



THE SOUTH MOUNTAIN YMCA CAMPS

THE ARROWHEAD

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THE MOUNTAIN BY MOONLIGHT!

October 11, 12, 18, & 19

We are excited to announce the return of **The Mountain by Moonlight**, our family-friendly Halloween-themed event featuring both haunted and non-haunted hayrides, carnival games, glow-stick zip-lining, glow zorbing, and much more. Our featured event, the Haunted Hayride, is a 25-minute ride through the forest braving zombies, giant spiders, and a variety of ghosts, goblins and ghouls. Our non-haunted wagon ride will take our visitors to Cushion Peak for a beautiful view across Berks County at night.

While gates open at 5:30pm, most attractions open at 6:00pm. Parking is FREE. The Haunted Hayride begins each night at 7:00pm. Our parking gates will close at 9:00pm, but attractions will remain open while there are visitors to participate in them.

Tickets are \$1 each, 12 for \$10, and 25 for \$20. Visitors can purchase tickets at the event, or skip the lines and order them in advance from the Camp Office. For 2019, we will be processing credit cards and accepting cash (no personal checks, please). Please note, there is no ATM on site.

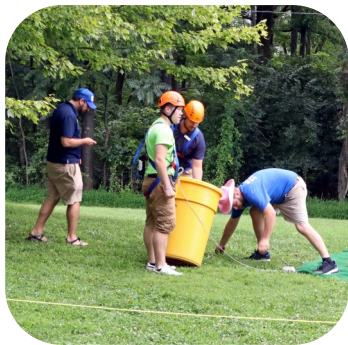
For more information, call 610-670-2267 or check out **The Mountain by Moonlight** on Facebook.



Autumn is a great time to visit the mountain!

There's always something going on at the South Mountain YMCA Camps. In September and October, we welcome back schools, churches and community organizations for environmental education field trips and retreats. We also see the return of events like Guided Night Hikes, Women's Wellness Weekends, the Mountain by Moonlight, Fall Family Camp, and our Fall Festival.

THE SOUTH MOUNTAIN YMCA CAMPS: *Igniting the Fires of Friendship*



The \$1000 Ball Drop

On August 8th we held our first "Ball Drop event" in support of a new high ropes element for our summer campers. The event, promoted by our Camp Conrad Weiser Director, Cory Evans, provided each participant a ball for \$10. When dropped from the lift, the ball that landed in the hole (or nearest to the hole), would win it's lucky owner 10% of the funds raised in the event up to \$1000.

Our winning family this year was from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, with number #391. Congratulations from your friends at Camp!

Proceeds from the event will be used to construct a "Quad Jump" for 2020.

Fall Harvest Family Camp October 18-20

Start a new family tradition and join us for the Fall Harvest Family Camp Weekend. Bring the entire family for a fun, relaxing weekend on the mountain. Develop strong family bonds during this special time away from home and enjoy a camp experience everyone will remember all year long.

We do the cooking and cleaning; you enjoy quality time with your children or grandchildren. "Camp-tivities" are scheduled throughout the day so that your family members can participate as much, or as little, as they want. There are plenty of activities for both the young and young-at-heart. Evenings are filled with themed, all-camp programs. Past family camps have included field games, archery, archery tag, paintball, climbing, zip-lining, animal presentations, arts & crafts, square-dancing, and more!

Fees include our beautiful mountain surroundings, friendly staff, hearty meals, most programs, and opportunities to make new friends, and create family memories that will last a lifetime.

Many of our families have been making this a tradition for decades. We hope your family joins them, and us, at Fall Harvest Family Camp.

For additional information, or to register, contact Greg McCrohan at 610-670-2267 or via email at gmcrohan@smyanca.org. This program is likely to fill, so make your reservations today.





Fall Harvest Festival

Join us on October 27 from 2-4pm for an Autumnal tradition at the South Mountain YMCA Camps, our **Fall Festival**. For 30 years, we've been inviting our camp family and friends, as well as our local communities, to experience the magic of the mountain in October.

Bring your family and we'll provide the fun. We'll open the climbing tower, invite you to try your hand at archery, or simply roast a marshmallow at the campfire. Our camp wagon will be running, and we'll be sharing some seasonal crafts with kids of all ages.

This event is free and open to the public, and it does run rain or shine. Please dress for the weather! We hope to see you in October.

Additionally, our Family Fun Days will be returning in the Spring of 2020. This is another great opportunity to bring your family and friends to the mountain. For more information, visit our website at SMYMCA.ORG, or watch for calendar announcements in publications like THE ARROWHEAD. **Keep the Fire Burning!**

Stay Involved and Keep the Fires Burning.

There are a lot of ways to stay involved with Camp. You can participate in a camping program, make a donation for scholarships or facility improvements, or you can serve on a committee or our board of directors.

There are also many opportunities to volunteer on site throughout the year, and we truly appreciate the help. We've listed 2 such programs below, but if you'd like to help out in another way, please call Tracey at 610-670-2267. She can match you or your group with an appropriate and meaningful project.

Volunteer Work Days:

Several times throughout the year we host Volunteer Work Days. We have projects for all ages and abilities. If you're for a special project for your youth group or service club, give Tracey a ring at 610-670-2267 or tbraymiller@smymca.org. We could use the help!

Mountain by Moonlight:

We are in need of volunteers each night the event runs. There are various volunteer opportunities available from carnival games to the concession stand to dressing up and performing at one of the many scenes along the haunted hayride route. The dates for this volunteer opportunity include October 11, 12, 18, & 19. For additional information or to volunteer for this event, please contact Tracey at 610-670-2267 or tbraymiller@smymca.org.

Committee & Board Volunteers:

Are you interested in charting the course for the future of Camp? Do you want to make sure every child and family can enjoy a camping experience on the mountain? Then committee or board service might be for you. Individuals interested in serving on a committee or joining our board of directors can write Nathan Brant at ceo@smymca.org.

Together, we can keep the fires burning!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 5	Guided Night Hike
October 11, 12	The Mountain By Moonlight
October 18, 19	The Mountain By Moonlight
October 18	Fall Harvest Family Camp Begins
October 27	South Mountain YMCA Camp Fall Festival
November 2	Guided Night Hike
November 10	The Online Holiday Auction Begins
December 5	Holiday Social
December 10	The Online Holiday Auction Ends
December 31	New Year's Eve Lock-In



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