

Enchanted Evening with

TALL OAKS

Information Packet

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- **Gala Camp Flyer**~Provides information regarding the free childcare that is being offered during the Gala. Our hope is that this will encourage younger families to support Tall Oaks by attending the Gala.
- **Letter for Business Acquisitions**~Many businesses are willing to make donations in the form of a gift card or certificate for their services. This letter provides some information regarding the camp and can be given to the proprietor, along with the Donor Receipt.
- **Business Benefactor Form**~Encourage business owners to donate as an opportunity for them to promote their business at the Gala by being listed in the program and on the Tall Oaks website for their donation.
- **Volunteer Form**~Many volunteers are needed for the Gala. Be sure to encourage members to support Tall Oaks in this manner.
- **Childcare Reservation Form**~It is important that people are aware of the childcare that is available and make the necessary reservations so that there are enough people to provide this service on the night of the Gala.

- **Reservation Form**~Please make reservations as early as possible. Tables are assigned based on the date when the reservation is received. If your congregation will have more than one table at the Gala, please make copies of this form so that there is one form for each table. (Smaller churches may want to join other churches to reserve a table together.)
- **Donor Receipt**~The top white copy of the Donor Receipt form should be attached to each auction item. The donor should keep the bottom yellow copy and can be used for tax purposes.
- **Invitation Copy**~ Copy of the invitation being sent out.

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If you have any questions, contact

Jenna Beck, Gala Chairperson, jennaengelken27@yahoo.com, 913-948-4791
or Martha Pierce, Tall Oaks Director, director@talloaks.org, 913-301-3004

Thanks for your help~
let's make this the best Tall Oaks Gala ever!!

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Dear Gala Ambassador
or Church Leader:

Thank you for supporting the Annual Tall Oaks Gala, Dinner and Auction to be held October 25th, 2019, in the Tower Club at Arrowhead Stadium. Stadium Tours begin at 5:45. Silent auction and fellowship begin at 6:00 and buffet dinner starts at 7:30 followed by a spirited live auction. To assist you, we want to give you a little information regarding the Mission of Tall Oaks Camp and Conference Center and the importance of the Gala to this Outreach Ministry.

Tall Oaks Camp and Conference Center Is An Outreach Ministry

Tall Oaks Camp and Conference Center is an Outreach Ministry of each and every Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Region of Greater Kansas City. For over 50 years Tall Oaks has provided an affordable, inspirational, ecumenical, and fun camp and conference venue for children, youth and adults in the Greater Kansas City Metropolitan Area. Within its 350-acre woodland retreat, Tall Oaks brings persons in touch with the beauty and serenity of our natural resources and promotes stewardship, teamwork and fellowship.

Tall Oaks' amenities include state-of-the-art facilities featuring a retreat center, complete with guest suites for up to 48 guests, food service, conference rooms and reception areas. Other amenities include an outdoor pool, equestrian programming, experiential education at the OAK Ropes Course, hiking trails, archery, picnic areas, tent camping sites, RV sites, meditation prayer garden and outdoor chapel. The campus also features 6 cabins, all with full heat and air conditioning, which can accommodate 124 in dorm settings.

A special blessing is that there are several ministers in our region who received their call to ministry at Tall Oaks or another camp setting in their home area as a youth attending church camp.

Tall Oaks Serves Our Community

Tall Oaks has served our community by hosting:

1. Specialized summer camps for young persons with Muscular Dystrophy, Juvenile Diabetes, Sickle Cell Disease, Autism & Asperger's Syndrome, Foster Kids, and a Grief camp for kids.
2. Many sessions of Christian Summer Camp experiences for children and youth ages 6-18+, camps for Grandparents and their Grandkids.
3. Numerous men's and women's retreats, company business meetings, clergy workshops, family reunions, weddings, school retreats, and college groups.

