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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.

NANCY SENT US THE FOLLOWING LETTER:

"The positive impact that YMCA Camp Kern has had on my children and grandchildren is truly amazing. They come home at the end of the week talking about new friends from near and far and they develop friendships which last for years. They talk about their counselors with such affection, that you'd think they were older siblings instead of young people they had met only a week before!

My grandchildren have gained much needed self-confidence in attending camp. For example, Luke, the youngest of them, attended First Camp with his older brother for the first time the summer he turned five. Luke was not just a shy child; he was almost terrified of others. His first day of camp, he cried for two hours after we left. Even with his older brother with him, it was hard for him to be with strangers. When we picked up the kids that Saturday, Luke did not want to leave! He clung to his counselor and was laughing and joking as if he had all of the confidence in the world! It was as if we picked up a completely different Luke. I'm not sure how they do it, but the staff at YMCA Camp Kern provides so much fun and support that the children quite frankly don't want camp to end.

None of this would be possible without the support of your donors and volunteers. Each of my grandchildren have received scholarships which help pay part of the fee. Without this support, we could not have afforded camp for them all. They would have missed out on the rich experiences that they have had. They would not have the wonderful memories of the week each summer where they were able to compete, play, and experience camp life to the fullest, while building their confidence and social skills.

As a parent and a grandparent, I'm grateful to everyone who makes these experiences possible. My husband and I have already made the decision that once the grandchildren are too old to experience Camp Kern that we will become donors.

We know firsthand what a wonderful gift YMCA Camp Kern is to children and we want to help make it possible for other children to have this experience, too. This isn't simply a week at summer camp, it is a lifelong memory; an incredible experience that is never forgotten.

Thank you, thank you for all you do!"



YOUR GIFT

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF:
\$86,000

: Any amount will contribute to our scholarship fund that allows us to give dozens of kids a camp experience that builds friendships, confidence and character. Please designate where you wish your scholarship dollars to go:

- Residential Camp
- Teen leadership Camp
- Equestrian / Ranch Camp
- Outdoor Education (School based programming)

\$600 - Pays for a full week of camp for a child in need, so they can learn, grow, play and make real connections with new friends.

\$1200 - Gives two children in need a summer camp experience filled with new challenges.

\$2500 - Allows four children in need to be involved in Leadership Development programs.

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. As YMCA Camp Kern serves thousands of families each year, your gift helps to make this experience available to everyone. 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 _____ Campaigner _____

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

513-923-3756

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.