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THE SOUTH MOUNTAIN YMCA CAMPS ARROWHEAD

Winter 2014



CHANGING LIVES ONE CAMPER AT A TIME!

SMYMCA's 2014 Service to Youth Award is presented to Dr. Jack W. Gruber

On Sunday October 26th camp alum, friends, and family attended a reception at Bynden Wood Lodge during the annual Fall Festival to honor Dr. Jack W. Gruber for his many years of dedicated service to South Mountain YMCA Camps. During the reception Dr. Gruber was presented with the 2014 Service to Youth award.

The Service to Youth Award recognizes commitment and leadership provided by an extraordinary individual that has given their treasure of time, talent, experience and dedication. This individual has directly contributed to and supported the organization, has inspired the launch of new programs or activities through their efforts, and has encouraged and motivated others to take leadership roles within the organization.

Jack began his career at camp in 1951 as a Junior Counselor. He was a member of the camp staff from 1952 through 1958, in 1957 he was the Associate Director. He served on the Board of Directors from 1969 – 2008, and in 2003 served as Chair of the Capital Campaign. In 2009 Jack was awarded Emeritus status as a Trustee, today he continues to serve in various ways but most importantly as a mentor to us all. We are blessed to know him and fortunate to continue to work with him for the betterment of South Mountain YMCA Camps.



Nathan Brant, CEO and
Dr. Jack W. Gruber

2014 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 14th through December 14th SMYMCA Camps will be hosting our 3rd 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/militarykidstocamp

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Mark Your Calendar!

December 9	Annual Meeting and Holiday Social
December 14	Holiday On-Line Auction ends
December 19	Kids at Camp, Parents Night Out
December 23	School's Out Day Camp & Adventure Day
December 28	Holiday Camp begins
December 31	Holiday Camp ends
January 1	New Year's Eve Lock In
January 2	School's Out Day Camp & Adventure Day
January 16-19	School's Out Day Camp, Winter Camp 1, Teen Ski Trip I
January 23	School's Out Day Camp & Adventure Day
February 13-16	Winter Camp II, Teen Ski Trip II

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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Wernersville, PA 19565
Phone: 610-670-2267
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Email: ycamps@smymca.org

Shop For Camp!

Please think of South Mountain YMCA Camps when you shop on Amazon by going to <http://smile.amazon.com>
When asked to select the charity you want to support select **South Mountain YMCA.**

**2015 Early Bird Registration
Don't Delay Register Today!!!**

Sign up for Summer Camp 2015 at 2014 rates, early bird registration ends December 31, 2014.

The United Way Day of Caring brings over 75 volunteers to the mountain.

South Mountain YMCA Camps was pleased to once again host an enthusiastic and passionate group of individuals from the Berks County community for the United Way Day of Caring on the mountain.

The Day of Caring on the mountain kicked off at 9:00 am with coffee, doughnuts and a camp welcome by our CEO, Nathan Brant. The list of projects for the Day of Caring included installing a split-rail fence at Bynden Wood Lodge, weeding, log splitting, organizing, cleaning and painting at the Duberstein Equestrian Center, and staining of the cabins and lodge in Pioneer's Village. A cook out lunch was provided in the Dining Hall where staff was able to mingle with volunteers and share the South Mountain YMCA story and answer questions about programs offered at camp.

We are very thankful to *EnerSys, Quadrant, National Penn Bank, Godiva, Santander Bank and Fulton Bank* as well as the entire United Way team for allowing their employees to come to camp and spend the day with us helping to complete a variety of projects ensuring that South Mountain YMCA Camps is the perfect getaway for children, families, schools and the rest of our community.



Holiday & Winter Camps

Our Holiday Camp will run from December 28th through the 31st. 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 & 6pm on Sunday 12/28 and stay through Wednesday 12/31 between 4 & 6pm.

Our Winter Camp Weekend will run from February 13th through the 16th. 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 on Friday 2/13 at 4pm and run through Monday 2/16 at 4pm.

Ask about Day programs for Holiday and Winter Camp. For additional information contact **Amanda Griffith** at agriffith@smymca.org or **Cory Evans** at cevans@smymca.org.

2014 Annual Meeting

You are cordially invited to join us on Tuesday, **December 9th 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. We are pleased to announce that **Glenn O. Miller** will be presented with the 2014 **Harold L. Schappell Lifetime Achievement Award**.

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 2015. Please RSVP to **Sue Kiscadden** by **December 2nd** at **610-670-2267** or at ycamps@smymca.org.

Tis' The Season 2014 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, Associate Executive Director, is working to identify families willing to serve as hosts for our German exchange campers in 2015. 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 would like to learn more about becoming a host family please contact

Sue Williams,
Associate Executive
Director, at
610-670-2267 or
swilliams@smymca.org.



Give Your Child The World International Camper Exchange Program: Spain 2015!

Each summer many children from Spain attend Camp Conrad Weiser. In 2011, we began sending CCW campers to Madrid for a three-week "once in a lifetime experience". We are currently accepting applications from interested campers ages 12—16 who would like to represent South Mountain YMCA in the summer of 2015. This trip consists of spending two weeks at the YMCA Camp in Spain, and one week touring the castles, countryside and museums of Madrid, Toledo and Priego.

This program is limited to 14 campers ages 12 - 16. 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. 7 Passenger Mini-Van or 12 passenger mini-bus
4. Fishing Poles & Tackle Boxes
5. 3-Point Tractor Attachments
6. Pressure-Treated Lumber
7. 4 and 5 Drawer Metal Filing Cabinets
8. Arts & Crafts Supplies
9. Costumes in good condition