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# **A Word from our New Board Chair, Jessica Pierfelice**

As the weather gets warmer, we’re reminded that spring is right around the corner. All of us at Camp Wyandot, Inc. are in full camp preparation mode. Registrations are coming into the office at a steady pace; as this edition of Alumni News goes to print, 127 campers are registered for Overnight Camp, and 87 campers are registered for Day Camp. We have been represented at camp fairs, we are hiring camp staff and we have added an extra week of overnight camp in anticipation of another great year!

The past year has been a year of growth and change. We have welcomed new board members and staff to the organization and seen a huge growth in the number of youth served at our day and overnight camps, as well as a positive response to our first year of the Wyandot Explore clubs.

I want to take a moment to thank all of our Alumni for their dedication, time, and efforts this past year; without your continued support we could not provide an inclusive, nurturing environment for youth to have fun, make friends, serve others and explore the great outdoors.

I also want to take a moment to welcome Greg Kellison as our new Executive Director. He began in August, 2014 and has been …

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**Wyandot Day Camp**

(June 8 –August 14)
**Day Camp Open House**(April 183-5 PM at Dragonfly Camp Site)

**Wyandot Overnight Camp**
(June 21-Aug 1) **Open House**(May 3 2-5 PM at
Camp Wyandot)

**Spring Skills Weekend**
(May 2-3)

**Family 4th of July Celebration**

(July 2-4)

**Annual Flower Sale** (Deadline Friday, April 10. Pick up Saturday, May 9 11AM – 1 PM)

**Work Weekend**
(April 24-26)

 **Alumni Weekend**

(August 14-16)

**Halloween in the Hills**

(October 17-18)

**Annual Luncheon**

(Saturday, November 14, Villa Milano)

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**Camp WYandot, Inc**

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Jessica Pierfelice**

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…working hard to learn our organization and the people who make us who we are. If you haven’t had an opportunity to meet him, you’ll find him busy in the office, working on site with our staff and volunteers at our Camp locations, or representing us at community events. He would love to meet you.

This coming year will be a year of development: our camp, our programs, our policies, our committees, our board, and our support base. For the success of this year we will need each and every one of you, but that alone will not be enough; we can’t do this alone. We need to continue to grow our alumni base, to reach out to friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, our community; to share our story, to reach potential donors, members, volunteers, board members, committee members. As always we rely heavily on support from our alumni and this has not changed. There are lots of volunteer opportunities including alumni development, the flower sale, the luncheon committee, grant writing and more. Please contact myself or Greg to learn more about these and other opportunities. Together, we can lay the path for a successful future of Camp Wyandot, Inc. for years to come.

Jessica Pierfelice

Board Chair

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**Summer Camp Brings Friends Together**

Last year Camp Wyandot decided to take part in a Camp Friend Rebate promotion for the vast majority of campers who told us that they would like to bring a friend to camp. This year, we’ve decided to offer that same promotion to you!

A returning camper can bring a friend who is new to Wyandot Day or Overnight Camp and they each can receive a rebate ($20.00 for Day Camp and $50.00 for a Regular session and $25.00 for a 3 ½ Day Session at Overnight Camp). The Camp Friend Rebate is only valid for non-immediate family members or friends and requires that both campers attend camp and mention each other in the appropriate part of the registration forms.

Wyandot Day Camp (June 8th – August 14th) will offer nine weeks of camp and each week is full of new and exciting field trips, activities, and presentations for campers. Field trips this year include the Franklin Park Conservatory, Perkins Observatory, Hartman Aviary, Battelle Darby Creek Metro Park, and The Columbus Zoo and Aquarium to name a few! We also have special guests visiting each Thursday to provide hands-on activities about nature.

Wyandot Overnight Camp (June 21st-Aug 1st) is offering six weeks of camp including Mini Trails for grades 2-5 and special Teen Sessions. Learn how to build a fire, go hiking and creeking with new friends, sing camp songs, and camp in a lakeside cabin or treehouse. Overnight camp also has crafts, archery, and skill lessons for children. Join us for a summer full of fun!

We are thankful for the alumni and traditions that have contributed to the spirit of our programs, and we are excited to expand and diversify our camps with more camperships, financial assistance to low-income families, in 2015.

**Stay Connected with
Camp Wyandot!**

Sign up on our website to register as part of our alumni network to receive our monthly online news blast via email.

Join the Alumni Committee and help organize activities and events. Become a member of Camp Wyandot, Inc and receive free day-time access to Camp Wyandot (reservations must be made in advance), ability to vote on Board members, members of the nominating committee, and other important issues.

Register as a member on our website or by calling the office. Membership is open to all adults 18 years or older. Annual individual memberships are $25 or $45 for family memberships.

Our nine Wyandot Explorer clubs have been busy exploring nature, making friendships, and developing new skills, all while completing our four main categories: **Community Exploration, Self-Exploration, Environmental and Science Exploration, and Creative Exploration.**

Everyone including our club members and the general public has the opportunity to join us for the four annual Explorer Club events: Fall Fun Day, Halloween in the Hills (October 17-18), the Bead Fair (March 21), and Spring Skills (May 2-3).

