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YMCA Camp Carson

An Experience That Lasts A Lifetime!

CAMPER TO STAFF TO BOARD MEMBER – A Lifetime Camp Connection



Current Board Members L to R:

Bob Fenneman, Camper 1961-1968

Bob Kerney, Camper 1954-1960, Staff 1961-1965

Leonard Schlamp, Camper 1940-1948, Staff 1949-1961

It's so much fun to see the camp experience come full circle. Many years after their camper/counselor days, these three camp alumni were reacquainted as they each began to serve on the camp board. One evening during a casual conversation at a board meeting they realized their camp experiences were linked – the connection started with Leonard – counselor for Bob Kerney – then on to Bob Kerney serving as Bob Fenneman's counselor. These camp relationship links resurface all the time and we so enjoy connecting the dots!

"An experience that lasts a lifetime," that's our slogan. To anyone who has attended camp, this makes perfect sense. Even just **one week** of summer camp creates a memory and connection that truly carries on for life. Often alumni are on their way to Evansville or some other nearby destination, see the Princeton sign and think "I wonder if Camp Carson is still there." They travel down Lake Road and are delighted to see a life sized green canoe that says YMCA Camp Carson hanging over the entrance. As we walk through camp together, it is such a pleasure to watch their faces light up as they recall their personal camp experiences. It's pretty impressive to hear how detailed their memories are, whether they were here 10 years ago or 40 years ago. The sights, scents and sounds are etched in the memory forever and alumni consistently give a satisfied sigh to see it's all still here. It doesn't even seem to matter whether they attended one week for one summer or several weeks over several summers, the memories are just as vivid and the nostalgic smiles are just as big.

This powerful camp connection manifests itself in many ways. As a camp staff, we find it rewarding when we recognize that **nine of our current board members are previous campers and/or camp staff members**. Whether they have camper and/or staff history, the impact camp made on their lives urged them to volunteer in this way. They bring a sincere desire to make sure camp remains a strong, fun place to foster values, develop character and create memories for today's children and for children of many generations to come. Camp Carson has now been around long enough to see a third generation of campers! We also recognize that we are part of something much bigger than ourselves and the here and now. Many have come before us and it is our responsibility and privilege to carry on this camp tradition and do our best to insure camp has a strong future.

As for our current generation of campers, we are pleased to announce that over

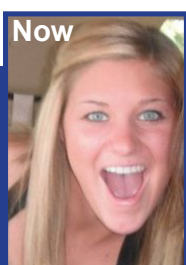
the course of the summer, **seven of our 2010 CIT's will serve on the Jr. Staff. Their history with camp ranges from 4-10 years each, with a collective total of 44 years at camp between them all!** Several of these CIT's also volunteered to help with our Annual Campaign and as a group raised over \$600.00 for camper scholarships. During the interview process, these young people are asked "Why do you want to serve as a counselor now?" Without fail, each responded with a common theme – "I want to give back and help kids have all the great experiences I had during my summers here." What a powerful testament to the positive influence camp has on the development of leadership and service. We are confident that long after our time here has passed, the youth we now serve will become the future volunteers who carry the torch onward in some capacity, board members or otherwise. Meanwhile, we look forward to another powerful summer and hope you will make plans for a camp visit in 2011!

Junior Counselors 2011

Kelsey Starrett
Camper 2004-2009



Now



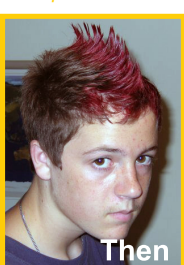
Spencer Ray
Camper 2004-2010



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Stuart Watson
Camper 2007-2010



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Arika Stovall
Camper 2002-2010



Now



JESSE GOLDSMITH



If you've been following some of our Facebook postings you may have noticed a new face on the camp team. We'd like to take this opportunity to officially welcome and introduce our camp family and friends to our new Program Director, Jesse Goldsmith.

Jesse has been a part of the Y since the age of 10, having been a camper or staff member in YMCA camping for most of his life. Growing up in Louisville, KY, Jesse graduated from DuPont Manual High School. He then received his BA from Warren Wilson College near Asheville, NC. Having spent many summers as a camper and summer staff member at YMCA Camp Piomingo, Jesse knew a full time career in camping would be his path of choice. After graduation, Jesse worked at YMCA Camp Piomingo as a seasonal Summer Camp Coordinator. When the full-time Program Director position opened up at Camp Carson, our friends in Louisville made sure we knew there was a great asset in Jesse and after meeting him we had to agree. Jesse's passion for the value of the camp experience and opportunity to engage campers and staff in the incredible group dynamic programs that camp life affords, will truly help our campers build that foundation of leadership building blocks that we all know a great "lifelong" camp experience provides.

