



YMCA Camp Carson

An Experience That Lasts A Lifetime!

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NEW CABINS ON THE HORIZON - *Continuing the Legacy for the next 75 years!*

Change is never easy. For all of us connected with camp, there are so many places, programs and buildings that have very special memories for us. Over the last few years, we have carefully taken the time to meet with campers, camp families and alumni to explore the key elements of what make our camp cabins "camp" cabins. Woven into these little wooden huts with tin roofs are so many touches, smells, sounds and relationships that lend to the life long friendships and memories created inside. After over 70 years of service, these camp homes are reflecting the well loved and well worn years of use. While the programs, lodge, dining hall, shower house, infirmary and offices have all received a total makeover, we have hugged and hung on as best and as long as we could to these time worn treasures. Now, we have reached a bittersweet but exciting chapter in camp's history in which we know it is time for us to gently place the original cabins into retirement. For historical purposes, we will be reserving the original Kley Meyer Cabin (Sioux cabin, Cabin 1, it's had a few names and is the only one with a chimney) and will look into alumni suggestions that we auction the others!



We are pleased to announce that with the support of our camp families, alumni and former camp directors, our Camp Board of Managers and YMCA Board have given approval for us to launch a cabin replacement program. Funding for Phase 1 is complete and pending final construction approval from the state, the first four cabins will undergo construction through this spring and summer. They will still be made of wood with the rustic feel and still have tin roofs, but we've added a lot more living space inside (and a restroom) along with big 6 foot wrap around porches, cupola and whole house fan. We're also branching out by creating a new village in a new location at camp for these first four cabins. Please be watching the mail and Facebook for further updates as we post photos of the new site, ground breaking and construction as well as information in preparation of Phase 2. We invite you to visit camp this summer for a tour as Phase 1 is completed! We look forward to celebrating this exciting project with you as we strive to continue a legacy that has been a special part of so many lives.

*An enormous **THANK YOU** is extended to the following donors for their sponsorship of the first 4 new cabins.*

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great grandson of
Camp Carson founder
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Sincerely,

Mark Scoular

Mark Scoular
Executive Director

P.S. We will not be taking any cabins down before or during the summer season, so it's not too late to visit and reconnect and get that last cabin photograph. Original cabin photos, names and history will also be represented in the new chapter of cabin life.



Preparing the new cabin site.

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WELCOME ASSISTANT CAMP DIRECTOR

RICH WERTIN



Rhino, a 75 lb. Weimaraner, says he adopted Rich as his dad. Where ever you see one, you are sure to see the other.

Please join us in welcoming Rich to our full time staff. Camp is busier than ever and we are delighted and blessed to have someone with his experience on the team! Rich is originally from Northern Illinois but grew up in Eastern NC.. Rich attended Atlantic Christian College and in 1992, he joined the New Bern Police Department as a Police Officer and later worked for the Pamlico County Sherriff's Office until 1999.

From 1999 – 2004, Rich worked for the YMCA of South Hampton Roads at Camp Silver Beach serving as Sr. Program Director. In 2004, he worked as a Sr. Program Director for YMCA Camp Carson. For family reasons, he returned to North Carolina and opened his own small business. Rich has now come back to the Camp Carson team, as of January 2012.

When asked about why he has chosen camping as a career, Rich responded: "I grew up at a Boy Scout camp in eastern NC and remember so many life changing events that took place at camp for myself. Even though I have been away from camping for a few years, it is good to be back involved in something I love so much. It is a very rewarding career. Almost doesn't even seem like work. Dad always said to find a job you love and you will never have to work another day in your life. I remember every summer there has always been at least one child that after leaving camp, their life positively changed forever. Camp has a great impact on children and it allows them to grow, learn, and become strong individuals. That possibility drives me to continue to work within the YMCA and makes it all worth while."

THANK YOU 2011 Year End Donations Towards 2012 Annual Campaign

Brandon & Christy Hayes Kent & Elizabeth Meyer Levi Stahl & Stacey Shintani

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 2012 Camp Informational Night to introduce other families to the magic of camp
- Join or create a team of **campaigners** for our 2012 Military Family Support 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**
- 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

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ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN

REACHES \$45,600 of \$70,800 Goal!

