



THE SOUTH MOUNTAIN YMCA CAMPS ARROWHEAD

Winter 2016



2016 On-Line Holiday Auction

With the holiday season quickly approaching we have the perfect opportunity for you to do some shopping and support a great cause—all at the same time. From November 11th through December 14th SMYMCA Camps will be hosting our annual **On-Line Holiday Auction**.

There are a variety of items and packages to choose from ensuring that you can find something for everyone on your holiday list. A majority of the items donated were provided by local businesses and vendors.

All proceeds from the On-Line Holiday Auction will support our annual Reach Out for Youth Campaign and Military Family Fund providing camper scholarships for deserving children. Start bidding today, check out all the items at: <https://www.charityauctionstoday.com/auctions/south-mountain-ymca-camps-2016-on-line-holiday-auction-862>.



2016 SMYMCA Holiday Social



You are cordially invited to join us on Tuesday, **December 13th at 6pm** at the **Canal Street Pub** for our association's Holiday Social. The program will include a greeting from our Board President, Jacob Bausher, as well as recognizing **Ermete Raffaelli (Uncle Raff)** with a presentation of our 2016 **Harold L. Schappell Lifetime Achievement Award**.

The Holiday Social is an excellent opportunity to catch up with camp family and friends. Board Members, Alumni and Friends of camp are encouraged to attend and bring a guest, the cost is \$20.00 per person. We hope that you are able to join us for fellowship, food and a look forward to 2017. Please RSVP to **Michele Reinert** by **December 4th** at **610-670-2267** or at mreinert@smyymca.org.

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November 1	Early Bird Registration Begins
November 18	Parent Night Out, Kids at Camp
November 25	Schools Out Day Camp
November 28	Schools Out Day Camp
December 6	Homeschool Big Day Out
December 13	SMYMCA Holiday Social
December 16	Parent Night Out, Kids at Camp
December 21	Homeschool Big Day Out
December 23	Schools Out Day Camp
Dec 27— 31	Holiday Camp
December 31	Early Bird Registration Ends
Dec 31—Jan 1	New Year's Eve Lock In
January 3	Homeschool Big Day Out
January 14—16	Winter Camp

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We love to hear what's going on with alumni, campers, staff and friends of camp. We want to share your graduations, weddings, and birth announcements. We continue to appreciate your support and input.

Send any information or story ideas to:

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The South Mountain YMCA Camps: *Service, Stewardship, Self-Discovery*

19th Annual SMYMCA Golf Classic

On behalf of our campers, staff and Board of Directors thank you to the sponsors, golfers and volunteers for your continued support.

Over 100 golfers enjoyed lunch, a round of golf, raw bar, steak dinner and camaraderie during SMYMCA's 19th Annual Golf Classic. We were able to raise over \$30k for our Reach Out For Youth Campaign providing camper scholarships and financial aid to local school groups and organizations that otherwise would be unable to attend our programs.

A Big THANK YOU to our Sponsors!

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"Good Life was happy to support another successful golf outing this year! For me, this is my 7th year being involved at the South Mountain YMCA. I have made a commitment to the YMCA because of the core values that they help reinforce and instill in the children that we serve. Much like our organization, the focus remains transforming the lives of the families that entrust us to do so."

~Conor F. Delaney,
Founder & CEO, Good Life Advisors

A Farewell to Friends

Our hearts broke this year as we said goodbye to a pair of Camp friends, **Jim Detterline** and **Susan Kiscadden**.

With deep sadness we share that **Dr. James Detterline**, Camp Conrad Weiser Counselor from 1976-1978, passed away as the apparent victim



of a rock climbing accident. Jim was a Long's Peak Ranger and responsible for approximately 1,200 rescues during his career and had been awarded the Congressional Medal of Valor. He had 428 ascents of 14,259 ft. Long's Peak, the most in history by a single individual. Jim touched the lives of everyone he met. He is survived by his wife, Rebecca, and the Detterline families of Peter, Jon & Nancy, and nephews Scott and Matthew.

If you've called Camp in the past decade, **Susan Kiscadden** was the "voice of camp;" she was the first person a new camp family spoke to, and was often the voice that answered when a nervous parent called to check on their child. Around Camp she was known as Miss Sue, Sue K, or simply Sue. She preferred Sue, but we found it hard to break the habit of calling her Sue K after so many years. She was smart, sarcastic, and beautiful, and she had a wicked sense of humor. She loved to read, and participated in book exchanges. She especially loved spending time at the Jersey Shore with her husband, Clint. Sue loved her cats.



She cherished her family. She was proud of her children and adored her grandchildren. Sue K is missed each and every day. **Keep the Fires Burning.**

Shop For Camp! Please think of South Mountain YMCA Camps when you shop on Amazon by going to <http://smile.amazon.com> When asked to select the charity you want to support select **South Mountain YMCA**.



Tis' the Season!



The 2016 South Mountain YMCA Camps Year-End Appeal

During this time of year most of us begin to think about family gatherings and holiday parties with friends, we look forward to a new year filled with new opportunities. While we reflect on the passing year and the blessings that we are thankful for, it's also a time that we think about those that are less fortunate.

A YMCA camp experience can have a profound, positive and lasting impact on campers, unfortunately not every family can afford to send their children to camp. Since its founding, South Mountain YMCA Camps has provided an environment where youth can develop the important values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

Today, more than ever, kids need the opportunities for growth offered at camp and your contribution makes this happen! Your gift will be used to provide support for children whose families could not otherwise afford to send them to camp. ***Please consider SMYMCA in your year-end giving. Your contribution will make a difference in the life of a child!***



Capital Campaign Update

Two of our most exciting projects kicked-off this fall. In September, we drained the ancient steel pool to prepare for new construction featuring slides, climbing walls, diving boards, splash features and a zero-entry design. We anticipate the pool being completed before the end of the year with decking and landscaping seeing completion in the spring.

We began Phase 1 renovations on the Dining Hall this November. In this phase, the kitchen and existing dining areas will be completely renovated, and an outdoor seating area will be added. This phase will be completed by March 31st. Phase 2, which includes the addition of a new wing and restrooms will begin next fall.

How Can You Help?

We're so happy you asked! While we have raised 2.3 million dollars to date, we still need to raise \$200,000 to see these projects to completion. If you have not already, please consider a gift to our campaign efforts. For more information, please contact Michele Reinert at 610-670-2267 or mreinert@smymca.org. We'd love to give you a tour of Camp, discuss future improvements, and share opportunities for you to be involved.

Thank you and Keep the Fires Burning!



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