He is tremendously excited to keep the traditions of Camp Carson going strong and is working with Camp Director Mark Scoular to explore opportunities to bring back some of the Alumni favorite program memories such as the day and multi-day canoe trips.

In his free time, Jesse enjoys outdoor activities, playing basketball, and cheering on the Chicago Bulls.

EVANSVILLE DAY SCHOOL STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

Hats off and many thanks to these Evansville Day School High School students who volunteered for 3 days in March for their community volunteer time. Projects completed include LOTS of leaf raking and sweeping at the chapel, taking down cobwebs in the cabins, painting the dirt bike storage container, staining, staining, staining, removing railroad ties and on it goes. These students really worked hard and did a great job – thank you again EDS students.



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YMCA CAMP CARSON ENDOWMENT FUND – First Annual Bridge Builder Recognition Dinner for Charter Members this Fall



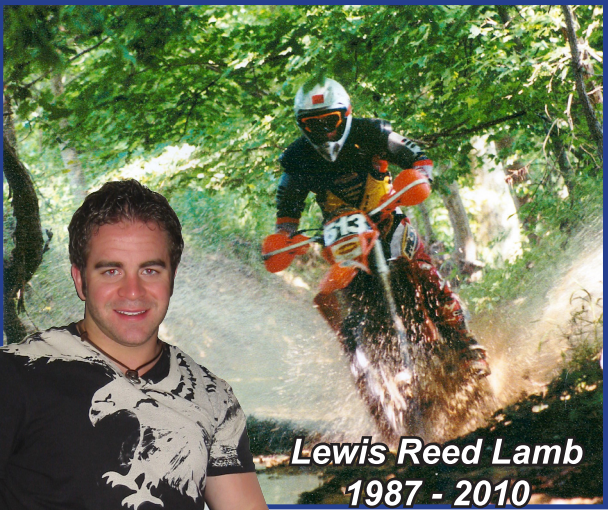
We are excited to announce that we are well under way with establishing the **Camp Carson Endowment Fund** and look forward to engaging our alumni and camper families in this vital program through membership in the **Bridge Builders Club**. Earnings from the Endowment Fund will not only help provide camper scholarships and enable us to keep camp fees affordable for all families, but will also underwrite our annual operating costs enhancing our ability to remain good stewards of our camp facility as well as providing funds for program and staff support.

Beginning in 1940 and for the following **71 summers**, camp has gained a rich history and created lifetime memories for **thousands of campers**. The camp staff and board of managers desire to insure camp has the ability to continue offering these life changing camp experiences as well as sustain a quality facility for the next 70 years and beyond. This summer we will be making final preparations for **long range strategic and site plans for Camp**. A vital part of these long range plans is the establishment of a camp endowment fund. And so, this summer we will

also be launching a **charter membership opportunity** to become a **Bridge Builder Club** member through a commitment to our **YMCA Camp Carson Endowment Fund**. Several commitment options are available such as naming Camp Carson as a beneficiary in your estate plans through your will, life insurance policy, establishing a Charitable Trust or outright gifts of cash, stock or real estate. Gifts of all sizes are important.

We invite you to become a charter member and join us for our first **Bridge Builder Recognition Dinner this fall**. If you would like more information about joining the Bridge Builder Club by making your commitment to the Camp Carson Endowment Fund, please contact Debra Scoular, Alumni & Development Coordinator at the camp office.

Endowment Committee: Greg Faith, Craig Fenneman, John Lamb, Denise Peyronnin, Leonard Schlamp, Terry Yunker



Lewis Reed Lamb
1987 - 2010

NYPUM NEWS

Enjoy these photos of young people from YCap (a program within the Outreach branch of the YMCA of Southwestern Indiana) who are getting in their “riding time at camp” through Camp Carson’s year round NYPUM program (National Youth Project Using Minibikes). These children have met their personal contract goals for improvement in behavior, grades etc. and have earned participation in this incentive based dirt bike program. It’s great to see these kids riding at camp, even in the winter time!

Kids enjoying earned riding time at camp year round!



LEWIS REED LAMB MEMORIAL FUND

A Named Fund within the YMCA Camp Carson Endowment Fund

In the Spring of 2010, John Lamb established the Lewis Reed Lamb Memorial Fund in remembrance of his son. Lewis was an active member of the YMCA, was wonderful with children, and had a passion for cross country motorcycle racing. Because of these interests, it seemed fitting to John to remember Lewis by designating a memorial fund to support the NYPUM program, an incentive based youth dirt bike riding program conducted year round at Camp Carson. We are truly honored to be given the opportunity to share Lewis’s enthusiasm for life through this youth outreach.

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2010 Lewis Reed
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Canoe Trip Tradition Returns to Camp!



Our alumni have shared lots of great stories about the many fun canoe trip experiences they had as campers. We will be field testing this program over a number of weeks this summer and are looking forward to providing this experience and adventure for our current campers as this legendary Camp Carson tradition returns!

