

# THE SOUTH MOUNTAIN YMCA CAMPS

## ARROWHEAD

■ Summer 2012 ■

*The Newsletter for Friends, Alumni, Parents, and Campers  
of YMCA 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

You should have already received your invitation to join us for Alumni Day on July 28th from 3-8 pm and rekindle 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.

## 2012 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.smymca.org](http://www.smymca.org).*** We thank you in advance for your generosity.



## MOUNTAIN VIEWS: WE ARE THE WORLD'S CAMP

YMCA Camp Conrad Weiser is the world's camp. Don't take my word for it, ask the hundreds of campers arriving at our mountain each summer from Spain, France, China, Germany, Russia, South Korea, or Italy. Visit with our staff who come from Berks County and the rest of the United States, but who also hail from Germany, England, Ireland, Scotland, Spain, France, South Korea or China.

We are a destination for overseas campers and counselors because of our location, which enables us to offer educational trips in New York City, Philadelphia, Washington D.C., and even Berks County. Many of these individuals return for multiple years because they find themselves part of a camp family that celebrates their cultural diversity they offer. It is a tradition we are proud of—one that sets us apart from other summer camp programs across the United States.

Our commitment to international exchange goes well beyond simply inviting young people from around the world to visit our mountain. We have proudly sent our Camp Conrad Weiser campers to YMCA destinations around the world. Our young people have spent 3 or 4 weeks visiting Russia, Germany, Spain, and the United Kingdom. This is not a recent phenomena. When the young people in our International Camper Exchange Program (ICEP) depart for Germany this summer, they will be the most recent Camp Conrad Weiser campers to take part in an exchange that has gone on for more than 50 years. Again, this is a tradition to celebrate.

For more information on our exchange programs, contact Sue Williams at [swilliams@smymca.org](mailto:swilliams@smymca.org).

Keep the Fires Burning!



Nathan Brant, CEO  
South Mountain YMCA Camps



## 15TH 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. In spite of the weather, this year's event raised more than \$24,000. It was held at Galen Hall Country Club with a reception and banquet in Bynden Wood Lodge.



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](mailto: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!**

**Keep the Fires Burning!**

## 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 Raleigh "Talus" Mountain Bike; second place prize is the choice of a Family Camp Weekend for four or a "Swiftly" 9.5' kayak from Perception Kayaks; third place prize is the choice of a One-Week Session of Bynden Wood Day Camp or a Kelty "Tempest 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!



## AN EVENING ON THE MOUNTAIN

On September 8th we will be hosting a dinner and auction to benefit the International Exchange and Support efforts of our local YMCAs.

*An Evening on the Mountain* will be hosted by the International Committees of the South Mountain YMCA, as well as the International Committee of the YMCA of Reading and Berks County. The event will be limited to 100 tickets and will be held in our newly renovated Bynden Wood Lodge.

Each year, we send students abroad on 3 or 4-week exchange programs in Germany or Spain. Funds generated by this event help provide some limited scholarships for these trips. Additionally, some funds are allocated to support staff exchanges and the work of the YMCA all over the world. Call Camp for more information.

## THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP

Bynden Wood Day Camp is limited to 96 children per week this year, but there are still a few spots available each session. In Camp Conrad Weiser, there are still a few beds available in all sessions this summer. Call Today!

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

## WOMEN'S WELLNESS WEEKEND 9/28/12-9/30/12

"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 and KEF Consulting, LLC. Join us for the full weekend (\$115) or Saturday only (\$75). Registration is open NOW! Financial Aid is available. Visit [smymca.org](http://smymca.org) or call the camp office for 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



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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July 28th:	<b>Alumni Reunion Day</b>
August 31:	<b>Labor Day Family Camp</b> begins
September 8th:	<b>An Evening on the Mountain</b> event
September 16th:	<b>Cushion Peak 5k Trail Run and Walk</b>
September 28th:	<b>Women's Wellness Weekend</b> begins
October 12th:	<b>Mother-Daughter Equestrian Weekend</b> begins
October 26th:	<b>Fall Harvest Family Camp</b> and <b>Parent-Child Equestrian Experience</b> begin
October 28th:	<b>Fall Festival at the South Mountain YMCA</b>

**Summer 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.

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