

YMCA CAMP CARSON



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DEDICATION of the KOCH FAMILY AMPHITHEATER at the 80TH REUNION

We had a great celebration on June 1 at the Reunion and kick off for our 80th summer. Mid-morning we gathered at the new Koch Family Amphitheater for a moment of dedication and an opportunity to thank the Koch Family for their sponsorship of this project.



Mark Scoular, Exec. Director, shared the importance of the amphitheater in the progression of the week at camp. Every Sunday night campers begin their week of adventure with a buzz of excitement and energy as they sing songs and laugh at counselor skits during Opening Campfire. The last evening of the week is just the opposite. As part of the weekly Body, Mind, Spirit ceremony, the amphitheater is a place where staff lead campers in a few quiet moments to consider what it means to nurture a healthy spiritual life. They then transition into quiet reflection on how they can make a positive difference in the world when they return home.

Bob Koch, a Camp alum, followed with some brief comments and proceeded to cut the ribbon held by grandchildren Christian and Avery, also Camp Carson campers. We are truly grateful to the Koch Family for their investment in this gathering place where hundreds of children begin and end a life changing week of camp.



Staff led Reunion guests in a favorite camp song to kick off the Dedication Ceremony.



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Summer campers at Opening Campfire and Body, Mind, Spirit Ceremony.



DEDICATION of the SUSPENSION BRIDGE NAMED in HONOR of STEVE FRITZ and TERRY YUNKER

Thanks to all who helped keep this a secret! At the 80th Reunion, we were delighted to surprise Steve and Terry by naming this bridge in their honor. Kent Meyer, alum and retired CEO of the YMCA of the Rockies, made the presentation. Please take a moment to read the plaque text below which expresses our gratitude for their very lengthy history and service to Camp.

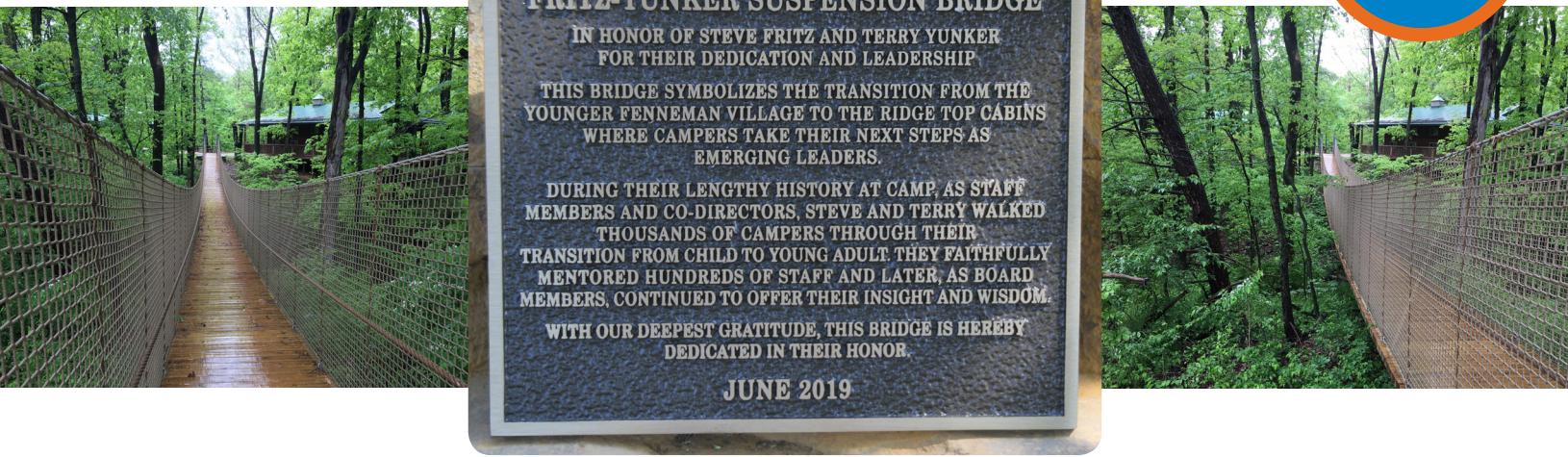
Congratulations Steve and Terry!