Donors to Tall Oaks Make This Outreach Ministry Possible

As an Outreach Ministry for the greater good, Tall Oaks strives to keep the cost to those served at a minimum. However, costs of operations exceed fees. Therefore, the generosity of donors makes this outreach ministry possible.

Volunteers~~October 18th, 2019

There are many Volunteer Opportunities available. Please fill out the Volunteer Form and send it in at 700 S Hamilton Street, Olathe, KS 66061 or contact Dan Merrick at (913)340-0284 or therealdmerrick@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer.

Reservations due- October 21st, 2019

Make Reservations Online at www.talloaks.org/gala or Send Reservations to: Ginny Pemberton, Dinner Chair, 10320 Hillcrest Road, Apartment 21, Kansas City, MO 64134 or call Ginny Pemberton (913) 944-2603 or Lindsey Hensley (913) 602-9404. Reservations are \$100 per person \$800 to Host a table of 8, or \$1,000 to Sponsor a table of 8. Tables of 10 (\$1000) are available upon request by calling Ginny or Lindsey.

Childcare Reservations due- October 18th, 2019

In an effort to make this event available to families with younger children, childcare will be provided during the Gala at no cost to the families. The “Gala Camp” will be for children age 3 through 5th grade. Send the “Childcare Reservation Form” to **Stacy Kearney**, 6227 Harrison St, Kansas City, MO 64110 or call her at 734-968-9289

Auction Donations due- October 21st, 2019

Auction Donations should be delivered to one of the following Auction Collection Sites:

- **Parkhill Christian Church**, 6601 NW 72nd, Kansas City, MO 64151, Call Church before drop-off (816-741-1851).
- **Merriam Christian Church**, 9401 Johnson Dr, Merriam, KS 66203, Call Church before Drop-off (913-432-1414)
- **Lee’s Summit Christian Church**, 800 NE Tudor Rd, Lee’s Summit, MO; Mon-Fri, 9:00-4:00

If you need to make special arrangements or if you have questions, please contact **Annette Hollingsworth**, 913-268-1400, mackh@kc.rr.com, or **Sherry Radcliff**, 913-636-8785,

srad5000@aol.com. Donations will be recognized on the bid sheets and event program on the evening of the Gala.

Baskets~~For those creative souls donating baskets of goods, the Gala gets more value for the baskets if each item is listed with its retail value on an index card or similar size document. A total at the bottom will help the bidder understand how the total value was established. This document can be taped or tied to the basket.

Gift Certificates~~Gift certificates are very popular and often bring more than their actual value. Examples: Restaurants, Oil Changes for Cars, Florists, Sporting Venues, Massages, Manicures & Pedicures, Hair Styling, Golf Courses, etc.

Cash Donations~~Yes, even cash is accepted. These should be sent directly to Tall Oaks, 12778 189th Street, Linwood, Kansas 66052. Make checks out to Tall Oaks and make the note: **Tall Oaks Gala Donation.** Please notify me via email of any donations made so that we can be sure they are included in total donations for the Gala.

Let's make this the biggest and best Tall Oaks Gala ever.

Blessings,

Jenna Beck (jennaengelken27@yahoo.com)
Tall Oaks Gala Chairperson

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Suggestions for the Ambassador or Church Leader

Here is a list of the things that churches can do to help make the Gala successful. We greatly appreciate your support of Tall Oaks and the Gala.

1. Vocal announcements are helpful.
2. Encourage individuals to donate items for the auction such as gift certificates, theme baskets, jewelry, artwork, condo stays, etc.
3. Solicit local businesses for donations of gift certificates. Types of businesses that are supportive are: restaurants, oil changes, florists, sporting venues etc. Some businesses, such as insurance agents, may be willing to make a cash donation.
4. Encourage church groups to make arrangements to fund a table of 8 or more. The Outreach Ministry of some churches fund a table for those that cannot afford to come on their own.
5. Encourage church members to make cash donations. Masks can be made to use for table decorations at the Gala, or they can be worn.
6. Encourage church groups to go together to collect money to purchase a special item such as naming the Tall Oaks Drive for a year. This sign is done in honor or memory of someone or just the church name.
7. Encourage church members who own or run a business to become a Tall Oaks Benefactor. This means for a cash donation their business will be advertised in the Tall Oaks Gala Program

