

THE SOUTH MOUNTAIN YMCA CAMPS

ARROWHEAD

■ Spring 2012 ■

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

2012 FAMILY FUN DAYS

If you missed the Family Fun Days in 2011, you missed:

**Archery * Climbing
Face Painting * Pony Rides
S'Mores * Hay Wagon Rides
And More**

Our 2012 Family Fun Days kick-off is on April 15th. There is no charge for this event. Other dates include May 6th and May 20th. Each of these three events run from 2-4 pm and are open to the community.



NEW PRICING STRUCTURE FOR SUMMER CAMP

The last several years of economic struggle have impacted Berks County and the nation. Bynden Wood Day Camp & Camp Conrad Weiser have responded by making their prices more affordable for families this year.

Bynden Wood Day Camp starts at \$160 per week and Camp Conrad Weiser starts at \$475 per week.

We hope these new rates help you spread the good word about all that Camp has to offer!

HELPING THE CHILDREN OF OUR MILITARY FAMILIES ATTEND CAMP

For the past 7 years, Camp Conrad Weiser has partnered with the National Military Families Association to host an **Operation Purple Camp** for the children of our deployed military men and women. This program has been free to families and occurs in the first week of our summer season.

Despite limited funds for this program, we are committed to serving 100 children of military families in 2012. *To make this a reality, we need your help.*

1. Please attend our **Pancake Breakfast** at the Wernersville Fire Hall (111 Stitzer Avenue) on April 1st from 8am until 1 pm. More information is available on our website at www.smymca.org.
2. Make a **Personal Donation** or provide a **Corporate Sponsorship**. Call Camp for additional information (610-670-2267).
3. Participate in our **Online Auction** at www.biddingforgood.com/militarykidstocamp.



Visit our online auction to bid early and often to raise funds for these campers:

<https://www.biddingforgood.com/militarykidstocamp>

MOUNTAIN VIEWS — COMING HOME TO CAMP

What are your memories from summers spent on the mountain? Was it listening to rain on a cabin roof? Was it watching the sun rise from Cushion Peak? Perhaps your best memories were sharing an Indian Ceremony with your cabin mates or a campfire at the Council Ring.

For all the time we've spent at camp in the endless summers of our youth, returning to Camp Conrad Weiser and Bynden Wood can be like coming home. The memories come alive as we venture down the tree-lined drive into Camp, or as we stroll from the Dining Hall to Chapel. But all these memories on the mountain are empty—*they are empty without you!* As we all know, it is the *people* who make the magic on the mountain, and we want you to come back to the mountain and put a little magic in our **Alumni Reunion Weekend**.

So please reserve the 28th of July for a little time with your camp family. Come home to Camp and bring your friends. We can't wait to see you.

RSVP to Sue Kiscadden in the office.

Keep the Fires Burning!

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ALUMNI REUNION FOR CAMP CONRAD WEISER AND BYNDEN WOOD

JULY 28TH
3-8 PM

Friends & Family are welcome.
The day will include programs for
all ages, dinner, and closing
ceremonies. More information at
www.smymca.org.



15TH ANNUAL SMYMCA GOLF CLASSIC



The 15th Annual Golf Classic will be held on May 12th 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! Attend our 15th Annual Golf Classic at Galen Hall on May 12th. Call Camp for registration or information at **610-670-2267**.

Tickets for Golfers: \$150
Dinner-only Tickets: \$35

2012 FAMILY CAMPS

Each year the South Mountain YMCA Camps host three Family Camps—**Memorial Day Weekend**, **Labor Day Weekend**, and a special **Fall Harvest Weekend** in October. Families have one of our new cabins to themselves for the 3-day weekend, and your camp staff takes care of everything: the cooking, the cleaning, and the entertainment. Sit by the pool, go kayaking or sailing at Blue Marsh, fish the Martin Pond, climb the tower, shoot some archery or ride a horse.

Start your new family tradition today—try Family Camp! The Memorial Day Family Camp is almost full, call to reserve your space today at **610-670-2267** or register online at www.smymca.org.



EGG-STRAVAGANZA!

Join us for spring family fun during the *2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt* at the South Mountain YMCA Camps. Festivities will include age-appropriate egg hunts with prizes, spring crafts, face painting, door prizes and a visit from the Easter Bunny himself!

The Easter Egg Hunt will be presented by age group for children 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12 & 13—adult. There will be plenty of eggs for all!

This community event is free and open to all. Kids of all ages can wear their silliest “Easter Bonnet” for a chance to win prizes.

Date: Saturday, April 7th

Time: 10:00 am—11:30 am

Cost: Free to All

RSVP: *Please call camp at 610-670-2267 to RSVP*



SOUTH MOUNTAIN YMCA ALUMNI UPDATES:

- Congratulations to **Phil McConville** (aka Wild), a counselor from 2005 & 2006 on his marriage in December of 2011.
- Congratulations are also in order to **Susan Jones**, who just began her job as an Outdoor Tutor at Field Studies Centre in Swanage, UK. She writes that she plans on “using everything she learnt at camp to keep the kids entertained.”
- Camp Alum and Author, **A.S. King**, has recently published her 4th book, Everybody Sees the Ants. She is currently working on a new novel entitled, Reality Boy?
- **Melanie Boyd Fink** (Belle), counselor in 2002, welcome a baby girl, Amelia Grace, on 10/2/11.
- **Tara Lee Leworthy**, counselor from 2008, was married in 2011.

DADDY-DAUGHTER DANCE

Calling all girls (K-6) and their dads (or any other special man in their lives) to dance the night away in the Wigwam. Glam it up for our photographer or bring your own camera to capture the memories. Enjoy the DJ, refreshments and door prizes. Tickets are available in the main camp office Monday-Friday from 8:30 am-5:00 pm or by calling 610-670-2267 to pay by credit card.

Date: Saturday, April 14th

Time: 6:30—8:30 pm

Cost: \$5 per person in advance or \$8 at the door

Tickets: Call the camp office at 610-670-2267



ALUMNI & VOLUNTEER WORK DAY

Camp Alumni, WE WANT YOU!

In fact, we need you (as well as your friends and family). We hope you'll join us on the 14th of April to catch up with old friends, do some painting, plant some flowers, and maybe even help put up a new pavilion at the archery range or at the Indian Village. Chef Pat will provide lunch.

Please dress for the weather and wear clothes you are comfortable getting dirty. While we will have supplies on hands, please feel free to bring your gardening supplies, gloves, or rakes.

Keep the Fires Burning!

Date: Saturday, April 14th

Rain Date: Saturday, April 21st

RSVP: To RSVP, please call Camp at 610-670-2267

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. Fishing Equipment (Fly & Reel)
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. Lead Lines for Horses (old tack in good condition)

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April 1st	Pancake Breakfast supporting OPC
April 7th	2nd Annual <i>Egg-stravaganza</i> (egg hunt)
April 14th	<i>Alumni Work Day</i> (rain date is April 21st)
April 14th	2nd Annual <i>Daddy-Daughter Dance</i>
April 15th	1st <i>Family Fun Day</i> of 2012
May 6th	2nd <i>Family Fun Day</i> of 2012
May 14th	15th Annual SMYMCA <i>Golf Classic</i>
May 20th	3rd <i>Family Fun Day</i> of 2012

**Spring Riding Lessons
Registering Now!**

**Camp Conrad Weiser
Registering Now!**

**Bynden Wood Day Camp
Registering Now!**

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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.

Send any information or story ideas to:
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Browse our website at
www.smymca.org. Please take a
moment to register on our alumni page.

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