



## Camp Tall Pines Weekend

For those of you that did not participate in our "Family" camping event this year, you missed out on such an awesome weekend. Though a bit cooler in weather from last year, the temperature stayed in the mid-70's during the day and dropped to the mid-40's at night.



As a reminder, this camp is owned by Special Olympics and is operated during the week for the physically and intellectually disabled. On weekends' the service organizations that supports Special Olympics of Maine (SOME) have the opportunity to "camp" on a designated weekend. The Knights of Columbus always have the weekend before Labor Day.

The campers arrived on Friday afternoon and immediately went to work unpacking vehicles, stock the refrigerators, and get the firewood ready for the camp fires. After some pontoon boat rides, meals were cooked and tables were prepared; hamburgers and hot dogs were grilled for dinner and served along with salads and chips. The evening started with a campfire that everyone thoroughly enjoys and lasts late into the evening.



Saturday morning started with coffee and breakfast; scrambled eggs, bacon, toast and egg muffin sandwiches. By mid-morning the State Officers (wives had other plans) conducted their quarterly meeting which lasted a little over an hour. Those in attendance were State Deputy Norm Gray, State Secretary Mark Bourgoïn, State Treasurer John Deetjen and State Warden Michael Giroux. (State Advocate Jon Harvey and IPSD David Roy were unable to attend due to family matters.)



We had more children this year than last year; which really makes the "family" weekend so special. They had a chance to play in "Mickey's playroom. (Mickey Boutilier was the "founding father" of Camp Tall Pines and also played a VERY big role in the State Special Olympic games held at the University of Maine at Orono each year in June.)

After some swimming at the beach, the community meal was had by all with burgers, hot dogs, homemade egg rolls, potato and macaroni salads, homemade beans, and a variety of desserts. Local Knights of Columbus and their families from the Auburn/Lewiston area joined us for the meal.



Then once it was very dark, the fireworks began. The evening ended with marshmallows being roasted on the open fire and S'mores for those that wanted that extra touch. For some, the evening ended with some Cribbage games.



Besides the State Officers and wives, 16 other family members stayed the weekend with another 8 joining us for the Saturday evening meal. (Other KC family members that attended were Vocations Director Paul Ouellette and Alma, Church Director Joe McGovern, DD Leo Baillargeon and family and DD Dennis Guay and extended family and the Matt & Tim Viens family.)

Thanks again to everyone that came to "camp". Please mark your calendars for next year's camping weekend: 24-26 August 2018.