



YMCA CAMP CARSON

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DON'T LEAVE IT BEHIND

From the Director, Mark Scoular



Don't become preoccupied with your child's academic ability but instead...

- **Teach** them to sit with those sitting alone.
- **Teach** them to be kind.
- **Teach** them to offer help.
- **Teach** them to be a friend to the lonely.
- **Teach** them to encourage others.
- **Teach** them to think about other people.
- **Teach** them to share.
- **Teach** them to look for the good.

This is how they will change the world.

I came across the above reading earlier this year and immediately thought of camp. This is truly the essence of camp. All the activity, excitement, games, ziplines, etc. are really the tools we use to help develop our young people, to help them unplug, engage with others, and lay the foundations for strong values, caring, compassionate hearts and the skills we hope to see in our future leaders.

A few years ago, we created a mantra to help us get there – we call it ACE. We filter our programs through this mantra with the purpose of ensuring that all kids leave camp knowing they have been:



Accepted for who they are. They belong!

Challenged to step outside their comfort zones and set stretch goals for themselves.

Empowered to leave camp and go out into the world ready to take on all the challenges and opportunities that come their way and to make a positive difference.

For nine weeks each summer, we bring children and staff together from across our region, our country and, literally, from around the world with staff from 8-10 nations every year. Through ACE and these nationwide and global camp relationships, it is our goal to instill in each camper the desire and confidence to do their part to make the world a better place.

With that in mind, each Thursday evening at our closing campfire, we draw a powerful conclusion together. This is the time when we, as campers and staff, share what camp has meant to us, how it has impacted us and, more importantly, how the people around us have impacted us. Without fail, our campers talk about how they wish the world outside camp was more accepting and caring.

As this time of sharing winds down, we have intentionally allowed our campfire to become a glowing ember. The perfect teachable moment has now arrived. We invite the campers to set a goal to do something positive for others when they leave camp. It may be something as simple as giving a smile or saying hello to everyone they meet, or helping an elderly person with their yard.



Once we have determined our personal goal, we each take a small twig and toss it into the embers of the fire. No one throws in anything big – just a tiny twig. Funny what happens next. The 200 little sticks suddenly bring the fire back to life and there's light. You can see all the faces across the circle again. "Together, we made a big difference."

This is the picture we want our campers to leave camp with – that we can each do something, even a small thing, to make this world a better place. It means so much to us while we're at camp and can make such a difference outside of camp but only if... *we don't leave it behind.*

THE LLOYD AWARD – FOR COUNSELORS OF THE YEAR



Dr. Lloyd, during his 2012 visit to camp, in front of Cherokee cabin where he stayed as a camper.

Thank you to Dr. Tom Lloyd for his generous support in establishing a named endowment within the Camp Carson General Endowment.

The Fund has been established to provide two annual awards to be known as The Lloyd Award for Outstanding Boys' Counselor and The Lloyd Award for Outstanding Girls' Counselor.

The counselors are selected by the seasonal camp staff at the end of the camp season.

Congratulations to Craig Atkins and Kristin East as this year's recipients!



Tom Lloyd, Ph.D., Professor
Department of Public Health Sciences, Research Subject Advocate, Penn State Clinical Research Center, Penn State College of Medicine

BOYS' COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR – CRAIG ATKINS

One of my favorite things about the kids at camp is the diversity and the individuality that we see in them. The kids come from such different backgrounds, so it is fantastic to see the kids interact with each other and forget about social structure. At school and in the "normal world" kids may not talk to some kids because they talk a different way or act a bit differently. But at camp, everyone is included. It amazes me to see these friendships form in such a short space of time and the depth of caring that the kids show for one another is beautiful. Furthermore, camp helps them discover a crucial life lesson that we are all the same and that everyone needs help sometimes. On a personal level, because the children are different, it gives me the opportunity to learn and grow as I talk to them. It helps me to learn how each child works and what helps them to improve.

