

YMCA CAMP CARSON

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CONTINUING THE LEGACY FOR THE NEXT 75 YEARS

from the Campaign Chair, John Lamb



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If you have visited camp recently, you have seen the beautiful new cabins. It seems fitting we broke them in last year during our 75th summer. It was heartwarming to see a new generation of campers creating their own memories and lasting friendships within the four wooden walls. But what you may not know is the cabins are just the beginning!

Knowing the profound and lasting impact Camp Carson has on young people, we want to ensure this experience is available to all children. We also recognize the importance of ongoing excellence of facilities and amenities to ensure the environment supports the life changing camp experience.

To accomplish this mission, the Continuing the Legacy Campaign was launched several months ago. With a goal of \$4 million, this is the most ambitious fund raising campaign in our history. It will help us to ensure our financial foundation, embrace every young person who wants to be a Camp Carson participant, and deliver programs and facilities of the highest quality for the next 75 years. As we near the end of the quiet, leadership phase of the campaign, **I'm excited to share that we have raised just over \$2.3 million.**

It has been a privilege to serve as chair of the campaign cabinet alongside dedicated men and women who want to continue the legacy of this special camp. We are so grateful to the donors who have supported us thus far and know that others will join us in this important effort.

In the upcoming months, we will launch the public phase to invite our camp family and others in our community to participate. Stay tuned for more campaign and project updates this summer! You can learn more about the projects and donors on pages 2-5 of the newsletter. If you'd like more information on the plans or how to get involved, please call Mark or Debra Scoular at 812-385-3597.



"I was here on the shoulders of others. People gave before to make sure this kind of institution existed. And it's just our turn. To think of kids getting to have the kind of fun and learn the things that I learned ... it's a life changing experience, it really is." - Craig Fenneman, Honorary Campaign Chair and Lead Donor



FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF CAMPERS

This comprehensive Continuing the Legacy Campaign will allow us to:

- Keep camp affordable for all families, offset facility upkeep costs and strengthen our capacity to respond to changing economic forces through a strengthened endowment fund.
- Acquire neighboring land to provide a buffer to camp programming, protect lake health, and develop more program sites, adding to the camp experience.
- Fund critical capital projects to align with our Master Site Plan and ensure the environment supports the experience.

PROVIDING NEW OPPORTUNITIES

From YMCA of Southwestern Indiana CEO, Derrick Stewart

Our mission at the YMCA of Southwestern Indiana is to follow the example of Jesus Christ, by responding to community needs by serving all people especially youth, through relationships and activities that promote healthy spirit, mind and body. Camp is a perfect example of our mission in action. We believe that all kids deserve opportunities to discover who they are and what they can achieve. Camp makes this possible, which is why we are so excited about this next phase in Camp Carson's history.

As part of our commitment to developing youth, a lot has been invested in the camp since it was founded in 1940. But we have an eye on the future and know that further investments are needed.

The Continuing Our Legacy campaign is about replacing some of the core support facilities that are necessary to provide the right experiences for young people. It's also about adding amenities to camp to bring new opportunities for kids to do things that, 50 years ago, you didn't think about doing.

We're proud to have this jewel in our association and on behalf of the Y board, thank you for your support and shared vision for the future of Camp Carson.

A BOLD VISION FOR THE FUTURE

From the Director, Mark Scoular

Since 1940, young people have been transformed through their experiences at YMCA Camp Carson. And while much has changed over the years, our purpose remains the same: **to develop the spirit, mind and body of every camper.**

Through Christian leadership in a safe and purposeful environment, campers learn how to be more focused, become more confident decision makers, commit to define their lives more clearly and discover how to build strong, positive relationships.

We are intentional in how we hire and train our staff, how we program our days and nights, and how we help every child feel accepted, challenged and empowered. The magic and impact that happens at camp is no accident. It comes from a strong, clear vision of what we hope each and every camper experiences while they are here.

Our dedicated Campaign Chair, John Lamb, wrote on page 1 about the Continuing Our Legacy campaign. This campaign is about our bold vision and how we are engaging others to ensure a bright and promising future for our camp and the thousands of children who will experience it.

While we are proud of the work we have done and continue to do, we see the potential in how new buildings and a refreshed environment can foster the magic at camp. We recognize the need to protect our camp and ensure we are surrounded by a vast natural setting that feeds campers' souls. And we know that a financially strong organization ensures we are available to ALL children and keeps us viable long into the future.

At Camp Carson, we have been blessed with tremendous volunteer leaders and generous donors who share our vision and help make it a reality. We are grateful for our campaign chair, John Lamb; honorary chairs Craig Fenneman and Leonard Schlamp; and the entire cabinet. Our heartfelt thanks to our board chair Bob Fenneman and the rest of the board who help us set our vision. A big thank you to the donors to both our comprehensive and annual campaigns who help make this vision a reality. And we thank the parents who place their trust in us each summer as we join them in their efforts to raise strong, confident children with endless potential.

On behalf of the campers today and into future generations thank you!

