

## Chicago Club Fund Supports Camp McSauba Scholarships

Team relay races, archery lessons, nature hikes on the dunes—sound like something all kids should enjoy? The Chicago Club members are making this dream for local children become a reality. Camp McSauba, a summer day camp operated by the City of Charlevoix, is off to a great start again this summer. Young campers enjoying traditional camp activities are benefitting from the support of Chicago Club members, who have once again provided scholarships to make it possible for youth to attend camp.

Utilizing a fund they established at the Charlevoix County Community Foundation (CCCF), the members of the Chicago Club have had a long history of supporting projects to benefit Charlevoix's young people. The Chicago Club Fund assists Charlevoix youth who would love an outdoor camp experience, but are unable to afford it. "Parents are holding down several jobs but are simply unable to pay the bills, much less send their children to summer camp. The generosity of the Chicago Club makes it possible for kids to be kids – enjoying our beautiful outdoor environment, Lake Michigan, and a quality camp experience. The Chicago Club grant will allow more than twenty campers to enjoy a week at camp. New this year, the Chicago Club also supplemented scholarships to pay fees for local children to access winter sports at Mt. McSauba, including downhill skiing and snowboarding," said Maureen Radke, Program Officer at the CCCF.

"We specialize in having fun outdoors in a camp environment. In this technology-enhanced age, camp allows children to connect with nature and make new friends along the way." says Jane Milan, Camp McSauba Director. Camp McSauba is located at the Mt. McSauba recreation area owned by the City of Charlevoix. Daily activities include small and large group games, arts and crafts, bb gunnery, archery and field sports. Each day wouldn't be complete without a trip to the Lake Michigan beach, too! Camp sessions run five days per week, with an awards ceremony for campers, parents, grandparents and friends each Friday morning.

The Chicago Club Fund also supports civic enrichment activities that are enjoyed by virtually the entire community. These activities include the Venetian Festival, Keep Charlevoix Beautiful's petunia planting program, improvements in East Park, and support for a variety of local non-profit agencies. "The benefits of the Chicago Club Fund can be seen and felt everywhere in the Charlevoix area, by residents and visitors alike," added Radke.

The Chicago Club was established in 1880, and today, many of the original families continue to maintain cottages in the association. Although most members are summer residents of Charlevoix, the club has a long history of generously supporting local causes. "The Chicago Club's support of local initiatives like the Camp McSauba scholarship program makes a big difference," says Chip Hansen, President of the CCCF. "The resources the Club provides through the community foundation provide access to activities that many families could not otherwise afford."

The Chicago Club's Fund is among the 277 funds held by the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, each one designated to support a specific cause or address general needs in education, the environment, arts and culture, health, civic projects, youth, and recreation.

For more information about grant application deadlines or other programs of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, please call the foundation office at 231/536-2440, visit the foundation's website at [www.c3f.org](http://www.c3f.org) or e-mail Chip Hansen, President at [chansen@c3f.org](mailto:chansen@c3f.org)



Photo Caption: Campers Patrick McClure, Sophia and Alice Cittadin participating in a water cup relay at Camp McSauba.