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YMCA CAMP CARSON

SUMMER OF ACHIEVEMENT – Mark Scoular, Executive Director

In an era where we see so much in the media about the challenges educators and employers face with millennials, specifically in the areas of independence, accountability, responsibility, and motivation, I want to say that this summer we witnessed a refreshing counter note to those reports. An incredible “10 nation” staff team came together to help our 1,170 plus campers take on a “Summer of Achievement”!

In an environment designed to help our campers connect with others and deepen friendships, we see a direct correlation to how these relationships impact their sense of confidence as well as their willingness to try new things and take on new challenges. With this end in mind, this past winter the activity curriculum was rewritten to better equip our counselors to more effectively coach the campers in setting and achieving specific goals. Our campers truly knocked the ball out of the park, challenging themselves and accomplishing even more than we imagined. Our hope is that this process and these outcomes empower campers to apply these same life skills outside of camp as they take on opportunities and challenges at home and school.

In the same way that we have been challenging our campers, as a staff and camp board, we have been challenging ourselves. In 2014, after much due diligence, research and planning, our camp board set a capital campaign goal of \$4,000,000. I am happy to report that as of this publication, we are close to \$2.7M and anticipate being in a position to launch the \$500,000 public phase of the campaign by late spring 2016. More information will follow in the coming months. As a result of the campaign progress so far, three major construction projects will be taking place this winter. I hope you enjoy looking over the plans included in this newsletter and will follow along on Facebook or swing by camp for a visit.

This newsletter is truly a celebration of our campers’ achievements. Camp is so much more than campfires and smores. It is truly one of the last few places where kids feel good about disconnecting from technology, connecting to people face to face, taking on real adventures and building life skills that will help them for many years to come. And who knows, just as our board were inspired, maybe these experiences will create a passion in our campers to someday give back and set goals to make camp bigger and better for future campers.

Mark Scoular



SPENCER GOODSON – NEW Camp Board Chariman

After 4 years serving as our Camp Board Chair, Bob Fenneman has rotated out of this role and rolled back on as a board member. We are so appreciative of Bob's leadership and are glad he will continue to be engaged with camp in this capacity. We are delighted to announce that Dr. Spencer Goodson will be stepping into this role. Spencer originally joined the Camp Carson family in 1960 as a camper. Spencer attended camp for 8 summers as a camper and then served on staff for 3 years. Spencer is a native of Evansville but upon completing medical school at Indiana University, surgery residency at University of Wisconsin in Madison, and vascular fellowship in Chicago, he practiced in Indianapolis at Methodist Hospital. Following a very unfortunate snow skiing accident, Spencer could no longer perform surgery and redirected his education to law. He obtained his law degree from IU and now practices in the field of medical law. Spencer also enjoys teaching med students at IU. Spencer has served on our camp board for the past 5 years and is passionate about camp and its impact on children. He still gets his "camper fix" when he and his wife, Mary, attend Family Camp each year. They began attending with 2 grandchildren and each year the Goodson crew gets bigger – this year they enjoyed the weekend with a whole cabin of their immediate and extended family members. With more and more kids attending camp each summer and with all the new programs and new construction in the works, camp continues to be a life changing place. We are so honored to have Spencer at the helm as we move forward.



Bob Fenneman hands over the paddle as Spencer Goodson takes the helm as Camp Board Chair.

NIKI LAMBERT – KNIESE SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

Niki served as the Girls Head Counselor this summer and did a terrific job. You'll understand why when you read her comments below about her role and interactions with staff and campers.

"Seeing the transformation and breakthroughs the children make and knowing that you are part of the reason that these things happen; knowing that you are helping to share how they will turn out in the future and that you are creating memories for them. Also, just the joy and fun that having children in your life brings. Their zest and energy is contagious. It really made me excited when I got to work with marshmallows (homesick campers), and then got to see them stick it out to the end of the week, making it one of their biggest triumphs of their camp experience."