Enclosed are some donor receipts to be used for any auction donation. These are 2 part forms, one copy that should be attached to the donation and the second copy for the donor. These are important as they provide information needed for the auction and can be used as a tax receipt for the donor. If you need more donor receipts, contact:

Jenna Beck, Gala Chairperson at 913-948-4791 or email jennaengelken27@yahoo.com

Dear Minister,

On **October 25th, 2019**, the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) of Greater Kansas City will be hosting the **Tall Oaks Gala** at Arrowhead Stadium North Club, to raise money for Tall Oaks Camp and Conference Center in Linwood, KS. Our goal is to raise \$45,000 through live and silent auction bidding for on-going programs and future development. This year's theme is **"Enchanted Evening with Tall Oaks"**

(For those of you that don't know~~Tall Oaks is a year-round, not for profit, camp and conference center (Federal ID #44-0558472), accredited with the American Camping Association. Owned and operated by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater KC, it is just a 30-minute drive from metropolitan Kansas City. Our 350-acre retreat center provides Christian camping experiences for youth and adults.)

Our goal this year is to have include more youth and churches from the Region of Greater Kansas City participate in the Gala. We realize this is an enormous task but we hope you will be able to help us in reaching our goal. Hoping that we can make this an inclusive event to celebrate everyone who loves Tall Oaks.

Our hope is that you will promote the Gala in your church via bulletin inserts, emails, newsletters, announcements during worship, etc. Another suggestion is to have a "Tall Oaks Sunday"... a special date to be decided by you to promote the Gala.

Your church's support of Tall Oaks Camp and Conference Center is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, you can contact me.

Blessings,

Jenna Beck,

Tall Oaks Gala Chair

jennaengelken27@yahoo.com

October 25th, 2019

Arrowhead Stadium ~ Tower Club

Stadium Tours . . . 5:45 p.m.

Silent Auction & Fellowship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Buffet Dinner followed by Live Auction . . . 7:30 p.m.

For the benefit of Tall Oaks Camp and Conference Center

A ministry of the Christian Churches

(Disciples of Christ) of Greater Kansas City

www.talloaks.org

For more information about the Gala~

contact Jenna Beck, jennaengelken27@yahoo.com, 913-948-4791

or Martha Pierce, director@talloaks.org, 913-301-3004

Volunteers:

Daniel Merrick

(913)340-0284

therealdmerrick@gmail.com

Reservations:

Ginny Pemberton

913-944-2603

ginnyhelgeson@gmail.com

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734-968-9289

stacykearney@yahoo.com

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913-268-1400

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Sherry Radcliff

913-897-3245

srad5000@aol.com

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We are celebrating over 50 years of camping at Tall Oaks. This year's Tall Oaks Gala, the annual fund-raising event, will be on October 25th, 2019 at Arrowhead Stadium North Club. Thanks to all of you who have supported the Gala in the past and we hope you will continue to do so. The following are guidelines for auction donations for the event. The suggestions are not meant to be all-inclusive; we urge you to use your creativity. Your donations will help to make this the biggest and best Gala ever!

AUCTION ITEM SUGGESTIONS

Gift Certificates:

These are our most profitable and popular sellers! We love certificates for at least \$10 in value for restaurants, entertainment, services (oil changes, massages, manicures, pedicures, etc), retail stores, etc. "Buy one, get one free" type certificates sell well also, and can be easier to solicit from some business donors.