Our Annual Campaign theme centers on filling canoes! Don't they look so much better full? \$600 will send a kid to camp and fill half a canoe. To date, we have filled 38 canoes – 21 to go! We invite you to help us fill those last few canoes which helps support camp so that **all** kids have a great camp experience and funds scholarships 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
- Operation Purple Camp (for children of military families)
- Area of Greatest Need
- Facility

JAY CUTLER FOUNDATION SPONSORS NEW DIABETES /Ndependence CAMP

This summer, we will host our first diabetes camp in partnership with St. Mary's Medical Center and with a great portion of the program being generously underwritten by the Jay Cutler Foundation. For those who may not follow the NFL, Jay Cutler is from southern Indiana and is currently the quarterback for the Chicago Bears. Jay contracted Type I diabetes early in his NFL career and therefore, has a personal understanding of what young people face with this disease. His success, despite the daily task of dealing with Type I diabetes, has been an inspiration for many youth and their families.



The Jay Cutler Foundation invited several families to Soldier Field to watch a game and meet Jay on the field. While we thought we were just at the beginning of the grant process, Jay personally surprised (actually stunned) all of us with a \$25,000 check to fund our first year of diabetes camp! We were then later more surprised to find we would be part of a NFL Sunday Night Football Christmas special. You can view the segment by visiting our YouTube site or by scanning this link.



THANK YOU 2011 /Ndependence Camp Donors

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At Camp Carson, Diabetes /Ndependence Camp will look and feel like our traditional Shoshone camp with the added benefit of campers learning more about living successfully with Type 1 Diabetes. While having a fun week of camp that focuses on camp (not diabetes), campers will have the advantage of living with other campers who deal with diabetes as the norm, so everyone understands the concerns about nutrition, exercise and blood sugar. In the midst of all the fun and at an age appropriate level, campers will also learn more about counting carbs, checking blood sugar and how to balance food, insulin and exercise. Supporting the traditional camp staff, we will also have a physician, nurses, and nutritionists who will provide additional education and care for this session. Dr. Rebecca Winsett has over 20 years experience with diabetes

camp and will head up our medical staff and supervise the medical care of the campers.



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Those who contribute a cumulative total of \$1000 or more to the Camp Carson Endowment Fund are recognized as members of the Bridge Builder 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.

Several commitment options are available such as naming Camp Carson as a beneficiary in your estate plans through your will or life insurance policy, establishing a Charitable trust or outright gifts of cash, stock or real estate. Gifts of all sizes are important. If you would like more information about joining the Bridge Builder Club through your financial commitment to the Endowment Fund, please contact Debra Scouler, Alumni & Development Coordinator, at the camp office.

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NYPUM NEWS

The dirt bike program continues to be an active part of our camp activity year round. Thanks to our trailer, we are able to take the bikes to Evansville so kids can still begin the 21 riding lessons after school during the school year and then come to camp to ride on the weekends. The NYPUM program is sponsored by Honda who provides the dirt bikes and structure for the outreach. The dirt bikes are put into a replacement rotation so that new bikes are brought in to the program every few years. The used bikes are then taken to a local participating Honda bike shop where they are made ready for resale.

We are blessed to have a great partnership in Evansville with **Westside Honda** who receive the bikes from Honda and put them together for us. This year we were able to involve some of our NYPUM program participants in this process. Part of the NYPUM curriculum involves bike maintenance and it was very exciting for these kids to take part in putting the bikes together under the supervision of the Westside Honda staff.



Thanks to Westside Honda! Along with the items already mentioned, Westside Honda has been great in subsidizing our bike repairs and sponsoring portions of the cost of helmets and other supplies needed to safely run the program. They also provide opportunities for their patrons to purchase and donate supplies to the NYPUM program at camp. Please join us in thanking them for the many ways they support the NYPUM program at Camp Carson.



Above: At the Westside Honda shop, Owner Phil Volz looks on as his staff begins to "unpack" the new bikes which arrive semi-assembled. Josh Maddingly, the parts manager, and Dave Hurlbut, in the service department, came in on their day off and did a great job of involving and instructing the kids while putting the bikes together.

Right: The Westside Honda Staff, Camp Carson and Caldwell Center staff and Caldwell Center kids proudly display the finished product!

