

THE SOUTH MOUNTAIN YMCA CAMPS

ARROWHEAD

■ Fall 2012 ■

*The Newsletter for Friends, Alumni, Parents, and Campers
of Camp Conrad Weiser and Bynden Wood Day Camp*



SMYMCA CAMPS' ANNUAL MEETING

On December 11th, join us at the Canal Street Pub for our association's Annual Meeting and Holiday Social. The business portion of the meeting will include a nomination of officers and members, as well as the annual report and an update from our President, Karin Allmendinger.

The Holiday Social will follow the business meeting and is an excellent opportunity to catch up with camp family and friends.

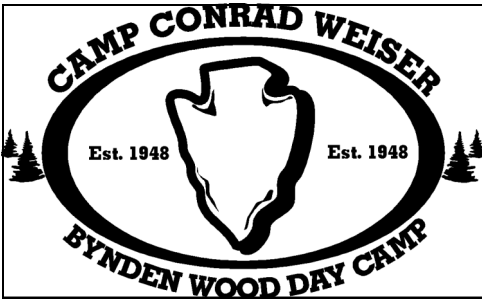
There is no cost for this event, but advance registration is required. This meeting is not appropriate for children. Please RSVP to Sue Kiscadden by December 1st at 610-670-2267 or ycamps@smymca.org.

2012 REACH OUT FOR YOUTH CAMPAIGN HELP US REACH OUR TARGET OF \$124,500!

What makes our South Mountain YMCA Camps unique? Is it the programs we offer or the location we boast? Absolutely not. What makes us unique is that *every child can enjoy our camps regardless of a family's ability to pay our fees.*

Since their inception, Camp Conrad Weiser and Bynden Wood have provided high quality programs and facilities that can compete with any private camp in the country. Our promise to provide day and resident camp programs for all children in our community has defined us. This year the need is greater than ever, and we hope you will find it in your heart to make a donation to our **Reach Out For Youth Campaign**. In addition to providing summer camp scholarships, this campaign helps keep our Outdoor Education programs affordable for schools. **Call 610-670-2267 to make a donation or give online at www.smymca.org.** We thank you in advance for your generosity.





2012 SUMMER FUN RAFFLE WINNERS

Many thanks to everyone that participated in our Summer Fun Raffle. Your support helps keep summer camp affordable for all the children and families we serve.

Dan Huyett and his family took 1st prize in the drawing. Dan generously donated his Black Diamond Recoil mountain bike, courtesy of Sean Christian at *The Crank*, back to camp for summer programs.

The Pumilia family won 2nd prize and chose to join us on the mountain for Labor Day Family Camp.

The Rapoport family was our 3rd prize winner and chose a gift certificate to attend Camp Conrad Weiser in 2013.

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FALL HARVEST FAMILY CAMP!

For the second year we are excited to offer Fall Harvest Family Camp. Grab your sweatshirts and head to the mountain for a weekend packed with fall fun for the whole family.

Enjoy your own heated cabin, hayrides, cider pressing, pumpkin carving and a “spooktacular” party. This family camp event will begin on Friday night and end on Sunday with lunch.

Fall Harvest Family Camp fees are \$100 for individuals 12 & up, and \$90 for kids between the ages of 4 and 11.



For information and registration contact Audrey Preston at 610-670-2267 or apreston@smymca.org

HOLIDAY & WINTER CAMPS

Our Holiday Camp will run from December 27—30. Join us for some winter fun! Come back and see old friends and counselors and make some new friends along the way. Enjoy heated cabins, hot meals, and a busy schedule of camp activities like campfires, winter sports, climbing, crafts, hiking, target sports and much more. Campers arrive between 4—6pm on Thursday and stay through Sunday between 1—3pm.

Our Winter Camp Weekend will run from February 15th through the 18th. Keep your fingers crossed for snow, we have some of the best sledding around. Like our Holiday Camp, this is a unique opportunity for a young person to see Camp in the winter. Programs begin on Friday at 4pm and run through Monday at 4pm.

Contact Sue Williams, the Summer Camps Director, for information at 610-670-2267 or swilliams@smymca.org.

STAFF UPDATES:

We are pleased to announce that Michele Reinert joined our Camp Family in June 2012 as Development Director. Her responsibilities include the planning and execution of the annual campaign, special events, future capital campaigns, endowment, planned giving, grant writing, marketing and public relations. She is happily settling into her new role here at camp and is looking forward to meeting all of our Camp family and friends.

It is with great sadness that we say good bye to Audrey Preston, Outdoor Center Director. Audrey will be heading back to Florida where will she join her family as they embark on a new journey opening a family business. We will miss Audrey and all the fun that she brought to camp. We wish her the best and continued success on her new endeavor.

INTERNATIONAL CAMPER EXCHANGE PROGRAM: SPAIN 2013!

Each summer many children from Spain attend Camp Conrad Weiser. In 2011, we began sending CCW campers to Madrid for a three-week "once in a lifetime experience". We are currently accepting applications from interested campers ages 13—16 who would like to represent South Mountain YMCA in the summer of 2013. This trip consists of spending two weeks at the YMCA Camp in Spain, and one week touring the castles, countryside and museums of Madrid, Toledo and Priego.

To apply please contact:
Sue Williams
Summer Camps Director
610-670- 2267.



A CALL TO SERVE! BE A HOST FAMILY FOR AN INTERNATIONAL CAMPER NEXT SUMMER.

Last summer marked the 50th anniversary of our partnership with the YMCA in Hanover, Germany. This coming summer we will continue our long standing tradition of hosting campers as part of this International Camper Exchange Program. These young adults will spend two weeks at Camp Conrad Weiser, one week touring NYC, Philadelphia and Washington D.C. and one week with a home-stay family. Don't miss this great opportunity to welcome an International camper into your home.

If you would like to learn more about becoming a host family, please contact Sue Williams, Summer Camp Director at 610-670-2267 or swilliams@smymca.org



SOUTH MOUNTAIN YMCA WISH LIST

Do you have any of these items that are no longer of use to you? Call the camp office about tax-deductible donations to the YMCA!

1. Two Golf Carts
2. 3/4 ton, 4x4 pick-up truck for program and maintenance
3. 25 hp boat motor for rescue boat
4. 7 Passenger Mini-Van or 12 passenger mini-bus
5. Computers for Digital Photography and Newspaper programs

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October 26—28	Fall Harvest Family Camp
October 28	Fall Festival
Nov. 1 - Dec. 15	Holiday On-Line Auction
December 1	2013 Summer Camp Registration Kick-Off!
December 11	Annual Meeting & Holiday Social
December 27—30	Holiday Camp Session (for kids)
January 5	Teen Leaders 2013
January 5	ICEP Spain Information Session
February 15—18	Winter Camp (for kids)
June 10—Aug. 16	Bynden Wood Day Camp
June 16—Aug. 10	Camp Conrad Weiser

-Changing Lives One Camper at a Time-

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

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