

THE SOUTH MOUNTAIN YMCA CAMPS

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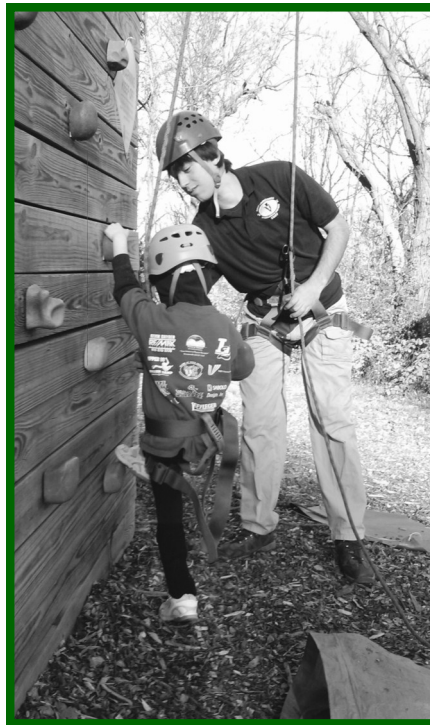
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*The Newsletter for Friends, Alumni, Parents, and Campers
of Camp Conrad Weiser and Bynden Wood Day Camp*

LABOR DAY FAMILY CAMP

Each year the South Mountain YMCA hosts two Family Camps (Memorial Day & Labor Day). 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 a new family tradition today—try Family Camp! The Labor Day Family Camp is almost full, call to reserve your space today at 610-670-2267.



ALUMNI REUNION DAY

Join us for Alumni Day on July 30th from 2-8 pm and renew the fires of friendship.

Whether you'd like to see if you "still have it" on the archery and trap range, or you simply want to hike the grounds and relive the good memories, you are welcome on the mountain. The day will conclude with dinner at the dining hall, a brief chapel ceremony, and a campfire at the Council Ring.

Bring your family and friends and introduce them to your camp family. RSVP by calling 610-670-2267.

2011 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.*** 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 online at www.snymca.org.*** We thank you in advance for your generosity.



MOUNTAIN VIEWS: PRESERVING OUR LEGACY

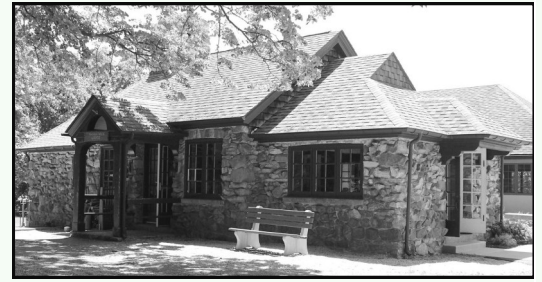
As we look forward to a future of serving kids and families from across Berks County and around the world, we must look at protecting the historic nature of our unique summer camp facility. We are fortunate to still be the caretakers of 4 buildings remaining from the Bynden Wood Hotel era (*Bynden Wood Lodge, Terrace Cottage, Roadside Cottage, & Crossroads Cottage*). Additionally we have 1 remaining stone building from the Cameron Estate (the *Caretakers Cottage*), and the foundations of the mansion upon which we have built our high ropes course.

In the coming months, you will be hearing more about an effort to preserve, renovate, and use the historic buildings of the past for the campers and programs of today. Currently, Bynden Wood Lodge is entering the final phase of its renovation process to restore the auditorium and install a new state-of-the-art kitchen. In the coming months and years we will be tackling the Caretakers Cottage on the Cameron Estate, Roadside Cottage, the Barn, and the Dining Hall.

If you would like to be involved in these efforts, please contact Nathan Brant at 610-670-2267.

Keep the Fires Burning!

Nathan Brant, CEO
South Mountain YMCA Camps



14TH ANNUAL SMYMCA GOLF CLASSIC

A big **THANK YOU** to Bill Ruth, chairman of our Golf Committee, as well as all our golf committee members: Mike Grim, Chris Keeler, Steve Bobick, Harold Schappel, Conor Delaney, and Ed Trexler. This year's event, which raised more than \$24,000, was held at Galen Hall Country Club with a reception and banquet at Camp Conrad Weiser.



