

Summer Sessions & LIFELONG LEARNING @ UAF

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College Rotary
% Patty Meritt
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701

Dear Patty,

I am writing at your suggestion as a follow up to our discussion today about a contribution to fund scholarships for UAF Summer Sessions & Lifelong Learning's Summer Day Camp Program. Camps meet three hours a day for one week and target children entering grades 2 & 3; 4, 5, & 6; 7 & 8. This year the program consists of 46 specialty camps with areas of concentration in Aerial Silks, Archeology, Art, Bugs, Cooking, Computers, Crime Scene Detective, Dance, Dinosaur, Geology, Golf, Japanese, Jr Author, Jr Broadcaster, Jr Engineer, Jr Firefighter, Jr Gardener, Jr Veterinarian, Law and Order, Magic, Money, Music, Photography, Poetry, and Pottery. More information about the camps can be found on the attached flyer or at www.uaf.edu/summer/programs/camps

These camps have been a fabulous experience for the children who participate each year. The program is self-support and originally only those children whose parents who could afford to send them were able to participate. Two years ago, we established a scholarship fund for children whose parents could not afford these camps. The screening tool was eligibility for the free and reduced lunch program of the public-school system. Parents of children who were eligible for this program only pay \$25/week when the true cost of the program is \$190-220/camp. A \$2000 donation from College Rotary and District 5010 would provide 10 needs based scholarships for children waiting to go to camp.

Last year 550 slots were filled in 36 different camps. This year we have a capacity of well over 800. I know this is a substantial ask, but I know that the benefit to the children will be huge. For them it would be an experience of a lifetime. I do not want any child in Fairbanks not to go to camp simply because their parent could not afford it. I would welcome any questions that you may have and appreciate your willingness to consider my request.

Sincerely,



Michelle Bartlett, Director