



THE SOUTH MOUNTAIN YMCA CAMPS

ARROWHEAD

SUMMER 2018



Alumni News

The **SMYMCA Volunteer Leadership Council** is a group of camp leaders tasked with **assisting staff in fulfilling our mission by mobilizing much needed volunteer resources to assist our program, events, alumni outreach, facilities efforts, and fundraising.** Please join us in welcoming the members of the SMYMCA Volunteer Leadership Council.



Pictured L to R: John Kula, Ryann McDevitt, Janice MacKenzie, Ken Buck, Danya Van Y, Patrick Van Y, Nathan Brant, Susanna Burger, Erin Onady, Matt Snyder and Chad Leonard. Missing from the photo is Michael Burger.

Jeff and Becky Henry celebrated the **First Birthday** of their daughter **Brooke Carson Henry** on Thursday, May 31st.

Kate Newcomb was awarded an **Internship** at **Mt. Sinai Hospital** in New York City for the summer.

Save the Date for the 21st Annual SMYMCA Golf Classic

The 21st Annual SMYMCA Golf Classic presented by Good Life Financial Advisors will be held on Monday, September 17th at Galen Hall. For their registration fee, golfers receive a lunch buffet, 18 holes of golf with a cart, and a raw bar & steak dinner at Camp. Non-golfers are welcomed to purchase a ticket and attend the raw bar and dinner.

Proceeds benefit the South Mountain YMCA Camps' Annual Campaign Reach Out For Youth (ROFY). ROFY provides scholarships for deserving children to attend summer camp and outdoor education programs.

Have fun for a great cause!

Attend our 21st Annual Golf Classic at Galen Hall on Monday, September 17th. Don't delay, register today.

Sponsorships are still available, contact Michele Reinert, Director of Development, at **610-670-2267** or **mreinert@smymca.org** for additional information.



The South Mountain YMCA Camps: Igniting the Fires of Friendship

Greetings from our CEO, Nathan Brant

There are many reasons to come back to the mountain after your years as a camper or staff member. Perhaps you just want to take a hike to Cushion Peak or visit with friends at an alumni event. Maybe you're interested in volunteering and want to serve on a committee or cut wood. If we're truly fortunate you'll be coming back to drop a child off at summer camp. ***Whatever the reason, we want you to know you're welcome here.***



One of the reasons we launched the **Volunteer Leadership Council** earlier this year was to give our camp friends and family more opportunities to join us on the mountain and get involved—meaningfully involved. We don't just want your help, we need it.

The Volunteer Leadership helped our staff identify multiple avenues for volunteers to join us:

- **The South Mountain Service Corp**
- **Alumni Council**
- **Committee or Board Volunteer**

Each of these opportunities requires a different skill set, but when we bring them together, we make magic on the mountain. For more information, you can contact me directly at ceo@smymca.org or Michele Reinert at mreinert@smymca.org. We look forward to seeing you on the mountain!



Fire of Friendship Camper Parent Gala & Auction!!!

Mark your calendars, on **Saturday July 28th**, from **6:00pm– 9:00pm**, South Mountain YMCA Camps will host our first **Fire of Friendship Camper Parent Gala and Auction**. We hope you can join us for a night of food, fellowship and fun. The evening will include a silent and live auction and dinner. A number of the auction items will have a special twist courtesy of our summer campers!!! This is an event that you do not want to miss. All proceeds will benefit our annual Reach Out For Youth Campaign providing camper scholarships to children, families and schools that otherwise would not be able to experience camp and all that it has to offer.

Tickets are available at the Camp Office, at Bynden Wood Day Camp during drop-off and pick-up or during check-in and check-out for Camp Conrad Weiser. **Tickets are \$40 per person or \$70 per couple.** Camp-sitting for your camper-aged children is available. For additional information, or to purchase tickets, call the camp office at **610-670-2267**.

Summer Camp Staff 2018

The final night of staff training includes our annual Legacy Panel and Staff Auction. This year ***our summer camp staff raised \$3,085 to send kids to summer camp.*** The summer hasn't even started yet and this group is already changing lives. Many thanks to our Board President, Adrian Grieve and Board member, Mike Scarborough for being part of the event.



Want to know how you can help? Make your charitable donation online at: <https://give.classy.org/2018CampershipCampaign>

Labor Day Family Camp August 31—September 3

Start a new family tradition and join us for Family Camp on Labor Day Weekend. Bring the whole family for a fun, relaxing weekend on the mountain! Develop strong family bonds during this special time away from the hustle and bustle of the everyday world as you enjoy a camp experience everyone will remember all year long. Let us do all the cooking and cleaning while you enjoy quality time with your family. "Camptivities" are scheduled throughout the day so that your family members can participate as much, or as little, as they like. There are plenty of things to do for both the young and young-at-heart. Evenings are filled with themed all-camp programs. Past family camps have included hiking, field games, challenge course, archery, climbing tower, live reptiles, outdoor skills, arts & crafts, a square dance, a luau...and that's just the beginning!

Fees include beautiful surroundings, friendly staff, hearty meals, opportunities to make new friends, and create family memories that will last a lifetime. Come stay in one of our beautiful cabins for a memorable weekend on the mountain.

Many of our families have been making this a family tradition for decades. Start your new family tradition this year with Labor Day Family Camp.

For additional information, or to register, contact Greg McCrohan, Outdoor Center Director, at **610-670-2267** or via email at **gmccrohan@smymca.org**.



International Dinner

On Saturday, June 2nd the International Committees of the YMCA of Reading & Berks County and the South Mountain YMCA Camps hosted the annual Evening on the Mountain Celebration and Dinner. The theme of the evening was "Building International Bridges".

The evening was filled with fun, fellowship and amazing food courtesy of **Homage Culinary, Sweet Street Desserts and our very own Mark Glossick, Food Services Director at SMYMCA**. Entertainment was provided by **The Reading Symphony Youth Orchestra**. Each guest received a token of appreciation from the children in **child care at the YMCA of Reading and Berks County**. The children spent several days decorating rocks with beautiful colors and words and asked that each attendee hide them in the community to share with others.



The International Committee of the YMCA of Reading and Berks County, as well as the South Mountain YMCA Camps, are a dynamic force that uphold the Mission of the YMCA and the International tenets of the World Alliance. **We make a World of Difference to our YMCA partners in Ivanovo, Russia and Hannover, Germany**. We also support camper exchanges with the YMCA of Spain.

We are pleased to announce that we were able to raise over **\$12,000** to provide scholarship and program support for **Youth Exchanges**, support for **Staff Exchanges**, and **YMCA Partnerships** with YMCA's of Hannover, Germany and Ivanovo, Russia. This includes support for the **YMCA of Russia Conference Center and Camp**.

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July 28	Camper Parent Gala
August 17	Guided Night Hike
August 27	Home School Big Day Out
August 31	Labor Day Family Camp begins
September 3	Labor Day Family Camp ends
September 17	21st Annual Golf Classic
September 22	Volunteer Work Day
September 28	Women's Wellness Weekend begins
September 30	Women's Wellness Weekend ends
October 5	Guided Night Hike

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**. Check out our Wish List on Amazon at <http://a.co/3a2Kz8h>

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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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