



THE SOUTH MOUNTAIN YMCA CAMPS ARROWHEAD

Spring 2015



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 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**.

Please help us reach our goal of raising **\$157,000** to provide camperships to deserving children and youth groups. ***Please use the enclosed envelope to help us continue our mission of changing lives one camper at a time.*** We thank you in advance for your generosity. **Keep the Fires Burning!**

In **2014** South Mountain YMCA Camps was able to provide over **\$147,000** in camper scholarships.

Register Today For Summer Camp!

Bynden Wood Day Camp is back and better than ever. We are limiting sessions to 96 children per week this year, but there are still spots available for each session.

In **Camp Conrad Weiser** we're going to be making memories and friends that last a lifetime. Check out our new **Literary Fiction Theme Camps** and the all new **Arts & Music Camps**. Call **610-670-2267** today to reserve your space this summer.

Bynden Wood Day Camp starts at \$165 per week & Camp Conrad Weiser starts at \$485

Family Fun Days 2015:

Join us for one of our upcoming **Family Fun Days**
April 19th, May 3rd, May 17th and May 31st
2-4pm Rain or Shine

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***, so come see what camp is all about.

The South Mountain YMCA Camps: Igniting the Fires of Friendship

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Mark Your Calendar!

April 11	Daddy Daughter Dance
April 17	Spring Fling Family Camp begins
April 19	Spring Fling Family Camp ends
April 19	Family Fun Day
April 24	Parent's Night Out , Kids at Camp
May 3	Family Fun Day
May 17	Family Fun Day
May 22	Parent's Night Out , Kids at Camp
May 22	Memorial Day Family Camp begins
May 25	Memorial Day Family Camp ends
May 29	Women's Adventure Weekend begins
May 31	Women's Adventure Weekend ends
May 31	Family Fun Day
June 6	International Dinner and Auction

Visit us online at smymca.org

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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SMYMCA Announces New Board President and Board Members

The South Mountain YMCA's Board of Directors elected Jacob Bausher as president of the Board of Directors for 2015 and 2016. Jake began his affiliation with the South Mountain YMCA Camps as a camper from 1970-79. He participated in the Voyager and International Camper Exchange Programs in 1976, 77 and 78. He was a Voyager Leader in 1993 and filled various volunteer roles. Additionally, Jake has served as Alumni Association board member and President.



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On the same evening, three local leaders were elected to serve as board members. These new

volunteers include: Frank A. Brown Jr, MBA, Executive Director, Shared Growth Inc. and Business Development Manager with Eduplanet21, LLC; Kenneth D. Gill, Jr. Retired Executive, IBM Corporation; and Mike Scarborough, retired Teacher.



Aaron's Acres Summer Camp 2015

Swimming, riding horses, playing group games and creating art projects are all activities that our campers partake in at Aaron's Acres summer program. We provide recreational programs to children and young adults, ages 5-21 with developmental disabilities. We have 1:1 or 1:2 staff to child ratio which ensures that each child's needs are met immediately and appropriately. Our professional staff, comprised of social workers, special education teachers and nurses are knowledgeable and experienced in working with individuals who have special needs. Our philosophy at Aaron's Acres is that all children are accepted into our programs regardless of ability or disability. In addition, all families are accepted into our programs regardless of financial ability; we provide partial scholarships so that the financial burden is not overwhelming and does not add another stressor to the familial unit.



Last summer, Aaron's Acres moved its program to South Mountain YMCA. It is our hope that our campers will participate in inclusive programs with campers from Bynden Wood Day Camp. In this way, children of all abilities will interact with one another; new friendships and connections will be made from these types of experiences. For the summer of 2015, our camp session will be June 15 - June 26.

~ Risa Paskoff, Executive Director

For more information about Aaron's Acres, please visit our website: www.aaronsacres.org or call us at **717-917-6101, ext.102**. Camp applications and buddy applications will be posted by January 2015. We look forward to having you join our programs! Be a part of the Aaron's Acres experience!

New Directors Join the SMYMCA Family!



Kam Kobeissi has been named Camp Conrad Weiser Director. Kam is a Berks County native and served as the Director of Camp Henry Hird at the Frost Valley YMCA in New York for the past six years. Kam has been involved as both a volunteer as well as an employee with the YMCA since he was 13 years old. He is a former YMCA Teen Leader and he brings over 20 years of YMCA experience to South Mountain. His very first summer camp experience was at South Mountain YMCA when he was 10 years old and participated in the West Pottsgrove Elementary School's 5th grade camping trip. Kam enjoys reading, collecting camp kitch, and playing with his dog. We are pleased to welcome Kam and his wife Heather to the mountain.

We are also very excited to welcome our new Outdoor Center Director, Euan Walker, and his wife, Naomi, to our camp family. Euan hails from Aberdeen, Scotland, and graduated with a BA in Communications and Media Studies from Robert Gordon University. Euan was most recently employed by YMCA Camp Letts, part of the YMCA of Metro D.C. since 2009. In his time at Camp Letts he held various positions including Summer Camp Counselor, Paintball Director, and most recently Program Development Coordinator.



Help The Children of Our Military Families Attend Camp

This summer, YMCA Camp Conrad Weiser is proud to host our **10th season of Operation Purple Camp**. This program recognizes that **"Kids Serve Too."** In partnership with the National Military Family Association, Operation Purple Camp is a week for having fun, making friends, and reminding military children that they are our nation's youngest heroes. Despite limited funds for this program, we are committed to serving **125 children** of military families in 2015. To make this a reality ***we need your help***... Please consider making a Personal Donation or providing a Corporate Sponsorship. Contact Michele M. Reinert, Director of Development, at **610-670-2267** or via email at **mreinert@smymca.org** for additional information.



Daddy-Daughter Dance



Calling all girls (K-6) and their dads (or any other special man in their lives) to dance the night away in Bynden Wood

Lodge. Glam it up for our photographer or bring your own cameras to capture the memories. Enjoy the DJ, refreshments and door prizes. Tickets are available in the main camp office Monday – Friday from 8:30am–5:00pm or by calling **610-670-2267** to pay by credit card.

Date: Saturday, April 11th

Time: 6:30-8:30pm

Cost: \$5 per person in advance or \$8 at the door

Tickets: Call the Camp Office
610-670-2267