*L to R back: Seth Qualls, Andrea Heshelman, Phil Volz, Ryan Spall, Dave Hurlbut, Josh Maddingly
L to R front: Yarell T., Deoshmonya B., James W. Jr., Tymichael B.*

NYPUM

(National Youth Project Using Minibikes)

An outreach program at YMCA Camp Carson



NYPUM is nationwide incentive based program which offers a valuable tool in helping young people make good choices and stay on a positive path. When they meet the goals they set in their personal contract, they are rewarded with dirt bike riding time. The results are literally life changing.



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SUMMER CAMP BEGINS JUNE 3rd

Campers, Parents, Staff, Alumni, Friends of Camp - CONNECT

Be a Part of It!

Spring has arrived in a hurry and everything is green and growing at camp. That means summer camp is just around the corner, actually just about 6 weeks away! Won't you plan to be a part of it?

Campers – You're it! You're the ones we can't wait to see! So have fun and take advantage of the freedom of camp to explore, be adventurous and try something new, get better at something, build a friendship, build an opportunity to do something great for yourself, be something great for someone else! It's your week to challenge yourself and have a blast! Share the excitement and invite a friend, or connect with cousins from other states. It's not too late to sign up.



Parents – Smile – you're a part of it too! You've made a decision to give your kids a blank sheet of paper to write on this summer. Your kids are learning, running, growing and discovering new things about themselves and others, they're safe to go "out there" make decisions and do things they can't do at home. We're so excited to partner with you in investing in your child. Relax and get ready for life change in your kids.

Staff – You couldn't be more of a part of it! You are the molders of dreams that make it all happen. Magic awaits.

Alums – It's not over! You're still a part of it! All those great things you remember about camp are still a part of you, they're still happening for kids at camp every summer and they're more important than ever as we get them outside walking and talking and doing. Come for a visit – we love having you here and hearing about your camp memories – really! Volunteer – you remember – there's always something that needs doing at camp! Your interest and involvement are vital to camp's sustainability and legacy.



Friends of Camp – So many of you have given of your time, talent and treasure. Thank you! You are a part of it! Come see "it" in action and see first hand how you are making a difference.

Be a part of it! Camp is a safe cocoon of fun, learning and growing and we are excited and honored to be able to impact this generation in a positive way just as camp has been doing for many decades. There's simply NO PLACE like camp so come on or come back, be a part of it!

If you haven't been to camp for awhile, scan this code to view our video or Click on the YouTube icon at www.campcarson.org!



PORTABLE CLIMBING WALL



It's already been a hit! We have taken our new portable climbing wall to some events and are pleased to see how busy it is. Young campers at camp will now be able to climb too and get prepared for the Alpine Tower when they are older.

OFF SITE CAMPING AND CANOE TRIPS



While all but the youngest campers will go on a canoe trip this summer, the oldest campers will be adding an overnight canoe trip to their camp agenda this year. We are excited about continuing to reestablish this Camp Carson tradition.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, May 6
1-4 pm Central Time

2012 SUMMER CAMP

Registration is open! Register over the phone or go to www.campcarson.org to register online or to download a paper application. **Summer Camp Begins June 3, 2012!**

2012 ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN Began February 2012

Goal to raise \$70,800 to fill 59 Canoes!

FAMILY CAMP – Labor Day Weekend Sat. – Mon. September 1-3, 2012

FALL CAMP 2012 – October 5-7, 2012

SPECIALTY CAMPS – Watch for updates on these free weeks of camp for families who qualify.

Military Families - Operation Purple Camp for children of currently, recently or soon to be deployed parents.
Families Battling Cancer in partnership with **Camp Kesem-IU**. Camp for children who have a parent who has or had cancer.

Type 1 Diabetes Camp in partnership with St Mary's Medical Center. Camp for children with Type 1 Diabetes.



FAMILY CAMP LABOR DAY WEEKEND



Evansville Day School - 500 Volunteer Hours at Camp!

We are grateful for this great group of Evansville Day School student and faculty volunteers who spent 3 days working at camp as part of their spring intercession community service. They worked hard on lots of staining and painting projects, aligning railroad ties, hanging siding, installing insulation and building the pump track for the mountain bike program. Thank you EDS!



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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