



# Camp Badger Monthly "Newsy Notes"



July 2010

As we approach the middle of July, camp is unusually quiet without the sound of campers, but there is always the sound of work being done!. There is the sound of mowers, string trimmers, or Dave speeding around on his buggy. He is always on the go. Along with managing the grounds crew, he keeps abreast of all the work that needs to be done on all the buildings to keep them not only operable, but up to code. He knows every cabin by number or name, and knows exactly what each cabin needs. No small task considering the number of buildings on the campground! For the Health Department, Dave takes water samples from every building, every day. He is required to check temperatures on all the refrigeration units. He has to maintain the pool properly by controlling chlorine and PH levels and vacuuming on a regular basis. On top of all of this, he is trying to bring the facility up to the standards of the American Camp Association. There is much to do in a short amount of time. Many of the standards are already in place at the camp, but there is lots still to do. Much of it is paperwork that requires time for Dave to sit still in the office. Time that he doesn't always have. But he continues to plug away at it because it is so important for him to know that our camp meets the highest standards for the safety and well-being of future campers. Dave is dedicated to getting the camp up to these standards.

Since our last Newsy Notes, we've had about 335 folks stop in either for a short time or for a few days! This number includes the local youth baseball program banquet at the Smith Pavilion that accommodated around 175 kids and adults, a soccer game, Johnson City and Dansville Lions volunteers, and members of the Cayuga Trails Club who stayed for a week while they worked on trails in the area.

Don't forget, our annual **Lions Appreciation Day** is on **Sunday, July 25th, from 10:30 am until 3 pm**. The day will begin with a memorial service in the Chapel at 10:30am. The theme for the day is Country and Western. All Lions are invited to come visit, take a tour of the camp, eat great food, enjoy some great music, catch up with old friends, meet new ones, and have a great time! Come see how beautiful your camp is. And, pray for good weather! Call the office for more information 607 589 4800.

We are very excited about the Circle of Life Camp that will be coming to Lions Camp Badger in August. They will be holding two week-long sessions for children with diabetes. It is just wonderful that the camp will indeed hear the voices and laughter of children making memories at summer camp!

We were recently saddened by the loss of a fellow Lion and dear friend of Camp Badger. Beulah (Bea) Smith passed away on July 13, 2010. She is predeceased by her husband, Jerry. They both worked here at Camp Badger for many years. The Camp was very special to them both. Bea will be missed. The Camp would like to express our deepest condolences to the Smith family at this time of loss.