As Girl's Head Counselor, "I enjoyed training, mentoring, encouraging, advocating for, and loving every single person on my female staff. I loved seeing the relationships formed and the continued family atmosphere they kept throughout all the weeks (not any easy feat). I adore helping and caring for others, and this was the perfect opportunity to focus on others."

"Camp gave me a lot of professional experience working with kids, planning and facilitating, training and managing, problem and conflict solving, and getting along with all types of people. It also gave me experience with a lot of kid problems and kid ages. However, I think the greatest way it influenced me was encouraging me to set the goal of being the role model I wanted to see of my staff and the campers. It also gave me a lot of confidence to be me, and know I can do a great job leading others."

"I am currently in my last semester at Ohio University!!! I am graduating in December with my Bachelor's in Specialized Studies, emphasis in Early Childhood and outdoor education. After, I plan on getting some seasonal jobs for a few years. I hope to get a job at an outdoor school or camp during spring and fall semester, hopefully teaching nature courses, or back packing, rock climbing, or kayaking. During the summer I hope to do guide work and show people the inspiration of the outdoors or work as education personnel at a National Park." You can see Niki is a bundle of aspiration and inspiration! We have no doubt she will continue to make a positive impact wherever life leads her.



Niki and August Neal



The Kniese Scholarship was established in 2002 by camp alum, August Neal, in memory of Mark Kniese and his incredible passion for kids and life. This scholarship is awarded to one Camp Carson Staff member each summer. Our summer counselors are asked to nominate a peer who most exemplifies the core values of the YMCA – Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility. This year the scholarship award totaled \$4,000. This is the 14th year this scholarship has been awarded totaling over \$36,000 has been awarded.

SUMMER OF IMPACT

95

FAMILY CAMPERS



58

FALL CAMPERS



665

SHOSHONE Campers (Traditional Camp, Dirt Bike Campers and Independence Diabetes Campers – Sponsored by the Jay Cutler Foundation)



202

Horseback Riders Includes Trail Riders and WRANGLER campers – horse camp

29

FOX Campers (Mini 3 day Camp)



46

Teens completed 2 week programs through LIT (Leader in Training) and CIT (Counselor in Training)



238

Campers from Military Families through Operation Purple Camp, Camp Corral and Operation Military Support (177 on the Waitlist)



112

Safety Patrol Campers



140

Christian Leadership Conference Attendees

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Happy Family – After being deployed for a year, this Dad came to camp on Friday afternoon and surprised his 2 kids!

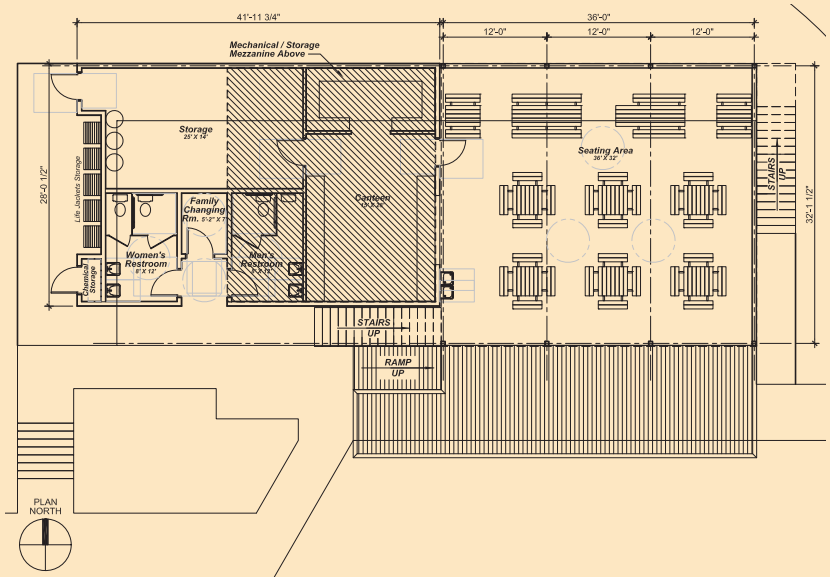
Here's a sneak preview of the building plans we are finalizing to send off to the State of Indiana for approval! We are really excited about seeing these structures go up over the next few months and be ready for action Summer 2016. As always, stay connected to the progress by watching our Facebook site. You don't even have to be "on Facebook" personally to see the photos - just go to campcarson.org and click on the Facebook icon and browse away.

