



# The TEAM READY Foundation 'Going The Extra Mile...'

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In addition to using a portion of the proceeds to continue our support of scholarships, memorials and youth sporting activities, the Team Ready Foundation donates the bulk of the funds raised from the annual softball tournament to varying charities each year. During the 5<sup>th</sup> year of this event in 2009, the volunteers choose to support area food pantries - record **\$4,046** was shared with The Neighbors' Place in Wausau and Operation Bootstrap in Stevens Point, plus over one hundred non-perishable food items were also collected over the weekend.

The continued success of this event was made possible through the combined support of many groups. Thank you to the dozens of volunteers and hundreds of players & spectators on hand throughout the weekend. Thank you to the sponsors of the participating teams. Thank you to the numerous businesses that donated concession stand supplies or provided door prizes & gift certificates. Thank you all for helping make lives better in our communities.

*Tournament volunteers also played together on the field*



To see how things turned out with our 8<sup>th</sup> annual Brewers tailgate party and 10<sup>th</sup> annual Guys Weekend, check out our website for pictures of those adventures.



*Families relaxing together before Saturday's dinner*

The Merrill Council Grounds served as the gathering site for the 2nd Annual Team Ready Family Campout. Family and friends were welcomed for all or part of the weekend, and participated in various activities including, swimming, boating, tubing, cooking (highlighted by a big steak dinner Saturday night), fishing, biking, hiking, and much socialization. When asked what his favorite part of the weekend was, Timothy Sackmann of Weston responded "Um, camping! and playing at the beach!". It was a great chance to get together in a laid back environment with people you don't always get to see. It is clearly an event that Team Ready will continue for years to come. Keep your eyes out for the location for the 3rd Annual Team Ready Family Campout, Labor Day Weekend 2010!!

*Mission Statement: To provide physical and financial assistance to local charitable organizations, while providing fun and rewarding experiences for our members and friends.*

In what has become another annual community service tradition, Team Ready supported the Wausau East Intramural Flag Football Tournament and Food Drive for a 4<sup>th</sup> straight year in 2009. Participation increased to 16 teams, with over 100 players, and over 1,500 non-perishable items were donated to The Neighbors' Place food pantry. Team Ready sponsored and served lunch following the games, awesome raffle prizes were handed out to those supporting the food drive, and everyone had a chance to enjoy a beautiful fall day outdoors.

For the sixth year in a row, the Team Ready Foundation has recognized leaders on the camp staff at the Crystal Lake Scout Reservation with fellowship awards to assist those leaders with their educational goals. Jake Trantow, Eagle Quest Director at Camp Tesomas, and Ben Cooper, Health Officer and Commissioner at Akela's World, are the two recipients. Both young men are fine examples of leadership and dedication to scouting principals necessary for consistent and quality camp staff, which results in the best possible opportunity to pass sound moral principals onto other youth. Congratulations Ben and Jake!



As the Team Ready Foundation origins are rooted in the experiences shared as members of the Tesomas camp staff, it only makes sense that we take an active leadership role in the camp's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on **June 11-13, 2010**.

Team Ready regular activities will become incorporated into this historic event, as our CLSR Fellowship becomes part of the official Camp Staff Alumni Association, we host an inaugural camp alumni golf scramble, and the monumental construction projects being constructed in the months leading up to the event will be unveiled in time for campers to enjoy this summer - all under the leadership of Team Ready officers, so please let us know where you can help make this a bigger success.

To make sure you stay informed, all alumni should update their contact information at [www.samoset.org/reunion](http://www.samoset.org/reunion).

And, of course, once the weekend arrives this will be another great opportunity to reminisce with fellow alumni, share in much fellowship and continue building upon the "Tesomas Experience".

Mark your calendars now for this year's Winter Banquet - Saturday Evening - **January 23, 2010** - again at Jason & Liz's home in Stevens Point.

This annual celebration is a chance to share some time together around the holidays, while presenting many deserved recognitions and taking care of some necessary charity business. The foundation will again supply the main dish, with members encouraged to bring some snacks to share throughout the evening. We would also like to keep the tradition alive of collecting items for the Operation Bootstrap food pantry. Any pictures and/or song recommendations for the slide show are welcomed.

Watch your email and check out [www.teamready.org](http://www.teamready.org) for updated details.

And you can count on other traditional events to continue this coming spring - The World's Largest Trivia Contest, Camp Staff Training Weekends, Milwaukee Brewers Tailgate Party, and the Charity Softball Tournament - **STAY TUNED!**

**TEAM READY FAMILY ADDITIONS**

**Art Rebischke & Marissa Larson**  
Married May 9, 2009  
Best Wishes Mr & Mrs Rebischke

**Jonas Aaron Stachovak**  
Born May 25, 2009  
Congratulations Aaron & Aurise

**Matt Bauman & Angie Sernau**  
Married June 13, 2009  
Best Wishes Mr & Mrs Bauman

**Elizabeth Marie Hughes**  
Born August 31, 2009  
Congratulations Rob & Heidi

**Madeline Jean Anderson**  
Born November 4, 2009  
Congratulations Justin & Becca

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