



## Goosestock 2013 Coming Soon!

By: **Rachelle Hathaway, Goosestock Co-Chairperson**



**Come back to Camp Kenan for Goosestock and have a great time!**

"So I said to myself, 'Self, (cause that's what I call myself) how can we make the 2013 Goosestock more memorable than last year when we got hit by 'Hurricane Kenan' during our Olympiad Games?' Then it hit me - give the old staff what they want - a relaxing weekend as campers where we combine the "Old school" with the "New school"!"

Start off your Goosestock weekend relaxing Friday evening after dinner with Goose. Sit around his campfire and listen to him swap stories, tell tales, and sing songs into the wee hours of the night. Then, roll out of your bunk into Saturday with a new and popular themed "COLOR COMBAT" special day! End your Saturday combats with an "old school" Celtics vs. Lakers basketball game.

New this year, in place of our live auction, will be a \$500 cash prize raffle drawing with 100% of the

proceeds going directly to our S12CK (campership scholarship) campaign. Tickets are \$10 and on sale now through Sunday September 8, 2013. Winners do NOT need to be present to win. We will still hold our annual basket raffle for those who love the local donations collected by the board members.

Also new this year is a Saturday night only, registration fee. For families who are busy but want to enjoy the old vs. new basketball game, attend the annual Friends of Camp Kenan meeting, have some dinner and maybe stay for the closing campfire, we are offering

a reduced donation of \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, and 4 and under free. Weekend registration donation remains the same: \$20 for adults, \$10 for children, 4 and under free.

Online registration is available now on the Friends of Camp Kenan website at [www.friendsofcampkenan.org/goosestock2013](http://www.friendsofcampkenan.org/goosestock2013). We look forward to seeing you at Goosestock September 6-8, 2013!

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Support the Friends of Camp Kenan Campership program in the most delicious way possible— with pizza!

## Don't Miss It! Friends of CK Pizza Hut Night!

By: **Elizabeth Millen**

Don't miss the easy and delicious way to support Friends of Camp Kenan and help send kids to camp on Tuesday, August 6th from 4pm-8pm! Eat-in, take-out or get it delivered from the Pizza Hut

located at 5687 S Transit Rd, Lockport, NY 14094. Their phone number , for take out and deliveries is: [\(716\) 433-3909](tel:7164333909).

It's all for a good cause! Be sure to say you are there supporting Friends of Camp Kenan and a

portion of the proceeds from your order will help send kids to camp! Live out of town & still want to participate? Order a pizza for your local loved ones! Thank you for your continued support and see you there!



# TOGG Tales: Favorite Counselor Edition

By: Mike Esposito, PhD: President Desert Lakes University and CEO of Repo Enterprises



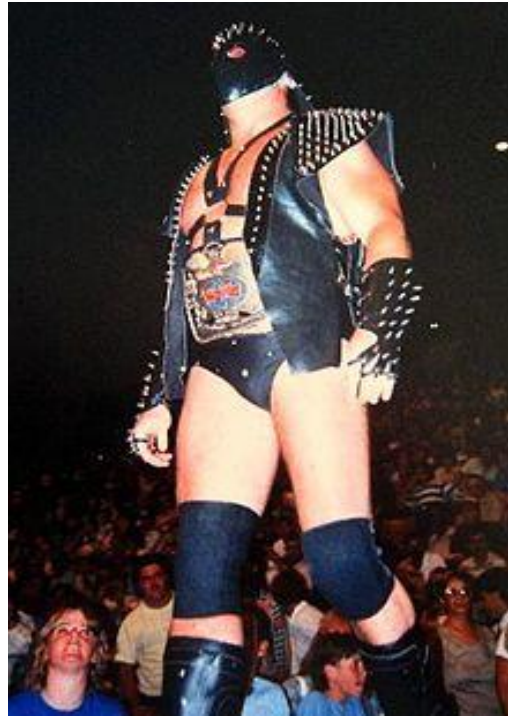
I would have to say that Camp Kenan was a tremendous experience for me and has directed me in many ways of life thanks to the many experiences and ethics

that were installed in me over seven summers.

My favorite counselor had to be William H. Heller for the basic reasons that he really cared about every one of his campers, and he motivated us to go after all opportunities camp provided us. His evening stories were not only intriguing, but also motivating! He always made positively sure that we were enjoying ourselves as well as participating in all camp had to offer! He is a man that will always, to this day, have a special place in my heart!

Although Goose was not my counselor at Camp, he was my Gray-Y counselor and always was at Camp checking on me, swapping lies and telling stories. He was a motivating reason on why I entered the professional wrestling circuit when I was finished with college. On casino night during Klondike Day, he always wanted me to wrestle against other campers and this motivated me all through high school,

college and then professionally. Although The Old Gray Goose nicknamed me the "Rainbow Man" it was promoters that changed my name to the "Repo Man" and off I went. You can see in the picture what The Old Gray Goose developed for me in camp! It definitely assisted me with success and financial stability for the remainder of my life!



