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THE SOUTH MOUNTAIN YMCA CAMPS ARROWHEAD

Winter 2013



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SMYMCA Camps' 2013 Annual Meeting

You are cordially invited to join us on Tuesday December 10th at 6pm at the Canal Street Pub for our association's Annual Meeting and Holiday Social. The business portion of the meeting will include a nomination of officers and members, as well as the annual report and update from our Board President, Steve Bobick.

The Holiday Social will follow the business meeting and is an excellent opportunity to catch up with camp family and friends. Board Members, Alumni and Friends of camp are encouraged to attend and bring a guest, the cost is \$20.00 per person. We hope that you are able to join us for fellowship, food and a look forward to 2014. Please RSVP to Sue Kiscadden by December 3rd at 610-670-2267.

South Mountain YMCA Camps is the Teambuilding Solution!

Are you looking for a way to take your team to the next level? Consider utilizing the professional staff at South Mountain YMCA Camps. We are pleased to offer:

- Low & High Ropes Course Facilitations
- Adventure Races & Zip Line Experiences
- Trail Rides & Outdoor Recreation

Job-site facilitations are also available. We look forward to helping your team achieve greater communication, trust and problem-solving!

For additional information contact Sue Williams at 610-670-2267.



2013 On-Line Holiday Auction

With the holiday season quickly approaching we have the perfect opportunity for you to do some shopping and support a great cause all at the same time. From November 11th through December 16th SMYMCA will be hosting our 2nd Annual On-Line Holiday Auction.

All proceeds from the On-Line Holiday Auction will support our annual Reach Out for Youth Campaign and Military Family Fund providing camper scholarships for Bynden Wood Day Camp, Camp Conrad Weiser, Operation Purple Camp and the Outdoor Center.

There are a variety of items and packages to choose from ensuring that you can find something for everyone on your holiday list. A majority of the items donated were provided by local businesses and vendors, what better way to support the community that we live, work and play in!!!

Start bidding today, check out all the items at:

www.biddingforgood.com/auction/AuctionHome.action?auctionId=200513156



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December 10	Annual Meeting and Holiday Social
December 16	Holiday On-Line Auction ends
December 26	Holiday Camp begins
December 30	Holiday Camp ends
December 31	Early Bird Registration ends
February 14	Winter Camp begins
February 17	Winter Camp ends

2014 Early Bird Registration

Don't Delay Register Today!!! Sign up for Summer Camp 2014 at 2013 rates, early bird registration ends December 31, 2013

Save the Dates - 2014 Family Camp Programs - Reserve Your Cabin Today!!

NEW Spring 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

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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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Holiday & Winter Camps

Our Holiday Camp will run from December 26th through the 30th. Join us for some winter fun! Come back and see old friends and counselors and make some new friends along the way. Enjoy heated cabins, hot meals, and a busy schedule of camp activities like campfires, winter sports, climbing, crafts, hiking, target sports and much more. Campers arrive between 4 & 6 pm on Thursday and stay through Sunday between 1 & 3pm.

Our Winter Camp Weekend will run from February 14th through the 17th. Keep your fingers crossed for snow, we have some of the best sledding around. Like our Holiday Camp, this is a unique opportunity for a young person to see Camp in the winter. Programs begin at 4pm on Friday and run through 4pm Monday.

New in 2013 ask about Day programs for Holiday and Winter Camp. For additional information contact Sue Williams, Associate Executive Director, at 610-670-2267 or swilliams@smymca.org.

The Opportunity of a Lifetime

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 will run from July 15th through August 10th 2014:

- 1) July 15—29 International Programs at Camp Chayka
- 2) July 29—August 4 Stay with host family
- 3) August 4—10 Excursion to historical sites in Yaroslavl, St. Petersburg and Moscow.

For additional information or to register please contact Nathan Brant, CEO, at 610-670-2267 or via email at nbrant@smymca.org.



Tis' The Season 2013 SMYMCA Year End Appeal

During this time of year most of us begin to think about family gatherings and holiday parties with friends, we look forward to a new year filled with new opportunities. While we reflect on the passing year and the blessings that we are thankful for it's also a time that we think about those that are less fortunate.

A YMCA camp experience can have a profound, positive and lasting impact on campers, unfortunately not every family can afford to send their children to camp. Since its founding, South Mountain YMCA has provided an environment where youth can develop the important values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

Today, more than ever, kids need the opportunities for growth offered at camp and your contribution makes this happen! Your gift will be used to provide support for children whose families could not otherwise afford to send them to camp

Please consider SMYMCA in your year-end giving. Your contribution will make a difference in the life of a child.

A Call to Serve! Be a Host Family for an International Camper.

Sue Williams, Executive Associate Director, is working to identify families willing to serve as hosts for our Spanish exchange campers in 2014. This homestay experience for our international guests is a wonderful opportunity to share your home and our culture with a young leader from another country.

If you are interested in hosting a young person from Spain, please contact Sue Williams at 610-670-2267 or swilliams@smymca.org.



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

In 2014, SMYMCA will continue an over 50-year tradition of international camper exchanges with a four week excursion to our partner YMCA in Hannover, Germany. 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 at beautiful YMCA Camp Abbensen 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 Germany to include Berlin, Dresden and Munich are highlights of the experience.

This program is limited to 14 campers ages 13 - 15. An application and interview are required. To apply please contact Sue Williams, Associate Executive Director, at 610-670-2267 for additional information.



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 and/or Rackets