MAKING a GIFT to this PROJECT in HONOR of STEVE and TERRY

We would also like to thank the many who helped sponsor the bridge by making gifts to this project in honor of Steve and Terry. This project is still in need of additional sponsors, so if you would like to make a gift in honor of Steve and Terry, it's not too late! For more information, please go to the GIVING tab at campcarson.org or call Debra Scoular at 812-385-3597.

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Above: Kent Meyer

Right:
Reunion guests at the
presentation

Left:
Yunker and Fritz family
members



MORE 80th REUNION HIGHLIGHTS

After the dedication ceremonies, everyone headed to the Dining Hall for lunch and more singing, just like you remember, followed by alumni photos by the decade (see below). Throughout the day, guests and their families took camp tours and participated in camp activities on land and at the waterfront. The day concluded with Hootenanny skits performed by alum from several eras which included the Camp Carson Nursing Home and the return of Frisco Freddie. Of course, no Hootenanny is complete without somebody getting wet! To see all the photos from the Reunion, go to campcarson.org/alumni.



HUGE CONGRATS to our 2019 HONOR CAMPERS

Each week our honor campers are selected by their cabin counselors in recognition of living out the YMCA's core values of honesty, caring, respect, responsibility and faith in cabin life. Each camper is awarded a certificate and Honor Camper dog tag at the closing program on Friday evenings.



Chloe Adams	Bryce Daley	Brooke Hawkins	Melea Morgan	Meredith Soards
Alyssa Adams	Ezekiel Daugherty	Avery Hawkins	Zavier Novak	AJ Spalding
Austin Adamson	Talon Davidson	Izzy Hemenway	Meredith Ober	Henry Stack
Levi Adamson	Annie Davis	Juan Hernandez	Luke O'Donohue	Tyler Stallings
Katie Aiken	Olivia Day	Jackson Hollander	Audrey Palmer	Alex Stange
Kate Amos	Autumn Dobslaw	Connor Huck	Caroline Palmer	Megan Steuterman
Allie Anliker	Emma Duell	Dylann Hudson	Aved Paroyan	Henlee Stotlar
David Beaver	Jaxon Dykes	Bo Hurt	Waverleigh Peters	Evie Striegel
Kingston Beckett	Kendall Edwards	Brooklynn Johnson	Benny Pruden	Robert Swafford
Dawson Blankenbuehler-Lee	Emma Edwards	Mya Johnson	Garrett Quick	Addie Thornburg
Natalie Bonham	Ada Emerson	Sam Jurgensen	Lily Rardon	Christian Thornburg
Georgia Bott	Oliver Emerson	Alex Kessinger	Sophia Redella	Aidan Tolley
Peyton Bowling	Caden Estes	Chestin Kincaid	Elliot Redella	Elli Turner
Austin Boyle	Dom Ezell	Noah Kincaid	Cailyn Reser	Peyton Warner
Willow Burton	Vincenzo Faggioli	Talynn Kratz	Edith Rodocker	Lukas Wasowicz
Haley Butler	Emily Fielders	Konnor Kreinbrook	Nate Salem	Blake Wathen
Zane Campbell	Brandon Foster	Oliver Kukla	Eean Sarikie	Alexa Weyer
James Cannon	Olivia Gaunt	Maddie Lemon	Oasis Satsaksit	Isaiah Wilson
Pilar Cerritos	Olivia George	Ari Martinez-Trautvetter	Lucas Scamahorn	Izzy Workman
Ella Chamberlain	Peyton Gobin	Jayda Maynard	Aubrey Schoening	Michael Zahn
Calvin Colclasure	Mikey Guerrero	Dylan Miller	Joni Scott	Aiden Ziegler
Mia Cooper	Alister Hall	Sophie Miller	Claire Seaton	Christian Sherrard
Lucas Costeur	Aubry Hartz	Addie Moore		

Want
to see photos of
these awesome Honor
Campers and Rockers?
Go to campcarson.org/summcamp



HATS OFF to our 2019 CARSON ROCKERS!

The Carson Rocker award signifies quite an accomplishment. To earn this distinction, campers must earn all 5 levels at an activity area, teach a counselor all 5 levels at that same activity and then teach another camper, who is new to the activity, all 5 levels of that activity! Congrats to these campers for a job well done!

