



YMCA Camp Carson

An Experience That Lasts A Lifetime!

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Back "Home" to Camp after 40 Years!

By Mark Scoular, Executive Director

As we come to the close of another summer at camp, I cannot help but reflect in awe at the depth of impact this experience creates and how much more critical, than ever before, these camp programs are in the lives of our children.

On a weekend in early June, we had a small group of **Alumni from the 60's** gather at camp for a weekend. For many, it was the first time they had connected in person in almost 40 years. Yet to watch them sit on the porch and reflect and share stories, it was clear that the bond of friendship was so deep, you would have thought they were just here yesterday. **As they talked, I heard and observed in many ways that camp had played a significant role in shaping the person they had become.** But that wasn't why they came to camp all those years ago! At that time, they had no idea of the impact camp would have on their growth as a person.

I wanted to share some of their thoughts with you, as they shared their messages of thanks for the weekend.

"It was a great weekend at Camp Carson; I'm very pleased I was able to be back there with you. We all have great camp memories and stories (some may even be true), but most impressive to me is how quickly we picked up our friendship after 40+ years. I'm also very impressed with how well Camp Carson is doing – running great programs, keeping up the facilities, keeping the mission alive."

"Mark, thank you and your staff for a great weekend. At our age, we have been many places and seen lots of people, but none as rewarding, healing, funny, and motivating as I had those two days at Camp Carson. My renewal of the balance of body, mind, and spirit and the instant reconnections with people we hadn't seen in 40 years was almost overwhelming. Thank you all so much for letting us have the great power of Camp Carson again."

"What a great weekend! I am so glad to have seen everyone and have an opportunity to relive some special memories and laugh more than I have in a very long time. Thanks! Let's not wait another 40+ years though before trying to get together again."



"To everyone... It is good to know no matter how old you are, how far away you may go or how many years have passed, you can always come "home" to Camp Carson and special friends. Thank you for attending and making the event a memorable weekend."

"It was great fun seeing everyone. We made a difference."

Back L to R: Karsten "Yogi" Rilying, Kent Meyer, David Baugh, Steve Fritz
Front L to R: Craig Fenneman, Jerry Dennis, Mark Fraser, Bill Carson, Greg Faith, Mark Peterson, Spencer Goodson, Joe Arvidson, Reno DeMuth, Pat Mitchell.
Attendees not pictured here: Terry Yunker, Bill Ochsner

As donors, you desire is to invest in young lives and make a difference and you are. You are giving them an opportunity **today** to experience all that a week of camp holds and it will, indeed, have an incredible impact on them this summer. **HOWEVER**, the bigger gift you have given is seen in those comments from our Alumni. **Forty and fifty years from now**, today's campers will be sharing the power and depth of their camp experiences. They'll talk about the friendships built and all the antics they were involved in during their time at camp. And as they look back, they will also talk about the life skills they acquired at camp and things they learned about themselves and others - the things you don't really realize you're learning while you're a camper.

So yes, when our kids come to camp, in their minds, they're here for a week of fun, friendship and adventure. The gift you have given them goes so much deeper and will last so much longer. Truly an Experience that Lasts a Lifetime!



Cabin Sponsors L to R: Mary & Craig Fenneman, Courtney Carson (wife Jo), Dave Abbott (representing Independent Insurance Agents of Evansville), Greg Faith (wife JoAnna) and Doug Annakin, also representing Independent Insurance Agents of Evansville).

On June 15, a dedication was held for the four new Ridgetop Cabins which are located on the ridge just behind the current Half Moon Cabins (where the riflery range used to be). We were pleased to recognize the sponsors of the cabins who were all present. After welcoming remarks from Bob Fenneman, Camp Board Chair, and Derrick Stewart, CEO, Mark, Executive Director, gave a heartfelt dedication speech. Mark brought to the minds of our guests the thoughts and feelings of camp as a **“second home”** or **“home away from home”** for 1000's of campers over the past seven decades. We can testify to this sentiment because we have heard so many, many of our alumni say, “It feels like coming home.” Mark also asked the audience to think about “... if the walls of these 70+ year old cabins could talk, think of memories and stories we would hear. What will the walls of these new cabins witness in the years to come?” After all, he explained, “We know **it's not about the building**, it's

about **what happens in the building** that will make these new cabins a special part of camp memories made by 1000's more campers for the next '74 years' and beyond!” Enjoy these photos and please plan a visit to camp. We're here year around and love to walk through camp with visitors and share the magic that can only happen at camp.



Above: Derrick Stewart, CEO of YMCA of Southwestern Indiana, and Mark Scoular, prepare to give the donors a small plaque and a pine cone. Yes, a pine cone. A pine cone from the 50 ft trees which grew in front of the original cabins. A reminder that the seeds we plant at camp grow into impactful memories and experiences that last a lifetime.

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OUR NEW DIGS!



Down a path towards the old riflery range, just behind the original 12 cabins and up on the ridge, a series of posts has evolved into the 4 new Ridgetop Cabins! All the cabins have wrap around porches with views of the surrounding forest. On the inside, each camper bunk will have a reading light and outlets for fans. Unfortunately, we were not able to open them for occupancy this summer – still waiting for approval from the State of Indiana for the water and sewer line plans. However, throughout the summer, Mark took campers on tours so they could see the new digs! We're excited about the new additions and welcome you to come for a tour as well.



