



CHANGING LIVES ONE CAMPER AT A TIME!

Register Today For Summer Camp!



Bynden Wood Day Camp is back and better than ever. We are limiting sessions to 96 children per week this year, but there are still spots available for each session. In **Camp Conrad Weiser** we're going to be making memories and friends that last a lifetime. Call 610-670-2267 today to reserve your space today.

Bynden Wood Day Camp starts at \$165 per week & Camp Conrad Weiser starts at \$485 per week.

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 is required.



In 2013 South Mountain YMCA Camps was able to provide over \$128,000 in camp scholarships. This included 174 overnight campers, 36 day campers and 8 outdoor education groups.

2014 Reach Out For Youth Campaign

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**. Please help us reach our goal of raising \$138,500 to provide camperships to deserving children and youth groups. In addition to providing summer camp scholarships, this campaign helps keep our Outdoor Education programs affordable for schools. ***Please use the enclosed envelope to help us continue our mission of changing lives one camper at a time.*** We thank you in advance for your generosity. **Keep the Fires Burning!**

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Mark Your Calendar!

April 5	thirty-one Bingo supporting OPC
April 5	4th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance
April 11	Spring Fling Family Camp begins
April 13	1st Family Fun Day of 2014
April 19	4th Annual Egg-Stravaganza (Egg Hunt)
April 19	Pancake Breakfast supporting OPC
April 27	2nd Family Fun Day of 2014
May 4	3rd Family Fun Day of 2014
May 23	Memorial Day Family Camp begins
June 1	4th Family Fun Day of 2014
June 7	International Dinner and Auction

Save the Date: 2014 Family Camp Programs **Reserve Your Cabin Today!!**

NEW Spring Fling Family Camp April 11 - April 13
Memorial Day Family Camp May 23 - May 26
Labor Day Family Camp August 29 - September 1
Fall Harvest Friday October 24 - Sunday October 26

The Arrowhead

is a publication of the
South Mountain YMCA Camps.

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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Lifetime Achievement Award: Harold Schappell

At the Annual Meeting in January, the South Mountain YMCA camps recognized Harold Schappell with a Lifetime Achievement Award. This special honor goes to an exceptional individual that makes volunteerism and community service a way of life. Recipients embody a sense of compassion and responsibility for others expressed through their dedication to assisting individuals and organizations for the betterment of the community. We thank Harold for all he's done and are pleased to announce that this recognition will now be known as the *Harold L. Schappell Lifetime Achievement Award*.



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 Bynden Wood Lodge. 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

Give Your Child The World International Camper Exchange Program: ICEP 2014!

In 2014, SMYMCA will continue an over 50-year tradition of international camper exchanges with 2, four-week excursions. International Camper Exchange Program (ICEP) campers will travel, under the capable supervision of a South Mountain YMCA leader and will participate in a two-week International Summer Camp for fellowship, activities and international understanding. A one-week homestay with a screened and approved YMCA family, as well as a one-week tour of the host country are also part of the experience.

Camp Abbensen: YMCA of Hannover, Germany

After 2-weeks of "Inter Camp" at Camp Abbensen, ICEP Campers will enjoy a homestay and then travel parts of Germany including Berlin, Dresden and Munich.

This program is limited to 14 campers ages 13-15. An application and interview are required.

Camp Chayka: YMCA of Ivanovo, Russia

YMCA Ivanovo happily invites 15—17 year olds to take part in the International YMCA Camp "InterCom" to be held in the Ivanovo region in Central Russia. This camp will be devoted to Inter-cultural learning.

The trip, running from July 15th through August 10th, will include excursions to historical sites in Yaroslavl, St. Petersburg and Moscow.

To apply please contact Sue Williams, Associate Executive Director, at 610-670-2267 for additional information.



Help The Children Of Our Military Families Attend Camp

This summer, **YMCA Camp Conrad Weiser** is proud to host our 9th season of **Operation Purple Camp**. This program recognizes that **"Kids Serve Too"**. In partnership with the National Military Family Association, **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 100 children of military families in 2014. ***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 for additional information.
2. Join us at Bynden Wood Lodge on Saturday April 5th from 12pm until 4pm for **thirty-one Bingo**.
3. Attend our **Pancake Breakfast** on April 19th from 8am until 1pm.



4th Annual Egg-Stravaganza Easter Egg Hunt

Join us for spring family fun during the **4th 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 19th
Time: 10:00 am—11:30 am
Cost: Free to All

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. English Riding Saddles
8. Tennis Balls and/or Rackets
9. Fishing Poles & Tackle Boxes
10. Paper Folding Machine
11. Arts & Craft Supplies
12. Board Games