Aquatic Center

A Continuing the Legacy Campaign Project Donated by Toyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana

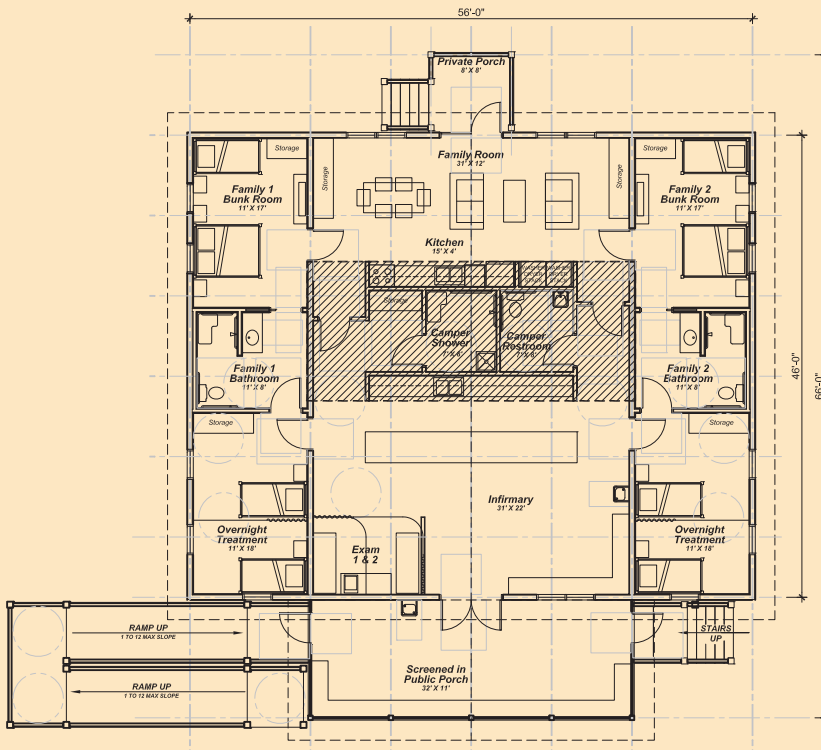


L to R: Derrick Stewart, CEO, YMCA SW Indiana; Norm Bafunno, TMMI President; Dan Potje, Vice President for Administration & Secretary; Mark Scoular, Exec. Director Camp Carson, Camp Staff Rich Wertin, Kyle Smith, Sarah Hooper and Debra Scoular



Health Center

- A Continuing the Legacy Campaign Project Donated by Courtney and Jo Carson



Courtney is the great grandson of William Carson who purchased the original camp property for the Y in 1940.