Mark Scoular

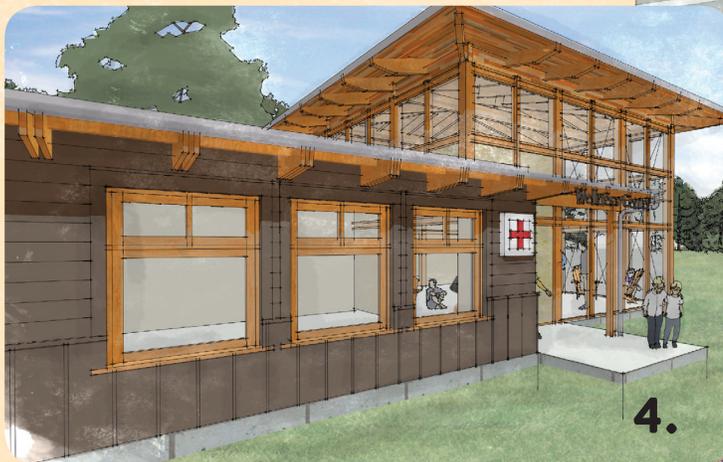


MASTER SITE PLAN: THE NEXT 75 YEARS AND BEYOND

We spent time with alumni, campers, parents and our board to carefully plan what was needed for the future of camp. Out of that planning came a list of top priorities that will help us serve future generations of campers. We are excited that some have been fully funded and others are available as naming or giving opportunities! Please see the following page as we recognize our generous donors and highlight the remaining projects.

TOP 10 PRIORITIES:

1. Cabin Replacement: 8 of 12 new cabins already funded!
2. Waterfront Renovation & Staff Well-Being Center: FULLY FUNDED
3. Safety and Comfort: Back-up Generator to keep camp of 200+ running when power outages occur.
4. Camper Health & Well-being: New health center & Nurses Quarters: FULLY FUNDED
5. Land Acquisition: Protecting the Camp Environment to provide a buffer to camp programming, protect lake health, and develop more program sites adding to the camp experience – Indian Creek Segment: FULLY FUNDED (see page 5), Second Parcel available for purchase!
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7. An Adventure Village: Creating Leaders through Wrangler, Dirt Bike, Adventure and Teen Leadership programs
8. An Equestrian center located below the dam to provide a stronger program and protect our lake.
9. Endowment Fund: Vital to our ability to keep camp affordable for all families, offset facility upkeep costs and strengthen our capacity to respond to changing economic forces. \$1 MILLION GOAL: PARTIALLY FUNDED
10. A Walk to Remember – Suspension Bridges building connections at the Ridge Top Cabins and the Lake Loop: PARTIALLY FUNDED
11. Welcome to our World: Opening Campfire Site Renovation: FULLY FUNDED



Leaving A Legacy Naming Opportunities

We are grateful to those who have already given so generously to support our vision, There are other opportunities available to provide your own legacy at YMCA Camp Carson. Donors who give leadership gifts of \$25,000 or more have the opportunity to name an area, building or room at camp or an endowment fund on their behalf or in honor/ memory of another. Please contact us if you're interested in taking advantage of this opportunity.

Ridge Top Cabins

- Apache.....Craig & Mary Fenneman
- Blackfoot.....Courtney & Jo Carson
- Chippewa.....Greg & JoAnna Faith
- Wyandot.....Independent Ins. Agents Foundation

Half-Moon Cabins

- Shawnee.....Leonard Schlamp
- Cherokee.....Brent & Cindi Beeler
- Aztec.....Optimists Club Evansville Downtown
- Cheyenne.....Old National Bank
- Seminole.....\$85,000
- Pawnee.....\$85,000
- Mohawk.....\$85,000
- Sioux.....\$85,000

Infirmary.....Courtney & Jo Carson

WaterfrontToyota Motor Manufacturing Indiana

- Canteen.....\$25,000
- Upper Deck.....\$25,000
- Lower Deck.....\$25,000

Staff Well-Being Center.....Alan & Sharon Braun

- Fitness Center.....\$7,500
- Technology Center.....Petitt Family
- Entertainment Lounge.....\$7,500
- Coffee Shop.....\$10,000
- Independent Leadership Center.....\$10,000

Opening Campfire Site.....Koch Foundation

- Bench Named.....\$5,000 each

Suspension Bridges

- Camp Entry.....Spencer & Mary Goodson
- Ridge Top Bridge.....\$65,000
- Suspension Bridge Boards.....\$1,000

Adventure Village.....\$500,000

- Bunk Houses (4).....\$85,000 each

Equestrian Center.....\$100,000

- Horse Barn.....\$50,000
- Riding Arena.....\$50,000
- Stalls.....\$5,000
- Tac Room.....\$5,000

Named Endowment Funds (75).....\$750,000

Named Endowed Funds @ \$10,000 each

- Kimberly Anne Farney Fund - Bob & Suzanne Farney
- Lewis Reed Lamb Memorial Fund - John & Julie Lamb
- Heather & Glen Pierce

Land Acquisition.....Craig & Mary Fenneman

Please note: gift amounts do not necessarily reflect actual construction costs. Rather, they indicate the gift's memorial or tribute value.



