



KPI - CALL FOR DONATIONS - 2024



Rutland Rugby Club Continues to Support Campers with Special Needs

Keith Page Memorial Invitational Tournament to Raise Money for Silver Towers Camp

CONTACT: Kate Troy/Shannon Lamb, Co-Chairs, KPI Tournament Committee, rutlandrugbyboard@gmail.com

The Rutland Rugby Club is hosting the Keith Page Invitational (KPI) rugby tournament on June 22, 2024. Funds raised will be donated to support the Silver Towers Camp in honor of longtime club member, Keith “Moose” Page. **We ask that you please consider making a donation in any form; goods, services, or monetary to support this wonderful organization.**

The KPI is Rutland Rugby’s largest annual fundraising event. The club welcomes teams from across the region as well as fans from throughout the Rutland community for a great day of rugby and camaraderie at our pitch located on Marble Street in West Rutland. Hosting the tournament incurs a number of costs to the club including referee fees, insurance, field maintenance, and registration with USA Rugby. We collect entry fees from teams to cover basic costs, but *donations from local businesses and individuals are the driving force behind fundraising for the benefit of the charitable organization we are supporting each year.*

CALL FOR DONATIONS OF RAFFLE ITEMS:

We are collecting raffle items for a ‘basket’ raffle that serves as our biggest fundraiser portion of the event. **The club is asking area organizations and businesses for donations to the raffle in the form of items, baskets of their products/services, gift certificates, etc.** The proceeds from the sales of tickets for raffle items are the primary source of the contribution we make to our selected charity from the tournament. Every year visiting clubs and spectators alike enjoy purchasing raffle tickets for a great cause and the chance to win donated items. In turn we publicize those who contributed to the event when the club makes the donation to the camp. We ask that all donations be submitted to a club member by Friday, June 14th, 2024.

Since the loss of long time and beloved club member Keith “Moose” Page, in March of 2014, we have renamed our annual tournament in his honor and memory, and have dedicated this tournament to raising money for local charities that were important to him. In years past we have been able to donate to the Rutland City Unified Sports/Special Olympics athletes, the Rutland County Women’s Network and Shelter, the Silver Towers Camp, and the Foley Cancer Center.

Silver Towers is a camp for people with disabilities, ages six to seventy-five. This overnight weekly camp is designed to provide opportunities with sports and social scenarios for people with both physical and mental challenges, and an experience that also allows them to gain independence and confidence. Keith worked with students with disabilities/special needs in both classroom and athletic settings, as well as at Silver Towers for many summers. He had a passion for athletics, children, and helping others, so as a club we are proud to carry on his legacy by supporting organizations he was involved with and groups he was dedicated to.

Our 2023 fundraising efforts and the support of those at the tournament who contributed have allowed the camp to offer scholarship assistance to quite a few campers in need for the upcoming sessions.

As this is the tenth anniversary year of his passing, we hope to make it one of the biggest and best events to date! We hope we can count on the continued support of area businesses, organizations, and individuals to help us accomplish our goal!