Staff Wellness Center

A Continuing the Legacy Campaign Project Donated by Alan & Sharon Braun



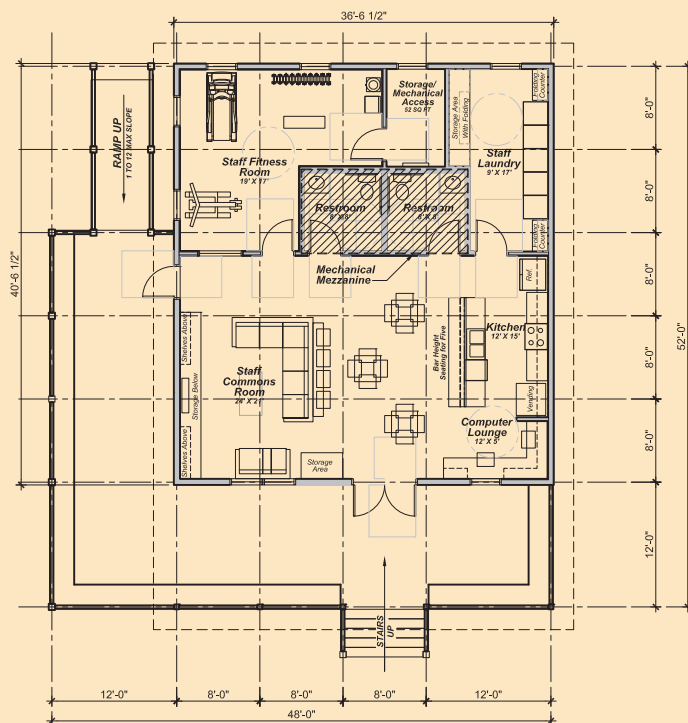
Alan and Sharon Braun

Technology Area Within Staff Wellness Center

Donated by Doug & Lora Petitt Family



Doug & Lora Petitt with sons Logan and Lucas – 3 year campers

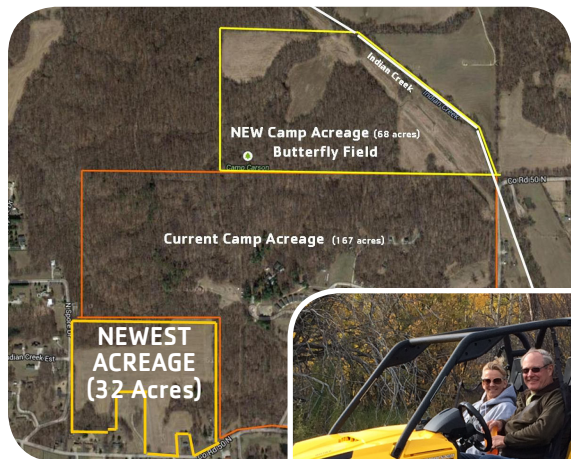


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ADDITIONAL ACRES

A Continuing Legacy Project Donated by Craig & Mary Fenneman

As part of Craig and Mary Fenneman's \$1.1 million commitment to the CTL Campaign, camp has acquired this property to our west, protecting our camp borders and creating a buffer to preserve the "away from it all" feel for camp.



Craig & Mary Fenneman



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 2016 Camp Informational Night to introduce other families to the magic of camp.
- Provide 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.
- **Share your IT skills** to develop camp wide internet access.

You can Sponsor...

- **GPS Cross Country** orienteering program
- **Digital Photography and Video Program**
- Purchase of new **Western Saddles**
- **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
- **2 Tee Pees** by Nomadic TeePee Makers for Cabin Campouts
- **Mini Glass/Jewelry kiln** for Creative Arts
- **Precision Air Pellet Rifles**
- **Slingshot Program**
- **YURT**
- Replacement **Kayaks**
- **Ammunition** for riflery (.22 LR)
- **Costumes, props, dress up clothes** for skits

COUNSELORS OF THE YEAR

Congratulations are in order for Scott Backler and Reygan Reinhart who were nominated as the boys and girls Counselor of the Year. We asked them to share their thoughts about camp, their campers, how camp influenced them personally as well as their lives away from camp. Below are some excerpts from their comments.

BOYS COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR – SCOTT BACKLER

"It's very hard to pick one thing that you can say of your 'favorite' thing about camp. The people you meet, the close friendships you make, the things you get to do and experience are all things that are inclined to stay with you for the rest of your life, regardless if you've spent 1 summer at camp or 10. Possibly the most powerful and important thing about camp are those counselor/camper bonds. To see that shy, unsure, maybe even unhappy camper come into the cabin at the start of the week and just gain in social skills, independence, confidence and more, is absolutely fantastic!"



"I loved teaching the kids Riflery at camp this summer, and considering that I know a lot about rifles, it was most enjoyable to impart my knowledge into the kids. It was fantastic fun when the kids would constantly want to know more and get better at shooting."

Scott worked with 2 age groups this summer. "Both were fantastic in their own ways. The youngest boys - seeing them not only have a great time but also interact with and learn from their counselors and the other kids their age. Working with the LITs was much different but just as enjoyable. We also saw them grow and feed off each other as well as the counselors. They did a series of tasks designed to demonstrate their leadership abilities and also to point out their strengths and weaknesses so that they can grow and build on them. On the whole though the most exciting thing about being a camp counselor was the chance to positively affect the kids and set them up for more personal growth and development when they leave camp."

