

JUNE 2022

ESG FOUNDATION SPECIAL CAMPS

Newsletter

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness
Isaiah 41:10 kjv



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Hear from the Special Camps staff

Hello Special Camp family! I am so excited about the opportunity to return to "normal" and see new and returning smiling faces. Special Camp has been a huge part of my life for over 15 years. I have served in various capacities: helping in the craft hut, counselor, group leader, and director. During the year I teach elementary art in Athens, but call Huntsville home. You might know my mother Lisa and brother Ben who often serve at camp with me. This summer I am looking forward to being the Youth Camp Director with Rod Moss. We are busy planning a fun and exciting week! We can't wait to spend the week with you. There's nothing like the friendships you form at camp. I know some of you have been counting down for months! Spread the word and get a friend to sign up for Youth Camp with you!

Happy unofficial summer!

Ashley Sams - Youth Director

Memories.....

Every year, I gird myself up for what I know will be an exhausting week working as a Group Leader for Summer Special Camp, but I do so with excitement and joy of what I know is to come and the blessing it will be for all who attend! Then there's Fall Camp and enjoying the turning leaves and cool temps and even a great weekend long fire with my camp buddies. The paradox is that it is a week full of excellent, well planned activities that are non stop, except for the daily flat times for rest and yet my adult friends with special needs remind me how to "stop and smell the roses" and enjoy the moments. I love the fun things we do, the hayless hay rides, archery, swimming, crafts, skits etc., but I think my fondest memories come from the one on one moments and conversations, some that still make me giggle, and getting to know each camper. God has very often spoken to me through words or actions that I have observed from our campers. If I had to choose one memory that sticks out, I remember ending a fantastic long weekend at Fall camp at our Sunday morning worship service. During the music, my eyes were drawn to a camper who is mostly non-verbal. In his response to the music, I could see that he was not just enjoying the music, but that there was a connection in that moment between him and his understanding of God. God had revealed himself to this man. I guess that somehow reminded me that God would also reach me in my frailties. I can't wait for what's in store this year!

Kim Woodin



SPECIAL CAMPS ANNOUNCEMENTS



Registration Information

Summer In-Person and Virtual Camp Registration is open. You want to go ahead and get registered as we have limited availability for in-person this year.



Youth and Adult Summer Camp Dates

July 25th - 30th

QUARTERLY ZOOMS

August 18th 6:30pm

December 6th 6:30pm

Reminders

Be on the lookout for your Pen Pal letters. If you have not received one, please let me know. We may need to get your address updated.

If you would like to add a memory and or have a spotlight in our Monthly Newsletter please reach out to Darlene.

For More Information

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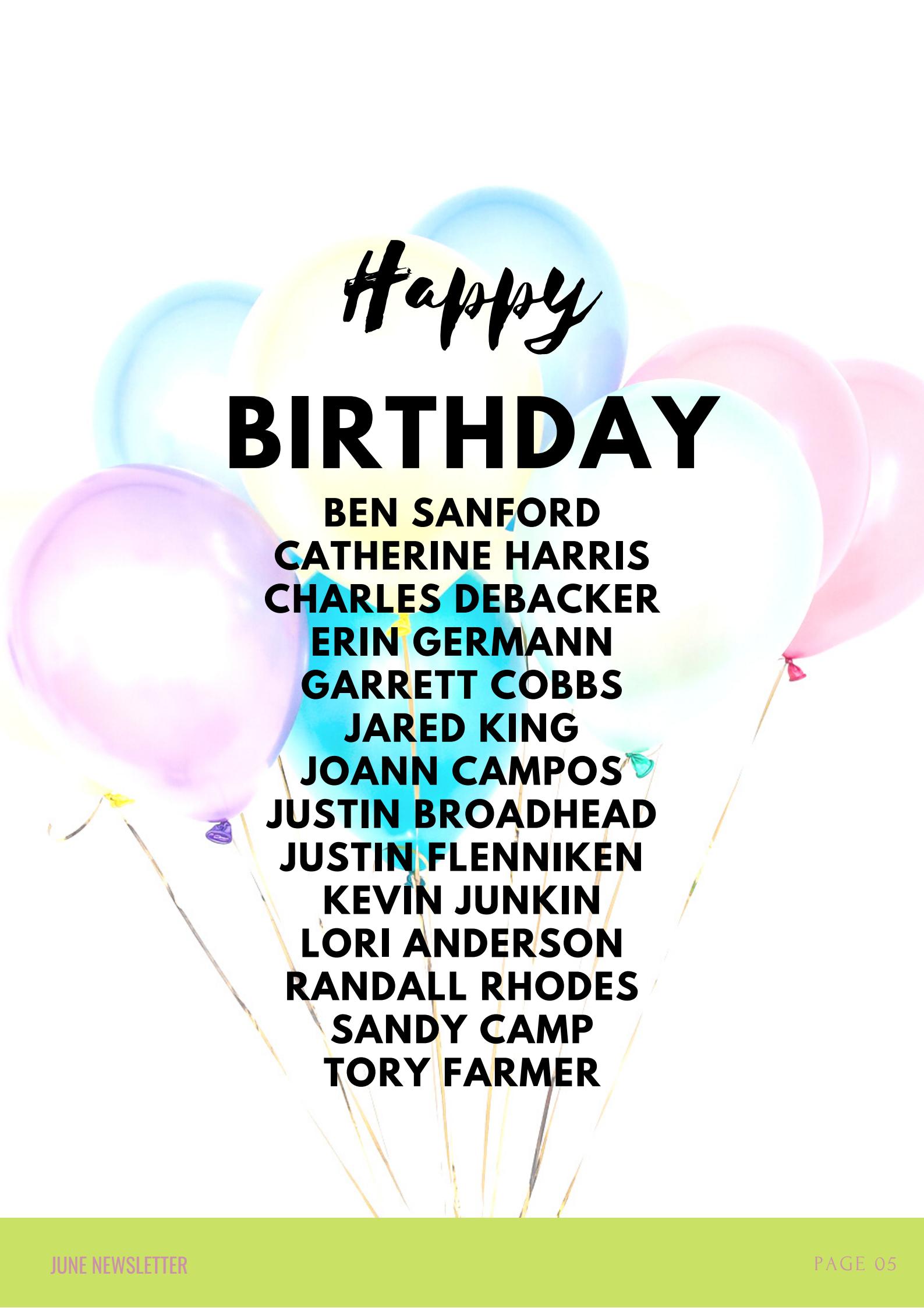


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Happy **BIRTHDAY**

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