Alpine Tower

Owen Boxley

Archery

James Cannon
Josh Fairchild
Justin O'Connor
Cam Wright-Jones

Athletics - Basketball

Dylan Barrett
Jay Crum-Stephens
Garrett Quick
Lucas Shelton

Athletics - Soccer

Jacob Davis

Boating

Jacob Barnwell
Ada Emerson
LouLou Forster

Fishing

Jonathan Duell
JP Lehman
Stephen Wickson

Mountain Bikes

Michael Wilson

Mountain Boards

Hunter Davis

Pottery

Ava Beckley
Faith Bosta
Greta Diehl
Dee Drury
Adam Kovarik
Blake Podewils
Reegan Siewert
Evie Striegel
Jacob Wilson

Pottery - Handbuilding

Emery Borders
Kayla Meyer

Riflery

Issac Bultitude

Sailing

Darrick Cox
Bryce Latorre
Ayden Mason
Garrett Motz
Iziah Rojas

Swim Games

Claire Coe
Sophia Kukla

Wrangler

Megan Armstrong
Ella Chamberlain
Emma Vieira



THE LLOYD AWARD for COUNSELORS of the YEAR

Please join us in congratulating Sami Purcell and Will Gershon, our 2019 recipients of this award. We are so proud of these two outstanding staff members. This award was created by Dr. Tom Lloyd, a Bridge Builder who established a named Endowment Fund within the Camp Carson General Endowment.



SAMI

My favorite thing about working with kids at camp is being surrounded by constant positive energy and seeing them grow into amazing friends and leaders. At boating and sailing, I loved how so many kids were determined to improve their skills every day and were willing to help and encourage their friends. The motivation and fun the kids brought made navigating the high tides of Lake Seminole even more fun and rewarding.



Every week, I looked forward to opening and closing campfire and devotions the most. Opening campfire is the first time new campers begin to see what Camp Carson is all about. It's also a great time to show their creativity with the theme and build connections with new friends in their cabin. By the time closing campfire rolls around, the cabin feels like a family and is able to lean on each other. They all realize how much camp and the friendships they made that week mean to them. Adding on to that, devotions make them feel like they belong and help them to realize they aren't going through their struggles alone. Sitting down each night to reflect on the day and share all their troubles and blessings brings the whole group closer.

Camp has made me a more confident and loving person. The motto of helping people feel accepted, challenged, and empowered carries over into my everyday life. I am now more motivated to help others be their authentic selves and build on what sets them apart. I am also a more consistent and effective leader.

I am currently in my sophomore year at Purdue studying Kinesiology with a goal of becoming a physical therapist. When I'm not studying, I'm busy being an officer in Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Club, a community involvement planner for a Christian group called Cru, and a member of the Morale Committee for Purdue University Dance Marathon.

WILL

My favorite thing about working with kids is watching them smile when they accomplish something; seeing the happiness that can come to a kid when they realize that they are capable of making something happen. It brightens my day to know the memory of that will resonate with them and stay with them forever.

This summer, I was in charge of Nature. Teaching kids at camp about the world they live in was an absolute blast. As an Eagle Scout, getting to lead hikes around camp and showing them cool things to find outdoors felt very natural to me.

My first year on staff, I worked with the younger cabins, and every year I have moved up in age, so seeing the kids from my first summer grow every year has been so rewarding.

My first year at camp was 2015 as a CIT. Coming into the program, I was a very shy and reserved kid, but after the 2 week program, I had almost completely come out of my shell. Camp has filled me with confidence and showed me that I could be myself in the real world.

Currently, I am at Hanover College in my Junior year. I am studying Secondary Education and History. Next fall, I plan on starting student teaching, then after graduating, moving on to teach high school history. Someday, I hope to be a college professor.



KNIESE SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations to Aaron Bussell as our 2019 winner.

The Mark Kniese Scholarship was established in 2002 by camp alum, August Neal, in memory of Mark Kniese and his incredible passion for kids and life.

AARON

I first came to Camp Carson in 2015. It changed my life by giving me confidence, leadership skills, and people that were there for me. It meant a lot for me. As a counselor, I strive to give back to camp the love that was given to me. This is why I enjoy working with younger campers. Younger campers usually hear that they are too young to do the things that they want, but, at camp, very few activities have age restrictions. This summer I ran woodworking, which had scroll sawing for all ages. Scroll saws can be intimidating, but you would see campers of all ages try it no matter how scared they were. Seeing their faces light up and the confidence they gained as they worked is what I enjoyed most.