"I have to say, this summer particularly has influenced me immensely, I really feel as though I have a wider perspective of life, enjoy the little things in life much more, and I also feel that happiness and the ability to affect people in a good positive way is very key in life. I feel very powerful and capable after camp and as if I can do anything. It is an amazing experience, and to fly over to the US and give my normal life up for 2 months for camp is actually the best decision I've ever made in my life. Honestly."

Scott is back home in England working and also serving as a reservist in the British Army. He is exploring options for the future and while he's not sure exactly which direction he will go, he says "I have come to the conclusion that helping people in some way or another is what I would most enjoy and benefit from." He plans to do some extensive travel while he considers a career as a teacher or fireman. Scott, we know you'll be brilliant in whatever you choose to do.

GIRLS COUNSELOR OF THE YEAR – REYGAN REINHART

"My favorite thing about working with the kids at camp is seeing the impact that camp has on them. I know that might sound kind of corny or like the "go to" answer but it is the truth and unless you've seen it with your own eyes it is hard to understand. It is honestly very cool and rewarding to see a kid that wouldn't say a word to anyone at the beginning of the week open up to the whole cabin, or perhaps even just you or one of the other kids. I haven't experienced anything more rewarding than those moments."

"I worked at boating and swim games this summer, and I really liked watching kids come down to the waterfront and learning a new skill. And at swim games, we would have kids come down who hadn't passed their initial swim test and by Friday they had their white bands and were swimming the Mile Swim! Kids are capable of much more than they realize sometimes, and I liked watching them realize they could do certain things."

"I worked with the LITs this summer for 4 weeks and I was beyond excited because my LIT year was 2 of my favorite weeks of camp I have ever had. To say I was excited to provide that experience to campers myself is an understatement."

"Because of camp, I am much more outgoing, creative, and patient. Camp creates an environment in which you can grow as a person because it is so safe there. I learned to lead at camp, and how to be led."

Reygan is currently in the middle of her sophomore year at IU Bloomington studying informatics. She is now a sorority sister with one of her fellow counselors and plans to travel with another counselor to Montana to visit with another female counselor they worked with this past summer! Camp bonds do indeed run deep. We wish you all the best Reygan!



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Certificates of Achievement earning skill levels at camp activity areas on land and at the waterfront

88

CARSON JUNIORS

Earned 1st Level in every activity at camp

Ty Acuff
Raelyn Anslinger
Keturah Bartlett
Lydia Baumberger
Darren Beaver
Anderson Becker
Inman Becker
Josh Bowles
Connor Boyle
Kate Breeden
River Brown
Courtney Calhoun
Owen Clary
Ella Dahmer
Keegan Dannheiser
Dee Drury
Lauren Duell
Sam Eremita
Ryan Evans
Aiden Farmer
Jack Fiester
Aidan Fleming
Rachel Franke
Grace Fraser
Jesse Gourley
Brenden Grayson Shrode
Jordan Greene
Cooper Hamby
Kiley Hamby
Max Hanley
Macy Happe
Sydney Hardin
Carlie Hawker
Ben Heppner
Sam Heppner
Lilly Hiester
Taylor Jacinto
Emma Johnson
Spencer Johnson
Aaron Jones
Sutter Kelley
Hailey Kirkland
Brady Klohr
Grayson Koontz

Caden Kuhns
Ian Leonhardt
AJ Lothamer
Tanner Lowery
Gage Maglis
Ciera Mardis
Mia McClelland
Samantha McClelland
Ryan McCutcheon
Hope McGuire
Lucas McManus
Kacey Melton
Kate Melton
Philip Mick
Haley Miles
Emma Miller
Wesley Miller
Sam Mitchell
Max Nicholson
Miranda Nosko
Pete Overstreet
Lauren Ozete
Carli Powell
TJ Reagan
Hallie Riordan
Angel Roberts
Jakob Rogier
Pim Sanklong
Hadley Sheffer
Evie Silva
Jake Spurling
Tyler Spurling
Sam Syrony
Kaylyn Tackett
Rivers Tarr
Emily Thompson
Makayla Thorne
Gwyn Traylor
Alex Vensel
Christina Walton
Nathaniel Weinzapfel
Julia Werner
Ethan Willner
Deanna Woodburn

