A new year is upon us already! This is my first adventure in working as a Department Chairman (Thank you Bonnie Pray for this opportunity) and I will need all the help that I can get. I would like to thank all of you who have become a Camp Trotter Chairman at Auxiliary or District level. I’m looking forward to meeting and working with all of you. I know we will have a great year.

**Something new this year:** Special Camping Session for 13-15 year olds. July 5-8, 2017. Drop off Wednesday July 5@ 10am – Pick up Saturday July 8@10am. Limited to 50 campers. The Scholarship Fund will NOT be used for this special session.

Regular Camping season begins July 9 and ends August 12, 2017. We need to fill every bunk for the whole camping season this year so get out and promote, promote, promote. Remember Camp Trotter is the best children’s camp around!

Go to the Camp Trotter website: [www.vfwmi.org/camptrotter.htm](http://www.vfwmi.org/camptrotter.htm) this is where you will find the application and the other forms. Please fill out the application and all attached forms include a copy of your insurance card and the camper’s immunization forms. Send everything along with the camper’s fee to: Department of Michigan VFW-Camp Trotter, 924 N. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48906. When your information is received, you will get a confirmation letter and welcome packet from Denise Arnold, Camp Director. Any problems give me a call and I will try to help.

**VFW Camp Trotter Eleventh Annual Charity Golf Outing** is on Friday, June 23, 2017 we need donations and help! Please let Larry Thayer 989-413-1096 or Bob Benderman 231-773-2076 know if you’re able to help. We need donations for:

1. Sponsor a hole or tee box. Because of the popularity of sponsoring holes and tees, we are recognizing those Individuals, Corporations or Groups with the appropriate sign on the tee or hole. ($55.00 minimum donation)
2. Sponsor a Team. $60.00 per person or $240.00 per foursome.
3. Donating a product or gift certificate that can be used as a raffle prize or a door prize. All kinds of golf paraphilia will be helpful.
4. Making a monetary donation.
5. All participation to the Golf Outing is credited to the All-State Program for 2017-2018.

We will be having the Big Fund Raiser Raffle again this year. Please watch your mailboxes, the raffle tickets will be mailed out in May, 2017. The drawing will again be held at our **Annual Family Day on August 19, 2017**. If you have never been to Camp Trotter this would be a great day to visit. We have a wonderful potluck lunch,
swimming, pontoon rides, or you can just visit with everyone. Please let me know if you have any questions about Camp Trotter. I will do my best to answer them. Thank you for supporting our children’s camp and making it one to be proud of for generations to come.

Thank you everyone for all that you do!

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