Proceeds from the event go to our *Reach Out For Youth* campaign providing scholarships to deserving youth for summer camp and assistance to local schools for outdoor education.

ALUMNI COUNCIL

We are reigniting the Alumni Council fire and calling all interested Camp Conrad Weiser alumni to join us. Adrian Grieve, past president of the South Mountain YMCA Camps Board of Directors will be leading this effort.



We will be identifying co-captains from each decade to take their seat on the council. If you have an interest in participating as a captain, please contact Adrian Grieve at alumni@smymca.org.

A strong camping program requires a strong, dedicated alumni base to support it. YMCA Camp Conrad Weiser needs its alumni. We need you.

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SUMMER FUN RAFFLE

Tickets are now available for this year's Summer Fun Raffle. First place prize is a choice of a Two-Week Session of YMCA Camp Conrad Weiser or a Diamondback "Recoil" Mountain Bike; second place prize is the choice of a Family Camp Weekend for four or "The Edge" kayak from Emotion Kayaks; third place prize is the choice of a One-Week Session of Bynden Wood Day Camp or a North Face "Flint 2" two-person tent.

The proceeds of this year's raffle will help send deserving children to Camp Conrad Weiser. Tickets are \$10 and only 500 will be sold. The drawing will be held August 6, 2011 at 11:30 AM. Contact the camp office to purchase your tickets (610-670-2267).

Help a child. Buy a ticket. Share the gift of camp!



SUMMER CAMP ESSAY CONTEST

This year the Reading School District and the South Mountain YMCA Camps, with the generous support of Susquehanna Bank, sponsored an essay contest for 4th graders. Each 4th grader wrote an essay entitled, ***Why I Want to go to Summer Camp.*** One winner was selected from each of the Reading School District's elementary schools and presented with a free week at Bynden Wood Day Camp. Many thanks to Susquehanna Bank for making this possible.

Winners: Skylre Gillette, Jabion Vasquez, Darleny Salvador, Luis Mendez, Irene Aponte, Ellie Baxabioulou, Selena Dettterline, Jayda Borelli, Desire Rivera, Kaylah Hernandez & Jadan Garcia-Miller.



Winner Luis Mendez with school, camp and bank officials.



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THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP

Bynden Wood Day Camp is limited to 80 children per week this year, but there are still a few spots available each session. In Camp Conrad Weiser, sessions 1 & 9 are full. There are still beds available in sessions 2-8. Call Today!

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

WOMEN'S WELLNESS WEEKEND 9/30/11-10/2/11

"**Women's Wellness Weekend**" is a weekend of food, fun and fellowship for women ages 18 and better! Join us on the mountain for wellness workshops, yoga, healthy cooking sessions, chair massage, African drumming, inspirational speakers as well as the ever popular "camp-tivities" such as horses, archery and crafts. **RELAX** the body, **RENEW** the mind, **REFRESH** the spirit!

This event is a collaborative effort by South Mountain YMCA with Fairview Counseling and Play Therapy Center, Caron Treatment Centers, Easy Does It, Reading-Berks Conference of Churches, and Alvernia University Holleran Center.

Join us for the full weekend (\$100) or Saturday only (\$75). Registration is open NOW! Financial Aid is available. Visit smymca.org or call the camp office for more information or to register.

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)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 12th:	Camp Conrad Weiser opens
June 13th:	Bynden Wood Day Camp begins
July 30th:	Alumni Reunion Day
September 30th:	Women's Wellness Weekend begins
October 21st:	Mother-Daughter Equestrian Weekend begins
November 18th:	Thanks-For-Giving Dinner for Donors and Volunteers

Summer Riding Lessons

Registering Now!

Camp Conrad Weiser

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Bynden Wood Day Camp

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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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