

THE SOUTH MOUNTAIN YMCA CAMPS ARROWHEAD

FALL 2015





The Mountain By Moonlight!

October 16, 17, 23 & 24 6-9 pm

We are excited to announce our 3rd year of the **Mountain By Moonlight**, our family-friendly haunted hayride and Halloween event designed for pre-K, elementary and middle-school students and their families.

Our featured event, the **Haunted Hayride**, is a 25-30 minute ride through the wooded Cameron Estate braving an over-run prison, psychiatric hospital, zombies and a family of Sasquatch. For those less daring, we also offer a non-haunted hayride to Cushion Peak.

Join us for a spook-tacular time on the mountain! This community event includes:



- Haunt-Free Hayrides
- Haunted Hayrides
- Carnival Games
- Glow-Zorbing
- Glow Stick Zip-Lining
- And Much More!

Gates open at 5:30pm and close at 9pm. Activities begin at 6pm and will run until 10pm. Parking is FREE. Refreshments will be available at our concession stand, and prizes are awarded at our carnival booths. Tickets for activities are \$1 each, 12 for \$10 and 25 for \$20. Visitors can purchase them at the gate, or in advance from the Camp Office. For more information, call 610-670-2267 or

check out **The Mountain By Moonlight** event page on Facebook.



To volunteer for this event, contact Sue Kiscadden at 610-670-2267 or ycamps@smymca.org.

2015 Fall Festival

Join us on <u>October 25 from 2-4pm</u> for a South Mountain YMCA Camps' Autumn tradition: our *FREE FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL!*

Experience the *magic of our mountain*! Bring your family and we'll provide the fun. Climb the tower, shoot an arrow, roast a marshmallow, ride in the wagon and more! *This event is FREE and open to the public and runs RAIN or SHINE!*

The South Mountain YMCA Camps: Igniting the Fires of Friendship

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Mark Your Calendar!

October 9	Parents' Night Out / Kids at Camp
October 11	Adventure Daze: Trap Shooting
October 12	School's Out Day Camp
October 16 & 17	The Mountain by Moonlight
October 23 & 24	The Mountain by Moonlight
October 25	Fall Festival
October 28	Home-Schoolers' Big Day Out
October 30	Guided Night Hike
October 31	Kids' Halloween Bash
November 1	Adventure Daze: Climbing & Zip-line
November 13	Guided Night Hike
November 18	Home-Schoolers' Big Day Out
November 20	Parents' Night Out / Kids at Camp
November 22	Adventure Daze / Archery
November 25	School's Out Day Camp
November 27	School's Out Day Camp
November 30	School's Out Day Camp

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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The South Mountain YMCA Camps: Service, Stewardship, Self-Discovery

The 2015 *Reach Out for Youth* Campaign

What makes our South Mountain YMCA Camps unique? **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 Day Camp 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 has been 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 **\$157,000** to provide camperships to deserving children and youth groups.

We invite you to donate online at http://www.smymca.org/donate to support this important effort. We thank you in advance for your generosity. Keep the Fires Burning!

In 2014, with your help, the South Mountain YMCA Camps were able to provide over \$147,000 in camper scholarships!

School's Out Day Camp

What to do when the kids have no school and you have work? Have no fear, Day Camp is HERE! Kids (ages 6-12) can join us for the day on the mountain for **School's Out Day Camp** (\$35 per day). Each program day runs from 7:30am to 5:30pm and includes games, crafts, nature programs, archery, climbing and more! Campers will need to bring a packed lunch for this program.



For information and registration contact Amanda Griffith at 610-670-2267 or at agriffith@smymca.org.

Upcoming dates for School's Out Day Camp include: October 12; November 25, 27 & 30; December 28-31.

Adventure Daze, Night Hikes and More!

Cory Evans, our Adventure Director, is bringing our Camp Family and Friends a full slate of adventure program opportunities this fall.

Adventure Daze is a program offered in September, October and November. Each Adventure Daze program focuses on a different opportunity (Archery, Climbing, Zip-lines, Trap Shooting) and runs from **2-4pm on Sunday afternoons**.

Guided Night Hikes are a unique opportunity for adults that include an evening hike to the Peak or elsewhere on site followed by a wine and cheese reception.

For dates and rates, visit our website or contact Cory at 610-670-2267 or at cevans@ smymca.org.

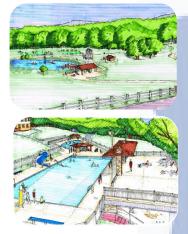


Creating a Camp for All!

When we talk about making the South Mountain YMCA Camps a **Camp For All**, what do we mean? It means we want to better serve all of our friends and neighbors, people who desire and deserve the enrichment that comes from an outdoor experience, but accessibility issues make this difficult. Some of our local young people who desire a camp experience are dealing with physical or developmental issues that may be a significant obstacle to their participation in a traditional summer experience. We must accommodate these people, and truly make a difference in their development. They are, after all, kids with the same interests, curiosity and desires as any other young person their age.







To make these projects possible, the South Mountain YMCA Camps has embarked upon a capital campaign to raise **\$2,500,000**. We invite camp alumni and other individuals, corporations and other businesses, as well as charitable foundations and other organizations to support the South Mountain YMCA, and more importantly to support the children and families who come to the Mountain for all that we offer. Together we will ensure that there will always be a **Camp For All!**

For more information on this important effort, please contact **Nathan Brant, CEO**, or **Michele Reinert, Development Director**, at **610-670-2267**.

Home-Schooler's "Big Day Out"

Join other home-school families at the South Mountain YMCA Camps for a day filled with fun and enriching programming. This fall we're offering 4 opportunities for home-schooled students to tackle environmental and outdoor education on the mountain.



Our trained facilitators utilize various outdoor activities to teach self confidence, leadership skills, and a sense of community while having fun and learning about our environment.

Upcoming **Big Day Out** program dates include October 28, November 18 and December 2.



For more information and registration, contact Cory Evans at cevans@smymca.org or 610-670-2267.

Parent's Night Out!

Parents deserve a night out—and kids deserve a night at Camp! Go out to dinner with a loved one or get some shopping done while we get your kids involved in some classic camp activities.

Each program runs from 6-9pm and costs \$10 per child, per evening. Upcoming dates include October 9, November 12 and December 11. For information and registration, contact Amanda at 610-670-2267 or agriffith@smymca.org.

Amanda is also offering a **Kids' Halloween Bash** on October 31 from 6-9pm. Instead of our usual camp-tivities, we'll be donning costumes for creative crafts, dancing and enjoying a wild hunt for candy across the mountain top! You don't want to miss either of these cool programs for kids!