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THE SOUTH MOUNTAIN YMCA CAMPS ARROWHEAD

Fall 2013



CHANGING LIVES ONE CAMPER AT A TIME!

2013 Alumni Homecoming so many reasons to Celebrate!!!

Over 200 Camp Alumni gathered at the mountain on Saturday July 27th to celebrate the **65th Anniversary of Camp Conrad Weiser** and the **30th Anniversary of South Mountain YMCA Camps** operating as an independent camp and conference center. Activities were open and families enjoyed hayrides, archery, trap, hikes to the peak, climbing and swimming. The historic Bynden Wood Lodge was home to a variety of displays that shared the rich traditions of camp life and how the experience has evolved over six generations.



Anna Krause, a volunteer counselor, was presented with the **Youth Service Award** which recognizes an outstanding young person between the ages of 18 and 25 that has provided significant service to one of the YMCA camp programs.

James T. Klein (Jim), a camp alum and former Board member, was presented with the **Service to Youth Award** which recognizes commitment and leadership provided by an extraordinary individual age 26 and up that has given their treasure of time, talent, experience and dedication.

South Mountain YMCA Emeritus Board Members (Right to Left) David M. Kozloff, Rev. Thomas H. Reinsel, James T. Klein, Dr. John W. Gruber and G. Garrett Wilkinson

16th Annual SMYMCA Golf Classic

The 16th Annual Golf Classic will be held on September 23rd at Galen Hall. For their registration fee golfers receive a lunch buffet, 18 holes of golf with a cart, and a raw bar & steak dinner at Camp. Non-golfers are welcomed to purchase a ticket and attend the raw bar and dinner.

Proceeds benefit the South Mountain YMCA Camps' Annual Campaign—Reach Out For Youth (ROFY). ROFY provides scholarships for deserving children to attend summer camp, riding lessons, and outdoor education programs.

Have fun for a great cause! Register today limited player spots and sponsorships are still available. Contact Michele M. Reinert, Director of Development at **610-670-2267** for additional information and to register.

Tickets for Golfers: \$150

Dinner-only Tickets: \$35



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Mark Your Calendar!

September 15	Cushion Peak Trail Challenge
September 23	16th Annual Golf Classic
September 27	Women's Wellness Weekend begins
October 16	Fundraiser at Chipotle in Wyomissing
October 20	First Responder Family Fun Day
October 25	Fall Harvest Family Camp begins
October 27	Fall Festival at South Mountain YMCA
November 11	On-Line Holiday Auction Begins
December 10	Annual Meeting and Holiday Social

2013 On-Line Holiday Auction

It's hard to believe as we close out the summer session of 2013 that the holidays are just around the corner. This winter SMYMCA will host their second annual On-Line Holiday Auction. All proceeds from this fundraiser support our Annual Reach Out For Youth Campaign.

We are currently seeking donations of products/items, services and gift certificates from local businesses that can be included in this year's on-line auction. If you or someone that you know would like to support this fundraiser please contact Michele M. Reinert, Director of Development at 610-670-2267 or mreinert@smymca.org.

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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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Relax... Renew... Refresh Women's Wellness Weekend September 27th — 29th

Are you looking for some down time from life's every day chaos or a break from the mundane? If so, then this is the getaway that you have been looking for.....

We've planned a wide variety of wellness related activities presented by professionals in their related field. Join us for chair massage, yoga, hiking, reiki, crafts, drumming, holistic wellness, nutrition, workshops, horseback riding and more.

The full weekend is \$115.00 per person (5 meals, 2 nights lodging, all workshops and a t-shirt). Saturday only is \$75.00 per person (3 meals, all Saturday workshops).

For additional information and to register please contact Mike Indorato, Outdoor Center Director, at 610-670-2267 or mindorato@smymca.org.



2nd Annual Cushion Peak Trail Challenge

Join us for the toughest trail run in the region with over 400 feet of climbs. Sunday September 15th, registration begins at 8:00 am.

The Trail Challenge will begin promptly at 9:00 am followed by the 1 mile Fun Run/Walk at 10:00am. 5k or 10k \$23.00 if registered by September 1, afterwards \$28.00. 1 mile Fun Run for Kids and 1 mile Fun Walk (Dogs on Leash Welcome) \$5.00 if registered by September 1, afterwards \$10.00.

T-shirts to all pre-registrants of 5k and 10k; "goodie" bag for all kids run finishers. Awards for the male and female winners and runner-ups plus in six age categories.

Refreshments for finishers, indoor toilet facilities & showers, loads of parking, time clock at finish and instant results. The Climbing Tower and Zip Line will be opened for all participants.

For additional information visit the events page online at smymca.org or register online at pretzelcitysports.com.

The Fire of Friendship Burns Bright for one Camp Alum

*Happy 65th Birthday! So where to begin....
It's thirty years ago since my feet first graced that "sacred" mountain, yet it's still as clear to me now as it was then. Painting miles of white fences in the baking PA heat wrapped in toilet roll to stop my arms burning, and my first ever clambake with friends and campers on the field!*

What an amazing place! Yes, the fires are still burning in my heart and mind, and never dampened despite the miles and years... I wonder how many other young souls have been touched and blessed by its presence? It led me into pathways of working as an artist, director and teacher but never took me too far from the special service of working with children and young people which has now become a way of life.

What memories: Blue Marsh, Expedition Camp, Worlds End State Park, Hawk Mountain, Voyager, Delaware Water Gap, and the wonderful Glenn Miller . . . And time spent with some of the most special, and dedicated counselors and treasured campers in that joy filled, light blessed space.

Dear South Mountain may those Fires Burn "Ever Bright" but not without my thanks to some of those who made it such a treasured and valued experience.

John Hedbavny, Harold, Glenn, Jerry, Roy and Mike, Tyler and Jake and to the effervescent and wonderful Fairy Godmother to us all, Barbara Leinbach for sharing so much of her generosity, kindness and friendship and asking so little in return —what an amazing person. God Bless the SMYMCA. With love and friendship, Clinton Osborne (1983—1985).

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 10/25 and end on Sunday 10/27 with lunch.

Fall Harvest Family Camp fees are \$100 for individuals 12 & up, and \$90 for kids between the ages of 4 and 11. Children under the age of 3 are free. In addition, there is a \$50 cabin fee which reserves your cabin and can be split with another family.

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2013 Raffle Prize 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.

John Meakem of McLean, VA, took 1st prize in the drawing and won an Emotion "Renegade XT" 10' kayak (or 2 weeks at CCW), valued at \$1,000.

Robbie Snyders won 2nd prize and can take home a Diamondback "Outlook" Mountain Bike or a Family Camp Weekend valued at \$500.

Barbara Leinbach was our 3rd prize winner and chose the week at Bynden Wood Day Camp which she will be giving to a deserving child.

Congratulations to our winners and thank you for your continued support, helping us to change lives one camper at a time.

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. 2 person or 4 person tents (in good condition)
4. 25 hp boat motor for rescue boat
5. Costumes (child and adult)
6. 7 Passenger Mini-Van or 12 passenger mini-bus
7. Computers for Digital Photography and Newspaper programs
8. Tennis Balls or Rackets