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At the Salem Golf Club

Nominations for the Heart & Soul Award

The “Heart & Soul” award is given annually in recognition of volunteers who have demonstrated extraordinary dedication, commitment and service to YMCA Camp Silver Creek. Nominations are confidential. If you wish to nominate an individual you may do so by sending your nomination in letter form, citing the merits of dedication, via email to: Mike Smith at mgsmithbuilder@gmail.com and/or Jeremiah Rasca, CSCAA President at CSCAA@theyonline.org

Nominations need to be received by **July 1, 2023**. Co-signatures and endorsements are welcome. The selection committee, consisting of the President of the CSCAA and the past recipients of the award, will review the nominations and make the award decision which will be announced in the future, probably at the fall CSCAA annual meeting (TBA).

Bullphrog speaks...



Greetings All!

It's been a busy spring with the CSCAA supporting the hiring process for Camp Staff. We have a new Director, Adrienne/Fraggle who is looking forward to adding to the magic of camp!

Staffing seems to be looking pretty good for this summer, but there are always opportunities for alumni to support throughout the summer, whether it is helping with check in or coming to revive a camp song, long forgotten during campfire.

As I've worked at camp over multiple generations, I know that each generation has "their" songs and skits, but as Alumni, we have a wide base of knowledge. Maybe, much as fashion trends come back, maybe some of the campfire acts that are near and dear to our hearts should make a return.

If you come up to share something from days of yore, be sure to bring a copy of the lyrics, etc. to leave at the office in case a current staff wants to brave bringing something back. Just be sure to check in with Erin or Adrienne to see when would be a good time to help out!

Be sure to mark your calendars for the Volunteer Work Party on June 3rd, and the Annual meeting up at camp on _____.

Upcoming events

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events!

June 3, 2023

Work day at camp

June 18, 2023

Staff Training @ camp

June 25, 2023

Here come the kids!!!!

July 24, 2023

CSCAA Golf Tournament

TBA

Annual meeting at camp



CAMP SILVER CREEK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Kris Russom & "Uncle George"



Silver Creek welcomes new director

Hey Camp Silver Creek!

My name is Adrienne Chodnowsky, and I'm so excited to be your camp director this summer. I have gotten to learn so many wonderful things about Camp Silver Creek, and I am so glad to be part of your community, and to take part in all the traditions and experiences that make Camp Silver Creek unique. There is nowhere in the world that I'd rather be than summer amp, and I am counting down the days until camp starts.

While this is my first year at Silver Creek, I've been involved with YMCA overnight camping since 2006. I've spent summers at camp as a camper, an LIT, a counselor, and in various leadership positions. So many of my favorite memories are at camp: it was there I gained confidence as a child, and as a counselor discovered my passion for working with adolescents - during the year I teach middle and high school math! I use the values and skills I learned at camp every day: when I was younger, camp made it seamless for me to transition into living away from home, and now as a teacher, (see Director, page 3)

Work Day planned

Please join Y camp staff, alumni, and families on **Saturday, June 3, 2023**, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Camp Silver Creek to prepare the camp buildings and outdoor spaces for summer magic. For 85 years, Camp Silver Creek has developed the kids and families who become our staff, advocates, donors, and board members.

This spring, in partnership with the park service, we will renovate the outdoor chapel where generations of Y campers have learned respect, responsibility, honesty, and caring.

To sign up, please go to https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSffz9_OR21xtkq0a36uS2P4bsutMVxvM-McVQFHLasuqsRh9g/viewform?usp=sf_link.

The Camp Silver Creek Alumni Association mission is to support, preserve and strengthen YMCA camping at Camp Silver Creek. The CSCAA comprises any Camp Silver Creek alumni, staff (current and former), and community members who believe that camp is an essential part of childhood.

Get more involved with the CSCAA by emailing contact.cscaa@theyonline.org

CSC's Summer Wish List

Ok Folks!!!! The 2023 "Camp Wish List" is here!!! These are items help greatly enhance camp programming but are not the only source of supplies. We want to provide a list of items that anyone could contribute to help campers have the best week possible.

If you want have any questions, or want to donate something that is not on ths list, please call Youth and Camping Services Director Erin Chambers at 503.581.YMCA (9622)

- ♦ 2 soft litters for the infirmary
- ♦ A ream or 2 of computer paper
- ♦ Ink cartridges for the printers (Canon ImageClassMF4880dw and Epson WorkForce WF-2850)
- ♦ Life Jackets
- ♦ Tape (masking and Painters)
- ♦ Sharpies
- ♦ Expo Markers
- ♦ Zip Ties
- ♦ 5 large bags of Hershey's Kisses
- ♦ Embroidery Floss (lots of colors)
- ♦ Lanyard String/Gimp
- ♦ New markers
- ♦ New colored pencils
- ♦ Construction paper
- ♦ Tea lights (both real and battery operated)

Become A CSCAA Monthly Donor!

Have you noticed that CSCAA doesn't charge it's members dues? That's because we want to welcome all alumni to get involved, regardless of their income.

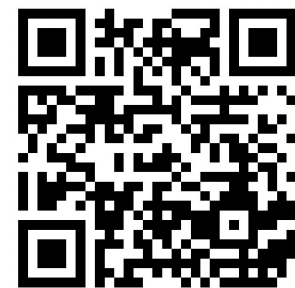
However, we do occur some expenses over the year. Meals are provided for meetings, and workdays, funds are donated to Camp to help pay for trainings, retreats and end of the parties, holiday postcards are bought and mailed, and this newsletter has to be printed.

