



YMCA CAMP KERN
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**CAMPING
WITH THE Y.
A CAUSE YOU
CAN BELIEVE IN.**

Friends of YMCA Camp Kern call it their second home. We call them our family. The thousands of people who join us here and support our cause are our greatest resource when it comes to providing experiences for youth development and skills for healthy living, which promote social responsibility for all.

What if we could harness that power to make an even greater difference on a bigger scale?

YMCA Camp Kern has an invaluable impact on children, campers and families by offering outdoor experiences to build an appreciation for the natural world, opportunities for families to come together, and summer camps for children to develop lifelong values.

Our communities face new challenges that create a greater need for the work we do. Fortunately, where some see obstacles, we see opportunities for our participants, volunteers, staff, and generous donors like you. After all, camping with the Y is a cause you can believe in.

Every person can benefit from camp.
Every gift makes a difference.
Everyone has a role to play.

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TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH MORE.

JERI SENT US THE FOLLOWING LETTER:

"My grandsons were the very fortunate recipients of scholarship assistance for your Summer Camp program. Without your help, they would have missed a summer adventure like no other!

Although our personal situation is a bit unconventional and one of necessity, we make it work. I am a widow raising two young and vibrant grandsons (their mother is ill and resides in an extended care facility and their father is not in the picture). The financial burden is great, but the rewards are many! I work two jobs to provide, and there still just isn't much left for fun and interesting things for the boys to enjoy and experience.

With that being said, when I learned of your wonderful summer camp program and the possibility of financial assistance, I was quick to apply. I kept it my little secret in case for any reason we didn't qualify. But when I received the call offering an opportunity, I couldn't wait to share the news with the boys!

They were SO EXCITED, and it didn't subside. They planned and prepared, and chatted into the night with such anticipation, my heart soared! Finally, the day arrived, that magical day where independence and excitement could no longer remain harnessed! **They had a wonderful, positive, uplifting experience, made friends, formed bonds, and found value within themselves and others.**

My ears buzzed on the way home catching every little detail they both couldn't wait to share. Their warmth and enthusiasm filled the car our entire journey home. And here it is, months later, and they still can't wait to share a story with anyone who might listen!

This was a unique experience for me, as well as the boys, building blocks into their futures. They know and appreciate that a Y donor's generosity was responsible for helping them fulfill a dream they didn't even know they had, and for this we are all truly thankful!

Again, thank you so very much for a wonderful opportunity which will never be forgotten! Camp is an amazing and wonderful gift that all children should have a chance to experience.



YOUR GIFT

- \$3600 Allows six teens in need to be involved in week long Leadership Development programs at YMCA Camp Kern
- \$2400 Allows four children in need to gain new skills and confidence during a week of residential camp of YMCA Camp Kern
- \$600 Enables a child in need to enjoy a full week of residential camp at YMCA Camp Kern
- \$300 Enables a young child in need to enjoy a full week of semi-residential camp at YMCA Camp Kern
- \$100 Allows a child to take a full month of horse back riding lessons, promoting confidence and a sense of responsibility

GIVE TODAY

Please consider donating to YMCA Camp Kern. Camping with the Y allows kids to be kids again. They will walk away from their camping experience with a new sense of confidence and a better idea of who they really are. They will learn that it is ok to be disconnected from their cell phones and tablets, and that real friendships are made face to face, while tackling a new problem or learning a new skill together. They will appreciate being outside, and the joy of free play. They will sing. They will laugh. They will play. Every child deserves this chance. With your generous support we can have an impact on thousands of individuals. To be a part of what we do, simply fill out the pledge form below and we will contact you to set up payment.

Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Preferred method of contact: Email / Phone

Pledge amount _____

Feel free to pledge any amount outside of the suggestions above.

Return completed form to YMCA Camp Kern, 5291 State Route 350, Oregonia, OH 45054 / Fax: 513-932-8607 or email to caddison@daytonymca.org

If you have questions about donating please contact Chris Addison, Branch Executive at 513-932-3756 / caddison@daytonymca.org

You can also donate online at www.ymcaonline.org. Select 'About Us' and then 'Online Giving'. Please select 'Camp Kern' as the specific campaign.

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www.campkern.org
 Find out how you can help:
 513 932 3756

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

All kids deserve the opportunity to discover who they are and what they can achieve, under the guidance of adults who care about them and believe in their potential. We see every interaction with young people as an opportunity for learning and development.

HEALTHY LIVING

Health and well-being are all about balance. That's why we help people and families build and maintain healthy habits for spirit, mind, and body in their everyday lives. By helping kids, adults, families, and seniors from all backgrounds improve their health and well-being, we build a stronger community.

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

With our camp open to all, we work every day to connect people from all backgrounds and support those who need us most. We take on the most urgent needs in our communities and inspire a spirit of service in return. Our participants, volunteers, donors, and staff demonstrate the power of what we can achieve by giving back together.