Art, Crafts & Collectibles:

Fine handcrafted items are good sellers, especially when the artist is well-known in the region. Seasonal, handcrafted items are always popular. Artwork donated from a gallery or frame shop makes a beautiful display and is a nice addition to the auction. Used items are appropriate if they are collectibles, meaning that they retain their original value or increase in value as they age.

Sporting Events:

Tickets to sporting events are a popular item, as well as certificates for golf outings and other sports activities. Autographed sports paraphernalia are very desirable also.

Travel and Entertainment:

Travel Packages are a big seller, as well as the use of a personal vacation home or condo. Tickets to area musical and theatrical events also sell well.

"Theme" Gift Baskets:

These baskets have been a fun and popular way for area Sunday School classes and other church groups to make a group donation. Past themes include cooking, movies, gardening, family games and food baskets anything that is useful or that can be re-gifted such as a gourmet coffee basket for the coffee drinker on your Christmas list. To maximize the value, it helps to include a list of the items so bidders can see everything included in the bid price.

Labors of Love:

These items have been one of the most valuable donations in recent years. Examples include a gourmet dinner prepared by a group of gourmet enthusiasts and served in their private home, and a Mexican dinner for 10 by a local minister, prepared and served in the home of the buyer.

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Items must fit in a car so that they can be taken home with the purchaser the evening of the event. 10%-25% of the value (50% for gift certificates) will be used as the minimum bid unless otherwise requested by donor.

For more information or to make a donation, contact:

Jenna Beck, Gala Chairperson
jennaengelken27@yahoo.com 913-948-4791

or

Martha Pierce
director@talloaks.org
12778 189th Street, P. O. Box 116
Linwood, Kansas 66052-0016

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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Gala Camp - Free Childcare

In an effort to make the Gala available to families with younger children, we are continuing to offer a **Tall Oaks Gala Camp** during the Gala! This camp is for children age 3 through 5th grade.

All volunteers will have had a background check Safe Sanctuaries so you can have peace of mind when leaving your children at the Camp which will be located near the area where the Gala Dinner is held. The volunteers will consist of Youth Ministers and high school youth (age 14 and over). There will be 1 youth volunteer per 6 children and their training will be similar to VBS training.

Childcare Details~

Drop off time will be 6:00 – 6:30. Children can take the tour of Arrowhead (\$10 per child) with their parents and then be dropped off at Camp.

The “Camp” is a time when children will be able to enjoy fellowship with each other in the following ways: crafts and coloring, story station, games (Uno Moo, Hi Ho Cherry-O!, Chutes and Ladders, etc. for younger children and Uno, Clue, Sorry, Trouble, etc. for older children), camp songs, Lego Challenge, Play-doh Table, and Movies (Finding Nemo, Lilo & Stitch, etc.).

Children will need to bring their own food – a well-labeled sack lunch that does not require refrigeration or heating and please *NO peanuts or peanut products*.

The Tall Oaks Gala Camp is **free**; however, any donations given will be included in the Tall Oaks Gala fund total and greatly appreciated.

A “**Childcare Reservation Form**” has been included in the Gala Packet. These completed forms should be returned to **Stacy Kearney**, 6227 Harrison Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64110 or email: stacykearney@yahoo.com. The deadline is October 18th, 2019, which will allow us time to make sure that we have enough volunteers for the number of children attending the event.



Tall Oaks Conference Center
12779 189th Street
Linwood, Kansas 66052
913-301-3004
www.talloaks.org

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Although a year round facility, Tall Oaks provides great camping experiences for nearly 5000 young people during the summer. Many of these are religiously affiliated but many are not. We are especially proud to host specialized programs for children with diabetes, epilepsy, sickle cell anemia, grief needs, foster kids and kids with autism/Asperger who enjoy the facilities and beauty of our camp.

We would like to invite you to help us vision for the future by making a donation of one or more items for the Auction to be held the evening of the Gala, October 25th, 2019. **All donations are tax deductible.** Gift Certificates or Gift Cards are very good items for the auction.