This year, 47 club members and friends attended the Bead Fair at Atonement Lutheran Church on Saturday March 21, 2015. Children participated in lessons and experiments about surface tension and oil spills to earn their green Science and Environmental bead. For their red Self-Exploration bead, the explorers made a self-portrait with the help of their imaginations. For their light blue Community Exploration bead, the explorers participated in a game to learn about how to assist people with disabilities in their community. Lastly, our explorers fulfilled the Creative Exploration Category to earn their dark blue bead requirement by creating a recycled bottle chandelier!

If you would like to volunteer at upcoming Explorer Club events, please contact the office at 614-481-8227 or email at info@campwyandot.org.

Camp Wyandot would like to thank our volunteer Board of Directors and all of our volunteers who have given their precious time to help at or promote our programs and events, our day and overnight camps or the office. **A special thanks to the Wyandot Explorer Leaders:**  Ingrid Biery, Emily Bruskotter, Missy Donovan, Lisa Graham, Alice Hohl, Donna Klise, Diane Meves, Connie Warren.

Thank you to all of our fantastic volunteers for your passion!

What can you do to observe National Volunteer Week?

* Volunteer with one of our Work Weekends, camp or club programs and events.
* Serve on the Nominating, Luncheon, or Alumni Committees.
* Promote Camp Wyandot’s summer camps and programs to friends, family and colleagues.
* Nancy Wardwell is accepting nominations for the Board of Directors.

Contact the office today to see how you can make a difference. For more information on our volunteer opportunities, visit info@campwyandot.org or call 614-481-8227.

# **In Memoriam2014-2015**

###### Words cannot express our appreciation for the many years of dedication and service that these Wyandot community members have provided.

**Jeanene Dixon**, Jed, was a long-term committed member and volunteer of Camp Fire and Camp Wyandot for more than 50 years.

**Donna Morehouse**, Miss Clippie, brought many years of joy and support to Camp Wyandot.

**Marsha Conrad** supported Camp Fire and Colonial Hills Camp Fire Girls and Camp Wyandot for many years.

**Don Bender** was a dedicated helper on Work Weekends, aided the construction of the caretaker’s house, and played his accordion at various events.

# **National Volunteer Week 2015: April 12-18**

# **Wyandot Explorers Bead Fair**

**Open House at Camp Wyandot May 3rd**

Get a sneak peek at camp before we open for the summer. From 2 - 5PM on May 3rd Wyandot overnight camp will hold an open house for new, potential, returning, or past campers and their families. Join us for a tour of the facilities, view slides of last summer, ask questions or just renew past memories. Meet with the Directors and other staff to learn about this summer’s experience at Camp Wyandot. Bring a picnic lunch and camp will provide drinks and cookies.

**Wish List**

As we prepare for the upcoming camp season, we have a number of items on our wish list including: heavy duty utility wagons, weed trimmers, and other items. Please visit our website for a full list of items on our wish list or to make a donation.

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**11th Annual Camp Wyandot Luncheon**

Saturday, November 14, 2015
11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Villa Milano Banquet & Conference Center 1630 Schrock Rd., Columbus, OH 43229

Come early to socialize, see the memorabilia, and make your bids for the silent auction. Lunch is from noon-1:00 PM. Cost? You decide. There is no preset cost for the luncheon. If after the program about Camp Wyandot you wish to nurture our growth and support our programs with an additional donation, we would be very grateful.

If you would like to volunteer on a committee to serve at the luncheon, please contact the office at info@campwyandot.org or 614-481-8227.

**Work Weekend: April 24-April 26**We are starting to prepare for another busy camp season, so bring your family and friends to Hocking Hills for a weekend full of Camp Wyandot community and restoration projects. There is no cost to attend, but you will be working! Children should be able to participate in projects as well. Please register online today.

**Alumni Weekend is August 14-16**Join us for Alumni Weekend at Camp Wyandot! Enjoy sharing old memories and creating new ones with family and friends while you visit camp, reunite with alumni, and extend your network as we embrace the Camp Wyandot community.

**Halloween in the Hills is October 17-18, 2015**
Come join the Wyandot Explorer Club kids for activities including spooky games, trick-or-treating, and the not-so-scary haunted house in Buck Cabin! Costumes are encouraged and be sure to bring some Halloween treats!

## **Family Camping & Rentals**

# **Join us for Weekends atCamp Wyandot**

**Family Camping this Fourth of July:**We offer a special program for your whole family with scheduled activities in your own cabin. We will have a special celebration for the whole camp!

**Renting at Camp Wyandot:**Our beautiful camp in Hocking Hills is available for rent! Water is available from mid-April to mid-October and our specialty cabins have electricity and heat. We can provide meals for groups in the dining hall, as well as nature programs, swimming, and canoeing. Contact the office for rates or to make a reservation.

A day visit to Camp Wyandot is $3 per person, but free for current members. If you would like to drop by for a day hike or just take a walk down memory lane at camp, remember to notify us at least one week in advance by calling the office at 614-481-8227.

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