BUTTERFLY FIELD AND INDIAN CREEK

Up to the pasture, down the AT&T trail, across Butterfly Field and down the hill lies Indian Creek. For decades, Indian Creek and Butterfly Field have been favorite spots for our campers and staff. Interestingly, camp does not even own the land but was given access thanks to a great camp neighbor. And now, thanks to alum Craig Fenneman, we will continue to have access for decades to come. Craig purchased the property and is in the process of donating it to camp in upcoming months. Craig loves all things camp and has shared with us his own treasured memories from Indian Creek and his camping days.

“A rainy day at Camp Carson brought some fun options for campers. One option was called “Speedball,” a combination of soccer and basketball we played on the big sports field. It was popular mostly because of all the slipping and sliding that occurred while playing the game.

The other rainy day option was appropriately called “the Mud Hike.” We would grab an old pair of shoes, shorts, and a T-shirt and we were ready to go. The mud hike took several trails through the woods with mud puddles and ditches at a premium. But the essential part of any mud hike was ending up at Indian Creek. Down the hill, just beyond what was then called Honor Cabin (today Staff House - Kickapoo), we would take the trail to the old metal bridge. From the bridge, we would slide down into the creek. Boys trudging through an uneven bottomed creek would elicit lots of shouts of excitement and surprise, the surprise part came when a boy slipped into a deeper “hole” on the creek bottom. What a great, muddy, fun time!

The other remembrance I have of Indian Creek is of walking down the creek bed on a dry day. Frogs, sticks, skipping stones, and an occasional snake were part of the hike. What wonderful memories I have of Indian Creek. The good news is that those Indian Creek adventures continue to this day.”

Please join us in thanking Craig for ensuring that Indian Creek and Butterfly Field will be part of camp for generations to come.



Craig and Mary Fenneman



THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING GENEROUS DONORS WHO HAVE PROVIDED THE FIRST GIFTS TO OUR CONTINUING THE LEGACY CAMPAIGN

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2015 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN ENSURING MORE KIDS GET TO CAMP!



This year's Annual Campaign is underway! We're excited about all the great things camp will do for the kids we serve this summer. We can only achieve this mission through support from you, friends of camp who understand the importance of a camp experience in a child's growth journey.

Our 2015 GOAL is \$142,400. (\$62,875 of this goes to kids of military families)

Our Annual Campaign provides full and partial scholarships for kids to come to traditional camp whose families, without your help, could not afford to send them.

Through generous donors, we are able to subsidize our 3 Rate pricing system to help families at middle income levels who do not qualify for traditional financial assistance.

The funds also underwrite scholarships for kids of military families and helps us continue a 65+ year tradition of Safety Patrol Camp. The campaign supports year round camp programs like NYPUM and facility stewardship, reducing the cost of camp for everyone.

If you would like to help ensure more kids get to camp, please contact Debra Scoular at 812-385-3597 or dscoular@ymcacampcarson.org.

Thank you to our 2014 Annual Campaign and program donors!

We were able to provide over 200 families with financial assistance so their children could attend camp.

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\$10,000-24,999 Platinum Champion

Craig & Mary Fenneman
Spencer & Mary Goodson

WHAT'S NEW?

YURTS

For our First Year Dirt Bike Campers and our Wrangler Campers, the new Yurts are almost complete! They will also be air conditioned to help cool off these campers who spend a large part of their day in jeans, boots and helmets.



SHOWER HOUSE FACELIFT

The shower house has had a makeover and is looking clean and bright! The floors have been recovered with non-skid epoxy paint and the shower walls have also been painted with epoxy. New shower curtains AND shower heads have also been added. We know the campers and staff will enjoy these improvements.



PROPERTY DIRECTOR – Scott Johnson

Through his nearly 13 years YMCA Career, Scott has served in a variety of capacities including Program Director, Property and Facilities Director, Camp Director, Community Outreach Director and Chief Executive Officer. Scott is deeply committed to supporting and encouraging the development of a healthier and more vibrant community and providing opportunities for all people from all walks of life to achieve their full potential. He is a member of the Indiana Juvenile Justice State Advisory Group. He is a graduate of the Indiana State University with a degree in Parks and Recreation. Scott and his wife Andrea Johnson reside in Washington County for right now with their two children Jacob and Rebecca Johnson.



Thank you to our 2014 donors who make camp possible!

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

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**BIG NEWS ABOUT FUTURE
CAMP PLANS INSIDE!**



DATES TO REMEMBER

Summer Camp

9 Sessions: June 7 through August 5

**Labor Day Weekend
September 5-7, 2015**

FAMILY CAMP for Moms, Dads, Kids, Grandparents,
Aunts, Uncles, Cousins

October 2-4, 2015

FALL CAMP just for kids – Ages 7-16

October 24, 2015

FALL VOLUNTEER WORK DAY 1:00-5:00 pm
BONFIRE & CHILI COOKOFF 5:30-7:30 pm



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