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Labor Day
Weekend
Aug 31 – Sept 2,
2013



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MILITARY KIDS SERVE TOO!

This summer we served 117 military family campers from several branches of the armed services. On Wednesday, General Umbarger arrived via Black Hawk (along with top ranking military personnel from Slovakia) and spent some time with the kids. He thanked them for *their* service and the sacrifices they make having a parent in the military especially during deployments. Rolling Thunder, which sponsored several children, made a visit to camp that evening as a show of support for the campers. Thanks to all who have given support for this program and for giving us the opportunity to serve these families!

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WISH LIST and WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- Volunteer to help organize two annual **workdays at camp** (Spring/Fall)
- Volunteer to be a **Host Family** for a 2014 Camp Informational Night to introduce other families to the magic of camp
- Join or create a team of **campaigners** for our 2014 Annual Fund Campaign and Military Support in support of traditional and military camper scholarships and programs
- 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 **NYPUM program (National Youth Project Using Minibikes)**

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 Village
- Purchase or partial purchase of **new Cabin at Camp**
- A **Suspension Bridge** at camp
- **2 Tee-Pees** by Nomadic TeePee Makers
- **Mini Glass/Jewelry Kiln** for Creative Arts
- **6 Flat Panel Monitors, Keyboards and Mouses** (to go with some computers that have already been donated)
- **Retail POS System**
- **IT Skills to develop campwide internet access**
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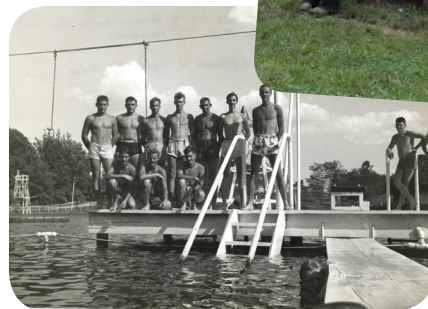


COMING UP... SUMMER 2014

75th ANNIVERSARY Reunion

Please plan to join us at camp **NEXT SUMMER** to celebrate **75 years of camping at YMCA Camp Carson**. We will also have lots of exciting news to share about Camp's vision for the future as we anticipate the **next 75 years** at Camp Carson.

Please help us spread the word by connecting with all your camp friends to make sure they are on our mailing list to receive 75th Reunion mailings over the next year. So fire up those cell phones and Facebook pages and let's get everybody back in touch! Date will be announced in the fall newsletter.



YOUNG PHILANTHROPISTS

In this issue as we recognize our 2012 donors, we wanted to give a shout out to two campers and their giving spirit. We are inspired by the personal generosity of these youngsters who are demonstrating this admirable trait so early in life. *And so we thank you, Brooklynn and Konnor, for acting on the belief that everybody can do something and that every gift makes a difference.*

BROOKLYNN PACE

Eleven year-old Brooklynn Pace of Evansville, Indiana couldn't wait to return to Camp Carson for the third time this summer. And as an avid horse lover, she was even more excited to finally be old enough to participate in the Wrangler program! When it was time to plan her 11th birthday party back in January, Brooklynn decided she wanted to help out Camp Carson by asking for donations for the Wrangler program instead of presents for herself. Thanks to the generosity of her family & friends, Brooklynn raised \$200 to go towards new saddles along with a horse brush kit she used on the horses this summer.



KONNOR KREINBROOK

Last Labor Day Weekend, Konnor Kreinbrook from Lafayette, Indiana, attended Family Camp with his parents, siblings, aunt and great grandfather. During one of the evening activities, Konnor won the grand jackpot for Nickel Bingo. Of his own volition, Konnor decided to donate half of his winnings to camp so more kids could come to camp. He also wanted to contribute to the new cabins and activities. Pretty impressive for an 8 year old to think of others in this way!



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DATES TO REMEMBER

2013
Annual Fund
Campaign
Goal
\$70,000

Put 2014 Summer Camp Fees on LAYAWAY. \$60 a month August – May. Registration is open. Register over the phone or go to www.campcarson.org to download a paper application. (Online registrations will open by September 1, 2013)
Summer Camp Begins June 15, 2014!

2013 ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN

Began February 2013 with just over \$10,000 to go to reach our \$70,000 goal.



FAMILY CAMP Labor Day Weekend Sat. Aug 31 – Mon. September 2, 2013

Moms, Dads, Kids, Grandparents, Cousins, Aunts and Uncles – everyone is welcome to attend Family Camp! Come *be a kid with the kids* for the weekend. All camp activities will be available over the course of the weekend along with special activities designed specifically for Family Camp. Go to www.campcarson.org to download a registration form.



FALL CAMP REUNION 2013 October 4-6, 2013 Just for kids – Ages 7-16. Come enjoy a fall weekend at camp and spend some time with your camp friends.

75TH Anniversary Reunion for YMCA Camp Carson – Summer 2014! Make plans now to attend. Tell all your camp friends. Date to be announced in Fall Newsletter.



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