



THE SOUTH MOUNTAIN YMCA CAMPS ARROWHEAD

Winter 2015



2015 SMYMCA Holiday Social

You are cordially invited to join us on Tuesday, **December 8th** at **6pm** at the **Canal Street Pub** for our association's Holiday Social. The program will include a greeting from our Board President, Jacob Bausher, as well as recognizing **Dr. John W. Gruber** with a presentation of our 2015 **Harold L. Schappell Lifetime Achievement Award**.

The Holiday Social 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 2016. Please RSVP to **Sue Kiscadden** by **December 1st** at **610-670-2267** or at **ycamps@smyymca.org**.

2015 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 13th through December 11th SMYMCA Camps will be hosting our annual **On-Line Holiday Auction**.

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.

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 Operation Purple Camp. Start bidding today, check out all the items at: **www.biddingforgood.com/militarykidstocamp**.



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November 25,27 & 30	School's Out Day Camp
December 2	Home Schooler's Big Day Out
December 8	SMYMCA Holiday Social
December 11	Parent's Night Out Kids at Camp
December 27	Holiday Camp begins
December 28 –31	School's Out Day Camp
December 31	Holiday Camp ends
December 31—Jan 1	New Year's Eve Lock In
January 15—18	Winter Break Teen Ski Trip
January 15—18	Winter Camp I: Winter Olympix
January 22	Parent's Night Out Kids at Camp
February 12—15	Winter Camp II: Wacky Winter
February 13	Family Ski Day

Visit us online at smymca.org



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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 Sunday, December 27th through Thursday, December 31st. Miss Camp? 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 Sunday 12/27 and stay through Thursday 12/31.

Winter Camp I: Winter Olympix will run from Friday, January 15th through Monday, January 18th. Winter Camp II: Wacky Winter will run from Friday, February 12th through Monday, February 15th. Keep your fingers crossed for snow—we have some of the best sledding around. These programs offer a unique opportunity for a young person to see Camp in the winter.

Ask about Day programs for Holiday Camp and Winter Camps. For additional information or to register contact **Amanda Griffith, Youth and Family Director**, at **610-670-2267** or via email at **agriffith@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**.



Tis' the Season!

The 2015 South Mountain YMCA Camps 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 Camps 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!***



Give Your Child The World International Camper Exchange Program: Germany 2016!

In 2016, 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 12–15. An application and interview are required. To apply please contact **Kam Kobeissi, Camp Conrad Weiser Director**, at **610-670-2267** for additional information.



South Mountain YMCA Camps Wish List

Do you have any of these items that are no longer of use to you, or that you would like to purchase for Camp? Call the Camp Office at 610-670-2267 about tax deductible donations to your favorite YMCA Camp!

- 2 Golf Carts, 2 Utility Carts
- 25 HP Boat Motor
- 7 Passenger Mini-Van
- Pressure-Treated Lumber
- 3PT Post Hole Digger
- 120 Pressure Treated 1x4x8's
- Atom 80x Mountain Boards
- Atom 95x Mountain Boards
- 2 New Zorbs
- 6 Sets Mongoose BMX Gel Knee and Elbow Pads