supporting these camps with donations equal to the amounts they received in 2019.

We have recently received the very sad news that the Camp Krem facility was destroyed in the recent fires. Our hearts go out to them and we hope to support their efforts to rebuild in the future. If you want to help rebuild Camp Krem, please make a donation to them directly: https://campingunlimited.org/donate/

At MMCF we sincerely hope that the summer of 2021 will mean a return to the familiar camp life of past summers. Although we are concerned about reduced donations, particularly with the loss of our camp store donations

(which provided 14 camperships in 2019), we hope to be able to award the same number of camperships as 2019 (38!) next summer at a time when kids will so need the carefree life of summer camp. Your support can help us achieve our goals.

Virtual Camp Wamp was a tremendous success. The kids asked to continue with a monthly Zoom "meet-up" to keep the connections strong.





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