

Interview with Brian Borgens on Make-A-Wish

At the persistence of Rosie from IRAC to see about an interview with Brian Borgens who has been helping the community for 18 years putting together events like the Make-A-Wish run held at Boner Again in Nekoosa, to help raise money for terminally ill kids. I finally got a chance to sit down with Brian and here's what he had to say.

Q: How many years have you been organizing the Boners Again run?

A: For about 8 years with the help of Paul Kruske.

Q: How did this run start?

A: After talking to the Knucklehead Company about raising money for their treasury. All parties involved decided to give all the money to a group to help out the kids in the community.

Q: How did you choose Make-A-Wish?

A: One day I heard a radio D.J. talking to a Make-A-Wish representative about the foundation. After checking into it a little farther, I decided to help out the kids

Q: Why do you raise money for the less fortunate?

A: Because kids with terminal illnesses deserve all they can get in life.

Q: When is the run?

A: The run is always the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend.

Q: How many kids do you help every year personally?

A: I do 3 events a year, which helps about 3 kids a year.

Q: Who all helps out besides yourself?

A: Paul Kruske is one of the major contributors of time and energy. Also my son Brad, Kevin from Need-a-brew in Nekoosa, Kim also from Need-A-Brew, Boner of Boner Again, Peggy and Ron, Art and Rosie from IRAC, Sully and Jackie, Howie and Julie and the Knucklehead Company helping out with security and safety during the run. That's just the tip of the iceberg of people that help out.

Q: When you grant a kid a wish does the whole family get to go?

A: Yes, most definitely.

Q: How is a kid chosen for a wish?

A: Make-A-Wish of Appleton does the choosing. I have nothing to do with that.

Q: Who qualifies for a grant?

A: Kids up to the age of 18.

Q: Who would someone contact about Make-A-Wish?

Jackie Veerroot, 920-993-9994

Q: How is the party funded?

A: The party is all donated from local businesses. Everything from the food, beer to prizes with all proceeds going to the kids.

Q: One last thing. Is there anything you want to say to all that helped support this cause out in the past?

A: I can't say enough to all the businesses and bikers that show up every year for the kids and donate from the heart.



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