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 2011 Camp Informational Night to introduce other families to the magic of camp
- Join or create a team of **campaigners** for our 2011 Annual Fund Campaign
- 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 **NYPUM program (National Youth Project Using Minibikes)**

You can **Sponsor...**

- GPS Cross Country** orienteering program
- Digital Photography and Video Program**
- Tree House or Tree House Village**
- Fort in the Woods**
- Purchase of **Canoes or River Kayaks and Trailer**
- Purchase of new **Western Saddles**
- Hammock Village** ☺

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN REACHES \$62,700 OF \$65,000 GOAL!

This year our Annual Campaign theme centered around filling canoes! \$600 will send a kid to camp and help fill a canoe. To date, we have filled 53 canoes – we just need 2 more – about \$2,300! We invite you to help us fill those last few canoes by helping to fund campsships for those otherwise unable to attend camp. All gifts are tax deductible.

When donating to the Annual Campaign, you may designate your gift to:

- ☐ Camper Scholarships
- ☐ Program
- ☐ Area of Greatest Need
- ☐ Facility
- ☐ Other _____



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CAMP CARSON INVITES YOU “HOME” THIS SUMMER!

Share your vision for camp for the next 70 years...

We are extremely excited to share with you that we are right in the middle of designing our strategic and long range site plans at camp, including what possible future new cabins might look like, where they will go, etc. We invite you to be a part of it! Whether you are a parent of a current camper or a camper or staff member from times past, we know camp is important to you and we have a strong desire to hear your thoughts. Please plan to visit us this summer. We value the opportunity to walk through camp with you, share our vision for the future and hear about what visions you may have and want to be a part of. As we mentioned in our cover story, there are not many places in life where one can return and find things reassuringly “the same”. Our director likes to say, “Coming back to camp is kind of like coming home to Grandma’s house.” And so, while we are excited about all the “new” aspects included in our future plans, we are mindful of our history and preserving the memories and feel of camp important to all of our alumni from 1940 to the present. We look forward to seeing you. Come home!



*Steve Fritz and Terry Yunker
Directors & Co-Directors
for portions of the 1960's, '70's and 80's.*

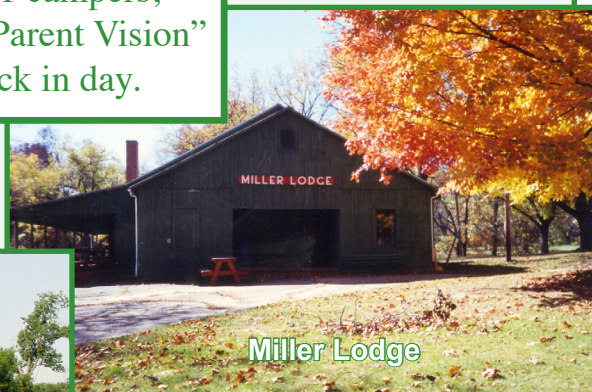


Parents of 2011 campers,
please visit our “Parent Vision”
booth on check in day.

*Mark Scoular
– Director 2000-Present
Reno DeMuth
– Assistant and Director portions
of 1950's and 60's,
Denise Turney Peyronnin
– Director 1994-2000*



Eddie Edwards Lodge



Miller Lodge

Capturing the memories of the old as we plan for the new! Join us as we make long range site plans to carry on the camp tradition for upcoming generations of campers and families.

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Mr. Mark Scoular

DATES TO REMEMBER

Summer Camp Registration Now Open

Register online today at www.campcarson.org or call camp to register over the phone.

Family Camp Labor Day Weekend – September 3-5, 2011 Sat. 9am - Mon. 2 pm

Family Camp is back!! Join us as we bring back a favorite camp program – an experience for the whole family. Relax with us Labor Day Weekend through a variety of traditional camp activities, great food, fellowship and fun. Limited spaces so register early. Contact the camp office to register or for more information.

Women's Wellness Weekend – September 16 - 18, 2011

A weekend of fitness, fellowship and fun with focus on women and healthy living for body, mind and spirit! Activities will include traditional camp activities as well as educational workshops, presentations, various fitness classes, and much more!

Calling All Scrapbookers – September 30 - October 2, 2011

Join us for our Fall Scrapbooking Retreat – a weekend which offers hours of scrapbooking and some fun leisure time at some of our camp activities. Call or e-mail the camp office for more information.



New waterfront features this summer – the Aquaglide “Summit” and “Rockit” – it’s gonna be a blast!!



CONNECT OR RECONNECT WITH CAMP

– Links available via our website gateway page



ALUMNI WEBSITE created by alum Lance Morton (Thanks Lance!!) – Enter the camp website and then click on the Alumni Tab. Take a fantastic trip down memory lane – camp songs, camp stories, brief bios on camp pals and “where are they now”.



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