I taught mountain bikes this year and I absolutely loved it. Mountain biking is the coolest activity at camp because the campers get to explore and make their own way around camp, but it's by no means easy. Kids come to push themselves and create a physical challenge that requires them to work hard to make it up the big hills or to stay in control down the long slopes. As an instructor, it was fantastic to see the creativity and team spirit show up when we were on the bikes. Everyone wanted to make the bikes better and improve each others' skills.



My cabin was Blackfoot. It's the second oldest boys before the teen programs. The campers in Blackfoot are generally between the ages of twelve and fourteen. What I love about this age group is



GIRLS' COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR – KRISTIN EAST

I absolutely love watching returning campers come back each year and observing the change in them from summer to summer. Each summer, I see them becoming more mature and becoming role models for fellow campers. For first time campers, I want to be a part of the group that helps spark that love for camp. I want every camper to see how camp can help them grow and become more than a

place with cool activities or a different change of scenery from home.

At archery, I would always enjoy watching the campers turn around and excitedly exclaim that they got their level, especially when they had been trying for multiple rounds. In addition, I liked to see campers of all ages come back during challenge blocks for all three hours. They would not always shoot for the whole time but would enjoy the friendly atmosphere at the range. Having them there for multiple hours would give me the opportunity to befriend campers in Fenneman Village and have lengthier conversations with campers in the Ridge Tops.

With older campers, you get to behave like a responsible big sister. I had more opportunities to have personal conversations with the campers. I got to ask them why they keep returning to camp, why they want to become a counselor one day, and what are their goals and dreams. This allowed me to see how camp has had a positive influence on them and to guide them in their path to become role models at camp.

I have been coming to Camp Carson since 2009. In my nine





**BOYS' COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR
– CRAIG ATKINS cont.**

that they are beginning to discover how the world and themselves work. I want to hear about how they are managing such an important part of their development. At this age, I was really an “awkward teenager.” I love seeing kids that I can relate to and I always try to help them feel more self assured and confident. It is great being able to offer these kids independence and see them grow in a friendly and accepting environment.

Camp means so much to me because of how much it helped me to grow. I learned how to be myself and enjoy what I do, gaining confidence in who I am as a person. I think about my camp experiences every day, about how I handled things at camp or how my friends dealt with a tough situation – allowing me to make the correct decision.

I've just started employment in the defense industry as an engineer back home in the UK. I hope to move to the space sector after gaining some experience. Ultimately, I'd love to work on rockets and satellites, as my dream job is to be an astronaut. If I could be the first person on Mars, what a journey that would be. Camp counselor to astronaut – that's the dream.

**GIRLS' COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR
– KRISTIN EAST cont.**

summers, starting as a camper and transitioning to a counselor, camp has helped me to become more confident in myself. When I was younger, I never wanted people to look at me strangely. So I always acted calm and collected to prevent people from looking at me weirdly. This caused me to have low confidence in my personality. It made me shy away from interactions with new people. But camp created a comfortable environment that allowed me to interact with strangers in a purposely weird atmosphere and to develop close bonds with them in a short period of time. Now, in camp and in college, I find myself looking forward to meeting new people and not caring if they question my actions. I have met amazing people because camp has taught me to not be afraid of being myself.

Currently, I am in my sophomore year at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology studying chemical engineering.



SEARS

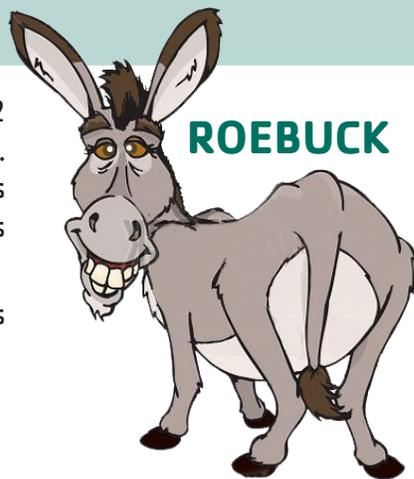


IN SEARCH OF...

For several years, camp had 2 donkeys named Sears and Roebuck. We would love to find a photo of this duo as well as any stories about this infamous pair.

Please send your photos and/or stories to dscoular@ymcacampcarson.org.

