



## Press Release

### ***Friends of Camp Kenan Sends Kids to Camp, For Free***

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The board of directors of the Friends of Camp Kenan is proud to announce that they will be sending ten (10) fortunate children to camp this summer for free. The children were chosen from a pool of applicants to the Friends of Camp Kenan “Campership” program. This Campership was created in order to give children ages 7 to 14 the chance to experience all that Camp Kenan has to offer.

The Friends of Camp Kenan, a non for profit organization, was founded in 1996 by a group of former staff members that wanted to give back to the place that had such a large influence on their lives. Every year they host an event where former staff members reunite and raise money to help enrich Camp Kenan’s summer program and preservation of the camp facilities. This event is called Goosestock, in honor of The Old Gray Goose, well-known local storyteller and long time friend of the Lockport YMCA. Last year’s event raised record breaking funds for the Campership, giving them the ability to send ten (10) children instead of the projected five (5) to Camp Kenan this season. “We are amazed and grateful to those that donated in the 1st year of our Campership Program allowing us to double the amount of children we had hoped to send to Camp Kenan this summer. We look forward to continuing to work with all former Camp Kenan staff members as well as the local businesses that have supported us. We hope that in the coming years we can carry on with exceeding our yearly goals of raising funds for our Campership program as a result increasing the number of children we can send to Camp Kenan each year”, says Mark Natemeier, Friends of Camp Kenan, Board President. This year’s event will be the 15th Anniversary of Goosestock held September 9-11, and the Friends of Camp Kenan is expecting their biggest turn out yet. If you or your company would like to find out how to donate toward this event please email [info@friendsofcampkenan.org](mailto:info@friendsofcampkenan.org).

Lockport YMCA Camp Kenan is located on more than 50 acres along the beautiful Lake Ontario shoreline, nestled in a natural environment of wooded areas and open fields. Week long day and resident camping programs are offered throughout the summer. Campers will have the chance to participate in a wide variety of activities including but not limited to swimming, sports, nature, rock climbing, canoeing, archery and crafts.

If you would like more information about the Friends of Camp Kenan please email the organization directly at [info@friendsofcampkenan.org](mailto:info@friendsofcampkenan.org) or Mark Natemeier, Board President, at [mark.natemeier@friendsofcampkenan.org](mailto:mark.natemeier@friendsofcampkenan.org). To register your child for Camp Kenan, please contact the Lockport YMCA or go online to [www.campkenan.com](http://www.campkenan.com).