

THE SOUTH MOUNTAIN YMCA CAMPS

ARROWHEAD

■ Spring 2013 ■

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

2013 FAMILY FUN DAYS

If you missed the Family Fun Days in 2012, you missed:

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

Our 2013 Family Fun Days kick-off is on April 14th. There is no charge for this event. Other dates include May 5th and May 19th. Each of these three events run from 2-4 pm and are open to the community.

TEEN LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

Leaders In Training (LIT) - the LIT program is for campers ages 15 - 16 years old who are committed to developing their leadership skills. They work closely with peers to develop communication, trust and problem-solving skills. This is a 2 week intensive program. No application is required.

Counselors in Training (CIT) - the CIT program is for young adults ages 16 - 17 who are passionate about becoming camp counselors. This 3 week experience is a skills-progressive leadership program in which campers develop the skills needed to become positive role models and leaders in the camp community. Application required.

HELPING THE CHILDREN OF OUR MILITARY FAMILIES ATTEND CAMP

This summer, *YMCA Camp Conrad Weiser* is proud to host our 8th season of **Operation Purple Camp**. This program recognizes that *"Kids Serve Too"*. In partnership with the National Military Family Association, the **Operation Purple Camp** is a week for having fun, making friends, and reminding military children that they are our nation's youngest heroes. We provide camping experiences that serve children from every branch of the military and it is truly an amazing week for both campers and staff. For more information please contact, Sue Williams, Associate Executive Director, at 610-670-2267 or by email at swilliams@smymca.org.

Despite limited funds for this program, we are committed to serving 115 children of military families in 2013.
To make this a reality we need your help.

1. Make a **Personal Donation** or provide a **Corporate Sponsorship**. Contact Michele M. Reinert, Director of Development, at 610-670-2267 or by email at mreinert@smymca.org for additional information.
2. Attend our **Pancake Breakfast** on April 7th from 8am until 1pm.
3. Join us at Bynden Wood Lodge on Saturday April 20th from 12pm until 4pm for **Thirty-One Bingo**.

Additional information is available on our website at www.smymca.org



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March 30	3rd Annual <i>Egg-stravaganza</i> (Egg Hunt)
April 6	3rd Annual <i>Daddy-Daughter Dance</i>
April 7	<i>Pancake Breakfast</i> supporting OPC
April 14	1st <i>Family Fun Day</i> of 2013
April 20	<i>Thirty-One Bingo</i> supporting OPC
April 21	<i>Alumni Work Day</i> (rain date is April 28th)
May 5	2nd <i>Family Fun Day</i> of 2013
May 19	3rd <i>Family Fun Day</i> of 2013
June 1	International Celebration & Dinner
July 27	Alumni Day (65th for CCW & 30th for SMYMCA)

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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:

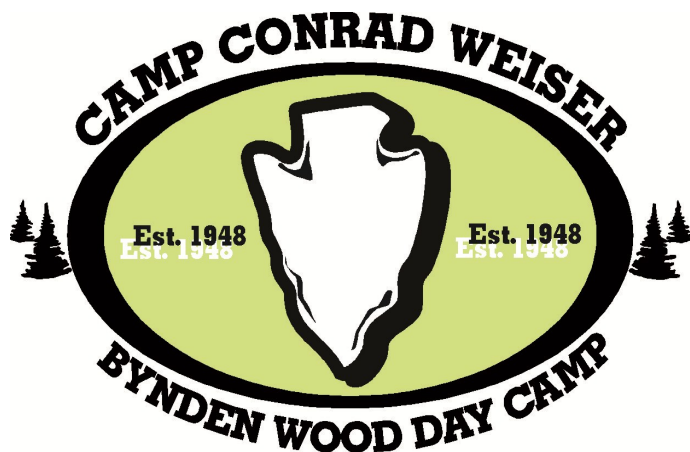
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*Please take a moment to register on
our alumni page.*

**Congratulations to Sue Williams, promoted
to Associate Executive Director, and to
Jeff Henry, promoted to
Camp Conrad Weiser Director!**

**Camp Conrad Weiser Registering Now
Bynden Wood Day Camp Registering Now**

**Visit us on the web at
www.smymca.org**



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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! Attend our 16th Annual Golf Classic at Galen Hall on September 23rd. 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



2013 FAMILY CAMPS

Each year the South Mountain YMCA Camps host three Family Camps—**Memorial Day Weekend**, **Labor Day Weekend**, and a **Fall Harvest Weekend** in October. This is a great opportunity to experience camp as a family. Guests stay in one of our beautiful, modern cabins which are adjacent to modern shower houses. Camp staff provide programs which may include: swimming, boating, target sports, climbing tower, horseback riding, fishing, arts and crafts to name a few. Join us for special themed events, evening campfires, early morning walks and great meals served in our dining hall.

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 *3rd 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, March 30th

Time: 10:00 am—11:30 am

Cost: Free to All

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



ICEP (INTERNATIONAL CAMPER EXCHANGE PROGRAM):

The 2013 ICEP program in Spain will be held from June 27th – July 19th, for campers ages 12 - 16. For additional information please call camp at 610-670-2267.

We are hosting campers from both Spain and Germany this summer. Campers will spend two weeks at Camp Conrad Weiser, one week visiting NYC, Philadelphia and Washington D.C. and one week with a local family. German campers will need home-stays the week of July 14th - 20th and the Spanish campers from July 20th - 26th. If you are interested in hosting an international camper please contact Sue Williams, Associate Executive Director, at 610-670-2267 or by email at swilliams@smymca.org.

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.

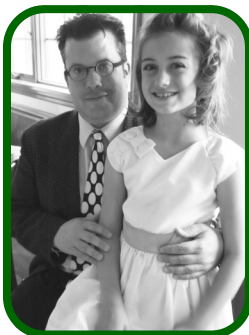
Tickets are available in the main camp office Monday-Friday from 8:30 am-5:00 pm or by calling 610-670-2267 to pay by credit card.

Date: Saturday, April 6th

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 21st of April to catch up with old friends, do some painting, plant some flowers, and maybe even help put up a new pavilion. Lunch will be provided.

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

Keep the Fires Burning!

Date: Sunday, April 21st

Time: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Rain Date: Sunday, April 28th

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. 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