ROEBUCK



CONGRATULATIONS 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.



2017 Week 6 Honor Campers

Kate Amos
Brooke Bartle
Caroline Beauerle
Ben Beauerle
David Beaver
Landon Begle
Gabby Bennitt
Lily Beyers
Aly Black
Beau Bourgeois
Steele Brasfield
Harrison Brown
Nolan Buckenmeyer

Dominic Burgett
Nolan Caban
Bryleigh Caldwell
Mateo Cerritos
Reece Carroll
Noah Chisholm
Claire Coe
Mia Cooper
Angelina Costeur
Kennedy Daley
Andi Damin
Koal Dockett
Nora Doyle
Emma Duell
Tivarius Edwards
Aspen Epperson
Adeline Evans
Kristen Eykamp
Josh Fairchild
Trevor Forney

Annalise Forster
Aspen Foster
Summer Fraley
Maddy France
Aidan Frey
Hailey Goff
Jesse Gourley
Gabe Haenszel
Andrew Halvorson
Kara Hanchett
Max Hanley
Allison Heck
Sam Heppner
Zane Hignite
Ethan Hunt
Sophie Ice
Lena Impastato
Hannah Jamison
Aiden Kaye
Elliot Kendall

Hannah Kent
Chestin Kincaid
Sean Kissam
Audrey Knipstein
Samuel Koehler
Kyrissa Kreinbrook
Konnor Kreinbrook
Sean Lally
Sam Lawniczak
Ava Lenfant
Micah Lee
Owen Lee
Gage Maglis
Olivia Martin
Jaylin McCue
Tyler Meyers
Ayden Miles
Emma Miller
Emma Money
Ella Montgomery

Greyson Moore
Kennedy Motz
Brooks Nutt
Caroline Palmer
Adam Perry
Zach Peters
Waverleigh Peters
Gavin Podewils
Kadence Ramey
Maggie Reagan
Sophia Redella
Mason Riecken
Ellie Roberts
Scott Russell
Isabelle Schmitz
Addi Schnarr
Parker Seay
Reegan Siewert
Evie Silva
Joel Stumpf

Josh Stumpf
Lexi Suzuki
Steven Thompson
Makayla Thorne
Santiago Toro
Kyler Valley
Juan Villalpando
Ivette Villalpando
Jack Vittori
Will Vraney
Julia Werner
Stephen Wickson
Chance Woley
Jason Woolsey
Anna Wright
Kaylee Yancey
Ilia Young



FAMILY CAMP 2017

Labor Day weekend, 113 moms, dads, brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, aunts, uncles, cousins, grandmas and grandpas spent 2 1/2 days "doing camp" together.

We really enjoy seeing so many extended families who make Family Camp an annual tradition. We also enjoy seeing the relationships that build between new families and the families that attend year after year. A Family reunion at its finest.



BBC/WILD PICTURES AND HARRY POTTER ACTRESS FILMS DOCUMENTARY AT YMCA CAMP CARSON



This summer, award winning actress and British national treasure, Miriam Margolyes (AKA Professor Sprout in the Harry Potter movies) embarked on a 1000 mile road trip through the heart of America – from Chicago all the way to New Orleans – for an exciting new series for the BBC.



As part of her journey, Miriam was offered the opportunity to join a long-standing and vital American tradition – summer camp. YMCA Camp Carson was selected exclusively, to give Miriam an opportunity to discover firsthand how the camp experience truly shapes the growth and development of children and young adults. Filming of the documentary took place in July and will be released on BBC ONE in the UK early in 2018, eventually being released in the US later in 2018. We'll keep you updated as we learn more about the release date.



"It IS a special place, because of the people there. ...the children I shall remember most of all. Make sure they know the impact they made on me."

Excerpt from Miriam's email after her visit.

WELCOME – NEW BRIDGE BUILDERS

Bridge Builders have contributed a minimum of \$1000 to the Endowment Fund and/or have named YMCA Camp Carson as a beneficiary through their estate plans.



Max & Dusty Fiester – Inducted at Family Camp Sept. 3, 2017.