Where does this money come from? Gracious donors like you. Can you spare us the cost of a cup of coffee once a month? It would be greatly appreciated!!

Please scan and click on the QR symbol above to go to our donation page. It will only take you a few minutes to choose your amount, sign up and help support us in all we do. Do you have questions or need help? Contact Jeremiah at cscaa@theyonline.org.



T-shirts! Get your T-shirts!!



Want to support Camp Silver Creek and get a new T shirt all at once? Visit our official site by scanning this QR, or going to <https://www.bonfire.com/store/ymca-camp-silver-creek/>

Although no new designs are available yet this year, there are still lots of awesome shirts/hats/sweats you can order.

Remember, all money raised from the sales of these shirts go to the Campership fund.

Nominations for 2023 Board Members

Are you ready to give back to the place that gave you so much? Camp Silver Creek Alumni Association is looking for a few more alumni to join the board. Former staff members of any age are welcome. Members are expected to attend meetings—which now can be done remotely—to the best of their abilities and be

willing to help out with a project or two throughout the year, such as camp work day. So if you, or someone you know likes to hang out with "us camp folks", please send their name to Jeremiah Rasca, CSCAA President at CSCAA@theyonline.org by July 1, 2023.

I spent two summers as archery director, although it's been a few years since I've shot a bow and arrow!



Hiding from campers before a spooky twilight game. (I'm top row, second from left.)

Background checks required!!

All alumni that are looking to volunteer or visit camp this summer (including for the annual meeting) will need background checks via the volunteer application form. Here is the link: <https://www.theyonline.org/form/volunteer-application> Or scan the QR code:

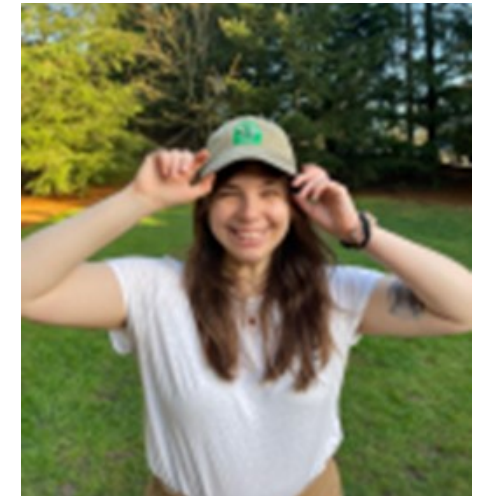


Director (cont.)

I use what I learned as a counselor in the day-to-day life in my classroom.

I love that at camp we can embrace the weirdness of the day to day, and celebrate each other. I have memories of trying to eat spaghetti with no utensils, dressing up as a grandmother for a dance, and decorating my cabin door with Barbie coloring pages.

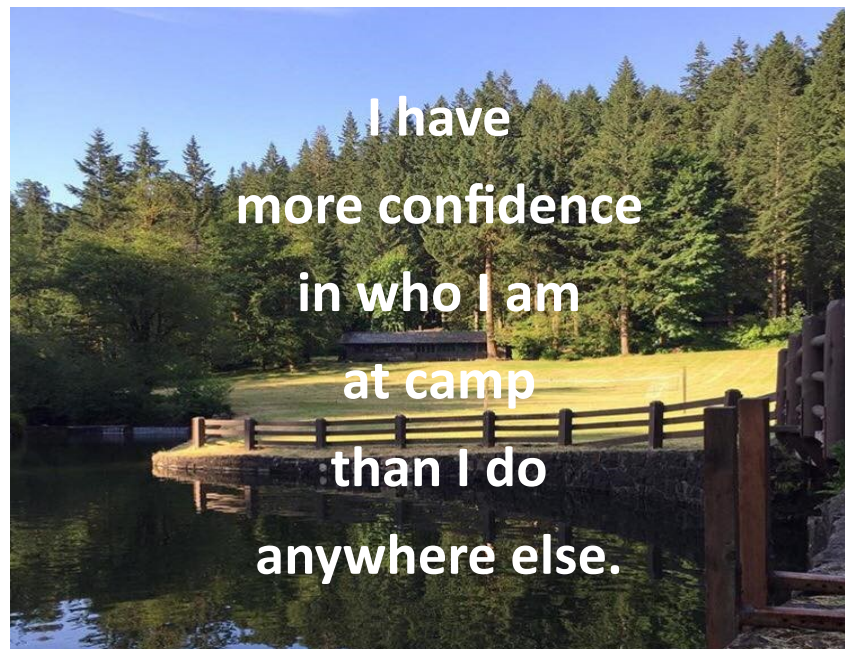
So much of the magic of camp is in the freedom to be yourself, and to find



Adrienne, aka "Fragle"

joy in the little things. I, like so many of you, have made lifelong friends at camp because it was one of the few places I could always be myself. I cannot wait for a new group of campers to experience the magic of camp for the first time.

Like Camp Silver Creek, I come from a similar camp with a strong alumni network - I was actually on the planning committee for our 100th anniversary celebration last summer. I am so excited to see the strong community around Silver Creek, and to be joining your camp family. The love that you all have for this camp speaks about what a wonderful place it is, and I am honored to be able to lead it this summer. I can't believe there's less than two months till camp!



CSCAA has a new e-mail: cscaa@theyonline.org