

Dads armed with lawn chairs for charity

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While some of us spend final pre-Thanksgiving moments baking, chopping and cleaning, Kent Welch and company will be putting the final spit and shine on some fine aluminum to be tossed in unison during a parade for turkeys.

Kent and colleagues may be fathers and businessmen most hours, but that's just a cover for their stints as the Precision Lawn Chair Marching Dads. Yes they do wear boxers, red union suits and black socks in public. They've gone big-time, and they hope that means you'll dig deep for a very special cause.

With trusty lawn chairs in tow, almost two dozen of the area's finest synchronized aluminum buffs will strut down State Street at 8:30 a.m. Thursday where they and their well-timed chants and moves will undoubtedly bring a grin or two during Chicago's Thanksgiving Parade. You can watch for them along State between Congress and Randolph or you can watch live on ABC7 Chicago.

Chair – hut!

Kent, who took over the group after founder Duff Stewart moved away, tells me they will be marching on behalf of the Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation.

“As goofy as we are, we're proud of what we do,” Kent said. “We're asking people to please donate to Bear Necessities.”

For those who don't know, former Algonquin resident Kathleen Casey started Bear Necessities after the death of her son Barrett “Bear” Krupa. They, like the Lawn Chair Dads, have helped a lot of people along the way.

Please Donate. Visit www.lawnchairdads.com for more details.

Here's to the Lawn Chair Dads!