Pictured here with children Jack, Lauren and Brady.



Lewis & Jeanette Plane



Richelle & Kevin Williams
Inducted at Annual Bridge Builders Dinner – July 11, 2017.



Beautiful day for our campers who took the weekly canoe trip to the White River.

KNIESE SCHOLARSHIP – CARLY RAZNY

The thing about working with kids 24/7 is it really makes you care free. Seeing how they can turn anything into a fun game really inspired me to make everything fun. Swim Games was a new challenge for me this summer. In my seven years at camp, I had never gone to this activity. Seeing kids start out the week barely able to doggy paddle and finish out the week being able to swim in the deep end was empowering. Their determination and perseverance through the week to learn how to swim was something magical and I am lucky to have been a part of it.

Another change for me was being in the second youngest girls cabin. They bring the magic to camp, not only for other campers, but for counselors. Whether it be turning the slingshot range into alien hunting, or getting a fire to burn by singing to the firewood, my campers put magic into everything.

Throughout my seven years, camp has helped me grow up. I notice every year, it keeps helping me through different life lessons. Whether it be climbing the Alpine Tower, helping lead ragers, or talking at BMS, camp has made me the person I am today. My relationship with God is stronger than ever. Having such a positive environment in which to live for eight weeks truly is the experience of a lifetime.

Currently I am in my freshman year of college. Once I graduate with my marketing degree, I hope to one day run and direct my own camp. But until then, I plan on continuing my journey with Camp Carson.



Carly Razny and August Neal

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



Our LIT and CIT programs include some kind of camp service project.

Some of this year's projects included repairing and staining picnic tables and working on the landscaping in front of the new dining hall deck.





Please consider joining us for our Giving Tuesday. As a non-profit organization, we truly depend on the generosity of our camp friends, alums and community.

Your gifts ensure that we can continue to make camp accessible to all kids, through tier pricing and scholarships, and that we are able to maintain excellence with our programs and facility.



What is Giving Tuesday?

Giving Tuesday was created when two organizations, the 92nd Street Y and the United Nations Foundation came together in 2012, about a month before that year's Thanksgiving. Their intention was to set aside a day that was all about celebrating the generosity of giving.

To give online, go to campcarson.org



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 2018 Camp Informational Night to introduce other families to the magic of camp.
- Donate a used **Station Wagon** or Mini Van.
- Sponsor a **Student Life Application Bible(s)**. It is our desire to make a Bible available to any camper upon request.
- Sponsor the **NYPUM program (North American Youth Project Using Mini-bikes)**.
- Volunteer to help maintain plants and shrubs 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...

- **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**
- A **Suspension Bridge** at camp
- **Mini Glass/Jewelry kiln** for Creative Arts
- **Precision Air Pellet Rifles**
- **Ammunition** for riflery (.22 LR)
- **Costumes, props, dress up clothes** for skits



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

REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER 2018!

Join many parents taking advantage of payment plans.



FALL EVENTS

VOLUNTEER Afternoon

Saturday, November 4 • 1-5 pm CST

Recruit a team and join us for an afternoon of camp work projects and fellowship.

BONFIRE Evening

Saturday, November 4 • 5-9 pm CST

All ages! A cozy night of chili, hotdogs, s'mores and songs around the campfire.

**Please RSVP
812-385-3597**

SPRING EVENTS

VOLUNTEER Morning

Saturday, April • 1-5 pm CST

Recruit a team and join us for a morning of camp work projects and fellowship. Lunch is served.

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, April 29 • 1-4 pm CST



SUMMER EVENTS

STRAWBERRIES & CREAM

2nd Annual Staff/Alumni Event

Saturday, June 2, 2018

An opportunity to fellowship with staff alums and encourage our summer staff as they make final preparations for our first campers arriving the next day!

SUMMER CAMP BEGINS

Sunday, June 3, 2018

BRIDGE BUILDERS DINNER

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Recognition for our endowment donors.

FAMILY CAMP

Labor Day Weekend September 1-3



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.

CONNECT OR RECONNECT WITH CAMP

Links available via our website gateway page.