Camp empowers me now, over a month after the last day and years after my last day as a camper. I am using what camp has given me to go to college at the University of Kentucky. I am currently a sophomore in Computer Science. I am currently working as a Teaching Assistant for engineering and a Peer Mentor for a group of freshman. There are countless possibilities in the future and I am excited to see what happens!



L to R: Norm Kniese, Skip Kniese (Mark's father and brother, respectively), Aaron and August

WELCOME to our NEW CAMP CARSON FACILITIES MANAGEMENT TEAM

Matt Schooler, Facilities Manager, joins us with a wide variety of professions over the past 18 years. Originally from Francisco, Indiana, Matt's vocational experience includes carpentry, construction, millwright work, vehicle mechanics, golf course maintenance and restaurant management. A favorite hobby is restoring classic cars. He is excited to take on the challenge of maintaining our Camp facility and joining the family atmosphere. Matt is married to Jeni and has three children and one grandchild.

Tyler Williams, Assistant Facilities Manager, is a Princeton, Indiana native and part of our summer grounds crew in previous years. He is now back as a full time member of our team. Tyler is passionate about keeping the grounds manicured and has a talent for all things mechanical. In his spare time, he's always working on an engine of some sort. Tyler and his wife, Peyton, live in Princeton.



Matt Schooler and Tyler Williams



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FIRST ANNUAL POLAR PLUNGE FUNDRAISER

Saturday, January 4, 2020

When you take the Plunge in January, more kids can take the plunge in June and July!

WHO: Alums,
Camp Friends,
Donors, Campers

WHERE:
Lake Seminole,
YMCA Camp Carson

WHY:

We know **CAMP MATTERS** and literally changes lives. If you agree and are passionate about the power of a week at Camp Carson, we need you to participate in this fundraising event! Your sponsors will help us build up and nurture MORE kids, keep our programs strong and our program facilities well maintained. Be a part of it!

HOW:

Share with family and friends what Camp means to you and ask them to sponsor you for the plunge. There is a minimum entry fee to participate and our goal is for each Polar Plunger to raise beyond the entry fee to \$500 or more. To sign up call Debra at 812-455-9246 or email dscoular@ymcacampcarson.org

WHAT:

Our campers take the plunge all summer long. Now YOU have the opportunity to participate in this fundraiser by taking the plunge in January! Water will be waist deep – quick jump and right back out. Come on you can do it!



WISH LIST & WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- Volunteer to help with the Annual Fund Campaign which helps us extend our outreach to kids for traditional, military, and Safety Patrol camps as well as NYPUM and other camp programs.
- Volunteer to help organize two annual workdays at Camp (Spring and Fall).
- Volunteer to be a Host Family for a 2020 Camp Informational Night to introduce other families to the magic of Camp.
- Sponsor the NYPUM program (National Youth Project Using Mini-bikes).
- Volunteer to help maintain landscaping around Camp.
- Write to your local newspaper about the benefits of a summer camp experience.
- Ask your PTA to have us come and speak to students/parents about Camp.
- Invite us to speak to your local civic organizations about Camp's work in the community.

You can Sponsor...

- 13 Corcels**
- 13 Paddleboards**
- Ammunition for riflery (CC1 .22 Quiet)
- Potters Wheels**
- 4'x8' Sheets of 1/2" ACX plywood for woodworking (it's a soft wood with no veneer)
- 4'x8' Sheets of 1/8" ACX plywood for wood burning
- Overhead projection unit and screen**
- Ford F250 truck for our NYPUM program
- New Cheetah Mowing Deck**
- Yahmaha Viking V1 IPS Ranch Edition (6 seater ATV)

- Student Life Application Bibles. It is our desire to make a Bible available to any camper upon request.
- GPS Cross Country orienteering program
- Digital Photography and Video Program
- Tree House or Tree House Village
- Adirondack Shelter as part of our Eagles Ridge (Camp Out) Village
- New cabin at Camp
- Precision Air Pellet Rifles**
- Costumes, props, dress up clothes for skits



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**** Please contact Camp for model specifics.**



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Mom & Dad,
Have campers moved on? Please email camp with their new address!



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REGISTRATION for SUMMER 2020 is OPEN!
We are already 78% FULL with waitlists for several sessions.



The YMCA of Southwestern Indiana, Inc., following the example of Jesus Christ, responds to community needs by serving all people, especially youth, through relationships and activities that promote healthy spirit, mind, and body.

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