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MILE SWIMMERS

8 "there and back" crossings of the lake

Marc Allerheiligen
Aaliyah Arteaga
Annabelle Barsumian
Lydia Baumberger
Austin Boyle
Izzy Braeske
Zoe Bucshon
Chance Byers
Emma Cardwell
Emily Cartier
Ella Chamberlain
Simon Choate
Finn Clary
Mia Cooper
Chase Cornelison
Ali Cox
Kara Criss
Chloe Denny
Brenna Donahoe
Flora Eidson
Ada Emerson
Natalie Esgar
Adeline Evans
Ian Feld
Jack Forster
Grace Fraser
Hailey George
Claire Gilles
Emily Glowatcky
Jesse Gourley
Jordan Greene
Charlie Haller
Lauren Hanley
Max Hanley
Mahogany Hawthorn
Ryan Huck
Lucas Humel
Emma Johnson
Spencer Johnson
Payton Kinsler
Hailey Kirkland
Sophie Kloppenburg
Grayson Koontz
Jake Krueger
Alex Kuykendall
Haley Lance
Sam Lawniczak

Ian Leonhardt
Emily Lothamer
Joey Lothamer
Tanner Lowery
Sadie Malks
Ciera Mardis
Derek Marksberry
Jake Marten
Lauren Matuscak
Kate Melton
Philip Mick
Allison Miles
Andy Miller
Lexi Neal
Ramsey Newton
Max Nicholson
Sky Nunn
Mallory Nurrenbern
Natalie Overstreet
Lauren Ozete
Daijah Payne
Logan Petitt
Aidya Rathfon
Paige Renschler
Emma Riecken
Claire Roseman
Everett Roseman
Gregory Russell
Matt Scholer
Garrett Seibert
Hadley Sheffer
Evie Silva
Audrey Spurling
Caleb Spurling
Hallie Spurling
Jackson Spurling
Tyler Spurling
Rivers Tarr
Oliver Theby
Emily Thompson
Sam Trail
Jacy Turpin
Benjamin Weinzapfel
Madison Wheeler
Olivia Whitlock
Ethan Willner
Lera Wilson

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HONOR CAMPERS

Campers who go "above and beyond" in the cabin demonstrating the core values of Caring, Honesty, Respect, Responsibility and Faith.

Catie Ackerman
Alex Adair
Caleb Aiken
Jacob Alvey
Joel Alvey
Jana Baker
Leah Barton
David Beaver
Sydney Beck
Landon Begle
Claire Billman
Max Bowe
Brandon Bowman
Steele Brasfield
Austin Brown
Bailey Brush
Nolan Buckenmeyer
Ryann Bunyak
Briley Burns
Nila Burns
Aaron Bussell
Davis Cannon
Noemi Cerritos
Ella Chamberlain
Ryan Chaney
Simon Choate
Camden Coomes
Mia Cooper
Ali Cox
Addie Day
Ashlynn Dillon
Caroline Effinger
Ada Emerson
Evan Englert
Ryan Evans
Sophie Feightner
Lilly Ferguson
Brady Fiester
Lauren Fiester
Ian Freeman
Emily Glowatcky
Jesse Gourley
Brayden Gray
Jordan Greene
Ericka Gregory
Parker Griffin
Blake Hafley
Mason Hammers
Calla Haukap
Alex Heck
Lilly Hiester
Kenzie Holajter
Robyn Hough
Ryan Huck
Amelia Hudson
Lucas Humel

