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Chateau St. Croix Winery & Vineyard to Host NF Inc. Minnesota Benefit

On the weekend of June 24 & 25, the Chateau St. Croix Winery & Vineyard will host an American Polocrosse Tournament at their winery in St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin. Admission for this event will be \$5 per person and proceeds will go to benefit NF Inc. Minnesota. Troy Chamberlain of Chateau St. Croix contact NF Inc. Minnesota with this great idea and we are looking forward to a fun-filled weekend! [For more information click here.](#)



Volunteers Are Needed!

Volunteers are needed for the Chateau St. Croix American Polocrosse Tournament on June 24th & 25th. Volunteers would be selling tickets, directing traffic and helping to keep score. Volunteers do not need to know about Polo and are not expected to play!

If you are able to volunteer for a few hours or maybe the whole day at the Chateau St. Croix event, please contact John Everett at johne@cipmn.org or call him at **651.225-1720**.

Join Us For the NF Walk on September 17th!



NF Inc. Minnesota will once again join forces with the Headwaters Foundation and the Walk For Justice to raise money for NF research. On Sunday, September 17th, 2006, NF Inc. Minnesota will come together with thousands of other walkers, runners and strollers to enjoy the beautiful scenery of downtown Minneapolis and the mighty Mississippi.

How Can You Get Involved?

It's easy, get a team together or sign up as an individual at <http://walkforjustice.kintera.org/nf>. To join in an individual walker, click on [JOIN OUR TEAM](#). To create your own team of walkers, click on [OUR ORGANIZATION PAGE](#). Next, start your email campaign to ask friends and family for donations and to build your team. The email message will automatically include a direct link back to your personal page to make it as easy as possible for them to make a donation or join your team.

Or if you are not able to participate on September 17th, you can make a donation directly to NF Inc. Minnesota by [clicking here](#).

We would like to extend an invitation for everyone to join us in this great fundraising activity. In the past years, fundraising activities like this have enabled NF Inc. Minnesota to continue the important research that is being done in Neurofibromatosis. Here are a few opportunities that NF Inc. Minnesota has been able to fund:

- In 2002, NF Inc. Minnesota donated \$5,000 for NF research performed at the Mayo Clinic in

Rochester.

- In 2003, NF Inc. Minnesota will join with the Illinois NF Inc. chapter to fund a grant request for \$30,000 to the Mayo Clinic.
- In 2004, NF Inc. Minnesota gave a \$7,500 research grant to Dr. George DeVries for research on Neurofibromin lost in NF Type 1.
- In 2004, 2005 and 2006, NF Inc. Minnesota supported Camp New Friends with a \$1,000 scholarship to the Mid-Atlantic NF Chapter.

If you have any questions about the NF Walk, contact [Terri Skorczewski](#).

Karen Peluso, Executive Director of Neurofibromatosis, Inc., Northeast, has been honored with “The Lewis Changing People's Lives Award”

Karen Peluso, Executive Director of Neurofibromatosis, Inc., Northeast has received The Lewis Changing People’s Lives Award. The award was presented at the Grand Circle Foundation’s annual banquet in Boston on April 11, 2006.

This award is given to an individual who has achieved outstanding results despite overcoming extraordinary obstacles and who has positively affected the lives of others through risk taking, entrepreneurial spirit, and leadership.

The Grand Circle Foundation is supported by Grand Circle Travel and Overseas Adventure Travel. Their goal is to give something of lasting value back to the world we share through the support of worldwide environmental, cultural and community endeavors.

Harriet R. Lewis, Chair of Grand Circle Foundation, presented the award to Karen which includes a

\$25,000 gift to Neurofibromatosis, Inc., Northeast.

NF International Summer Camp Program New Camp (Ages 12-18)

July 15 – 21, 2006

Campers will spend a few days at Camp K, enjoying the ropes course, arts and crafts as well as fun day trips to see AAA base-ball games, visit 12,000 foot Snowbird mountain, lots of swimming, hiking, horse back riding, camp fires, dances, a talent show, fishing and more. A unique feature of our camp is the visit to the University of Utah's Eccles Genetic Science Learning Center, take a tour of a working genetics lab, perform hands-on experiments



and have the chance to talk one-on-one and ask questions of an NF researcher. The kids always enjoy being scientists for a day and learning about NF and genetics in a fun, interactive way.

Reunion Camp (for kids who previously attended Camp)

July 22 – 28, 2006

The purpose of this camp is to reunite old campers. Reunion camp gives an opportunity for friends to catch up. Campers will enjoy activities similar to those of the New Camp and also participate in new and revised program.

For more information, contact the [Children's Tumor Foundation](#) at (800) 323-7938.

NF Inc. Announces Camp New Friends July 16-22, 2006

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National Medical Center, conducts Camp New Friends, a summer camp for those affected by NF, in Adamstown, Maryland. The next Camp New Friends is July 16 - 22, 2006. Children 7 through 15 years of age, with NF1 or NF2, are encouraged to apply as campers. Those 18 or older may apply as Counselors or as Counselors-in-Training.

To request further information or register for Camp New Friends 2006, please print, complete, and return our [camp form \(pdf\)](#). You can also obtain more information about the camp by emailing NFMidAtlantic@aol.com; or contact Sandy Cushner-Weinstein, PT, LCSW-C, at Children's National Medical Center, by phone at 202-884-5142, or via email at scushwei@cnmc.org (please use "NF Camp" in the subject line). Further details regarding the camp will be posted here as they become available -- please check back!

Thunderbird Charities and Neurofibromatosis, Inc. of Arizona Presents the NF World Round UP!

NF Inc. of Arizona and Thunderbird Charities presents the NF World Round UP! in Prescott, Arizona on July 21- 26, 2006. The main purpose of the camp is to give the teens a wonderful summer experience, while at the same time giving them the opportunity to be with peers who also have NF and share their experiences, hopes, and fears. Camp activities will

include; horseback riding, zip line, sporting activities, swimming and hiking.

For more information or an application, contact Justin Nesmith at 480.945.9650 or email camp@nfaz.org.

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