Mike Esposito as "Repo Man" in 2008.

## Friends of Camp Kenan Mission

To provide supplemental support for the continuation of Camp Kenan as a summer resident camp for young people.

To support the philosophy of Dr. William Rand Kenan in providing the initial foundation for Camp Kenan: "That all children may grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man."

To provide for the continuing fellowship of Camp Kenan staff.

## Friends of Camp Kenan Events to Remember:

**August 6:** Friends of Camp Kenan Pizza Hut Night from 4pm-8pm at Pizza Hut, 5687 S Transit Rd Lockport, NY (716) 433-3909

**September 6-8:** Goosestock 2013

## Announcements, announcements, annooooouncements!

**Ticket Raffle & \$500 drawing! Raising MORE money for S12CK!**

If you see a Friends of Camp Kenan board member be sure to ask them how you can buy the \$10 raffle ticket to be entered into the drawing for \$500, and don't be surprised if they ask you! The drawing benefits the "S12CK" fund, which is our fundraiser to send 12 kids to Camp Kenan!

The drawing will take place on Sunday, September 8th after brunch, and the winner does not need to be present at Goosestock to win. Board members selling tickets are: Mark Natemeier, Adam VanDeMark, Matt Sturskiski, Elizabeth Millen, Brigid Tobin, Lisa Flaherty, Rachelle Hathaway, Jenn Shepard and Kelly Stahl!



The "TOGG Tales" and "Favorite Counselor" articles are reoccurring articles, if you have one or two or twenty to share, please let us know! All article ideas are welcome! E-mail [torch@friendsofcampkenan.org](mailto:torch@friendsofcampkenan.org) with yours today!

# Letter From the President: Help Wanted Ad

By: Mark Natemeier, Board President



I am not sure how many of these Torch articles I have written, but this is the one I probably had the hardest time coming up with a topic. Maybe it is a sign that the end is near?? Yes, I along with three board members, Liz, Lisa and Brigid will all end our three year term in September. All four of us played a role in the revitalization of Goosestock in the summer of 2010. I would like to personally take a moment to thank each and every one of them for their three plus years of wonderful service to the Friends of Camp Kenan. Without each one of them the goals we accomplished would never have been reached and each one was invaluable in the growth of Friends of Camp Kenan these p a s t y e a r s .

With that being said the fact that all three were so valuable they will leave very big shoes that MUST BE FILLED!! We will need four new board members to be elected at Goosestock 2013. Now is the time to start thinking about giving back to Camp Kenan and to Friends of Camp Kenan in a new, unique way. We are looking for a few good women and men and I know there are many of you out there. You don't have to live in Western New York, you don't have to have kids or be an empty-nester -you just need to have a desire to give back to a place that gave so much to us and thousands of kids.

This year Friends of Camp Kenan sent 20 kids to camp for free. That is a real tangible difference that we made in the lives of 20 children and their families. Friends of Camp Kenan can continue to do great things but we need to keep bringing in great leaders to the Board of Directors. The board meets online approximately eight times a year; it is something that most adults could manage to fit into their daily life without many changes.

I would like to see four new board members come from three to four different generations of former staff members. I have long believed that the Board of Directors for Friends of Camp Kenan should have a broad range of alumni on it that spans many decades, which is note something that we have right now. With four of us "90's kids" leaving, the door is open for you... We need someone from the 70's, 80's, 00's and maybe even a

staff member that has worked at camp in the l a s t f e w y e a r s .

So, I challenge you to look into your life and figure out how you can help Friends of Camp Kenan continue to grow for the next three years. If you have any questions about the Board of Directors you may email me at [Mark.Natemeier@friendsofcampkenan.org](mailto:Mark.Natemeier@friendsofcampkenan.org), or call me at [814-440-1662](tel:814-440-1662).



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## Special Thanks:

Thank you to the members of the Friends of Camp Kenan Board of Directors as well as to Mike Esposito who contributed articles.

If you have an article idea, artwork, or photos that you might like to contribute to the next issue of "The Torch" please contact Jenn Shepard by September 30, 2013 at [torch@friendsofcampkenan.org](mailto:torch@friendsofcampkenan.org) We'd love to hear what Camp Kenan has meant to you, or what you thought about Goosestock 2013. The "TOGG Tales" and "Favorite Counselor" articles are reoccurring articles, if you have one or two or twenty to share, please let us know! All article ideas are welcome!

The next edition of "The Torch" is due to come out in October 2013. Please visit [www.friendsofcampkenan.org](http://www.friendsofcampkenan.org) for more information regarding the Friends of Camp Kenan and the 17th Annual Goosestock (GS2013) Pre-Registration, which is now OPEN! Thank you!

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