Taylor Jacinto
Hannah Jamison
Aaron Jones
Chestin Kincaid
Sydney Kincaid
Robert Kruse
Lucas LeBlanc
AJ Lothamer
Teagan Lowman
Gage Maglis
Ava McGue
Josh Melrose
Philip Mick
Ellie Middleton
Andy Miller
Graham Miller
Lucas Miller
Lauren Miller
Caiti Milligan
Keara Milligan
Sam Mitchell
Andrew Mitchell
Elie Montgomery
Chase Morton
Macy Oberhart
Natalie Overstreet
Lauren Ozete
Audrey Peake
Adam Perry
Parker Ray
TJ Reagan
Maggie Reagan
Emma Riecken
Everett Roseman
Caine Rowley
Shawn Sanford
Pim Sanklong
Keandre Saunders
Evie Silva
Ben Simmons
Aly Spalding
Hallie Spurling
Ellason Stahl
Anna Stanley
Wyatt Sumner
Taylor Tackett
Kaya Tredway
Alex Vensel
David Walling
Eliza Warren
Sophie Weinzapfel
Anneliese Wickson
Sabrina Williams
Trinity Wilson
Robert Woods

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CARSON SENIORS

Earned ALL levels at every activity area at camp

Chance Byers
Simon Choate
Nate Huddleston

Lucas Humel
Max Nicholson

110

FOG JOGGERS

7:00 am jog around the lake - 4 out of 5 mornings

55

TRIATHALON CAMPERS

3 "down and back" crossings of the lake (little over a 1/3 mile), 2 figure-8 laps on mountain bike - route takes campers on 2 loops around land and the lake (approx. 2.5 miles), and finally 1 running lap around the lake (approx. 1/2 mile)

Savannah Barrett
Evan Birch
Lauren Boehm
Owen Boxley
Neveah Bradley
Carter Breckenridge
Nolan Buckenmeyer
Halle Buechler
Chance Byers
Hannah Choate
John Dombrowski
Lauren Duell
Ada Emerson
Evan Englert

Eli Fanok
Jordan Greene
Max Hammond
Sam Heppner
Kara Howard
Lucas Humel
Emma Johnson
Aaron Jones
Sophie Kloppenburg
Konnor Kreinbrook
Kyrissa Kreinbrook
Sam Lawniczak
Micah Lee
Jake Marten

Lauren Matuscak
Mia McClelland
Kate Melton
Philip Mick
Allison Miles
Emma Miller
Sam Mitchell
Lilly Mobley
Garrett Motz
Lauren Ozete
Alex Palma
Molly Powers
Ashton Probus
Dayna Rogers

Daryn Rust
Bailey Schmitt
Daniel Schultz
Makayla Speed
Meg Spicer
Hallie Spurling
Jake Spurling
Tyler Spurling
Ellason Stahl
Taylor Tackett
Rivers Tarr
Morgan Wile
Maya Yamaguchi

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POLAR BEAR DIPPERS

7:00 am dip in the lake - 4 out of 5 mornings - brrrr



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

"SUMMER OF ACHIEVEMENT" HIGHLIGHTS INSIDE!

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GREAT GIFT IDEAS FOR PARENTS & GRANDPARENTS

A WEEK of resident camp = numerous GIFTS that will last for YEARS! Gifts below are designed to appreciate in value over time. They include but are not limited to:

Confidence
Courage
Decision Making
Personal Goal Setting
Collaboration
Cooperation
Teamwork
Face to Face Conversation
Encouragement
Memories

Social Skills
Communication
Independence
Problem Solving
Critical Thinking
Challenge Taking
No Cell Phone Survival Skills
(This gift is transferable to No Internet, Computer or XBOX)
Friendship

We invite you to shop at campcarson.org for details about these gifts.

40,000 TO GO!

2015 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN ENSURING MORE KIDS GET TO CAMP!

We Need Your Help
Getting More Kids to Camp –
\$40,000 Remaining to Reach our
2015 Annual Campaign Goal

**\$102,000
Raised**

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ADVANTAGES

when you REGISTER NOW for 2016

1. Register by **December 15, 2015** and secure 2016 dates at 2015 rates. After 4 years of holding tight, rates WILL go up for 2016 on December 16.
2. Spread payments over next several months through **payment plan options**.



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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