Thank you for your generous support.

Jenna Beck
Gala Chairperson
jennaengelken27@yahoo.com

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BE A BUSINESS BENEFACTOR

Here is the opportunity for your Business to support
Tall Oaks Camp and Conference Center
and Promote Your Business

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RECOGNITION

If you become a benefactor we will recognize your Business in the following ways:

- A listing on the Tall Oaks website
- A listing in the Tall Oaks Gala printed program.

BENEFACTOR LEVELS

Benefactor	\$50.00
Major Benefactor	\$100.00
Super Benefactor	\$250.00 or more

If you want to be a Benefactor,
fill in the form on the back of this page or contact:

Martha Pierce, Tall Oaks, 913-301-3004

director@talloaks.org

www.talloaks.org

Thank You for Your Support

ENROLLMENT FORM

1. Name of Business:_____

2. Name of Contact:_____

3. Address of Business:_____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip: _____

4. Phone Number:_____

5. Web Site:_____

Please indicate your choice of benefactor:

_____ Benefactor - check enclosed for \$_____

_____ Major Benefactor - check enclosed for \$_____

_____ Super Benefactor - check enclosed for \$_____

Checks should be made out to:
Tall Oaks Camp & Conference Center

Send this form to:
Tall Oaks Gala Benefactor
12779 189th Street
Linwood, KS 66052-0116

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Volunteer Form

To Volunteer, please sign up for any of the following positions:
Greeter/Registrar, Auction Set-Up (during the day of the Gala), Cashier,
Redemption, Auction Take Down, or Youth Runner (age 14 and up)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Daniel Merrick at therealdmerrick@gmail.com

NAME	ADDRESS	E-MAIL	PHONE	POSITION	CHURCH
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Please return this form to Daniel Merrick at
700 S Hamilton Street.
Olathe, KS 66061
by October 18th, 2019

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CHILDCARE RESERVATION FORM

(For children 3 years through 5th grade)

Reservations will be accepted until October 18th, 2019

1. child's name: _____ age: _____

Address _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

2. child's name: _____ age: _____

Address _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

3. child's name: _____ age: _____

Address _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

4. child's name: _____ age: _____

Address _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

5. child's name: _____ age: _____

Address _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

6. child's name: _____ age: _____

Address _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

**RETURN FORM TO: Stacy Kearney,
6227 Harrison Street, Kansas City, MO 64110
or email her: stacykearney@yahoo.com**

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RESERVATION FORM

Reservation Deadline is October 21st, 2019

Table assignments are made in the order reservations are received. Meal will be served buffet style.

You can **Host a table of 8 for \$800; Sponsor a table of 8 for \$1,000; or be a Major Sponsor of a table of 8 for \$1,200.**

(A limited amount of tables of 10 for \$1000 are available upon request.)

Church Name:	Host Table of 8 \$800 _____
Contact Name:	Sponsor Table of 8 \$1,000 _____
Phone:	Major Sponsor Table of 8 \$1,200 _____
Email:	TOTAL REMITTED \$ _____

	NAME	STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP	EMAIL
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***RETURN FORM TO: Ginny Pemberton, Dinner Chair,
10320 Hillcrest Road, Apartment 21, Kansas City, MO 64134 or call Ginny
Pemberton (913) 944-2603 or Lindsey Hensley (913) 602-9404***

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SIX P.M.

Semiformal Attire

Tower Club

1 ARROWHEAD DR, KANSAS CITY, MO 64129

Ticket Info

SEATS \$100 PER PERSON
TABLES SPONSOR (8 SEATS) \$800
TABLE MAJOR SPONSOR (8 SEATS) \$1,000
\$10 FOR TOUR, PAY AT DOOR

RESERVE YOUR SPOT ONLINE

[HTTPS://WWW.TALLOAKS.ORG/GALA](https://www.talloaks.org/gala)

FREE CHILD CARE AVAILABLE