

Opportunities to Make a Difference at YMCA Camp Willson Men's Camp

As a charitable not-for-profit 501(c)(3), YMCA Camp Willson is dependent upon financial support from donors. Please consider assisting us in our mission to build healthy spirit, mind and body in all.

Since its' inception, Men's Camp has provided significant financial support for YMCA Camp Willson's programs. Some of these programs include:

Bird's Fund (or special project fund)

Each year, our Bird's Fund Committee, in concert with the Executive Director, determines a project that Men's Campers will financially support. The projects vary in length, but tend to be a one to three year commitment.

The Bird's Fund stands for:

- B** Brotherhood (where else is it better?)
- I** Inspiration (supplied by nature and the Sky Pilot)
- R** Recreation or Remembrance (For those who have passed during the past year and the memories of whom we cherish).
- D** Dedication or Development (Camp improvements naturally, this is where the money goes).
- S** Spirit

The current project is for the creation of a gathering place/amphitheatre near the lakeside path. This gathering place will be built in memory of long time Men's Camper, *Tracy Rhea*, providing a breathtaking view of the lake, provide for campfires, and enable us to provide better service for our school year retreats and school groups. The *Dick Smith Assembly Area* will combine the flag pole area and the current Dick Smith Memorial into one area, providing benches and the memorial at the flag pole area.

Past projects have included the construction of the High Ropes Course and Climbing Wall, Chapel, pavilion, the Waterfront docks, toys, and Boathouse renovation, tennis court resurfacing, road and pathway surfaces, and many, many more projects. It can be said, with great confidence, that every aspect of Camp Willson has been impacted due to the generosity and support of Men's Campers.

Current Bird's Fund Committee: Alan Berliner, Dick Golden, Bud Smith

The Fishing Tournament or Boat Fund provides for the purchase of equipment and supplies as related to the waterfront area. Items in the past have included equipment/supplies for fishing camp, personal flotation devices (PFD's), oars & paddles, boats/canoes and other waterfront toys.

With categories of fishermen and non-fishermen, the tournament begins with the start of Men's Camp and ends at lunch on Sunday, with the awarding of fabulous prizes. The entry fee is \$10.00 per entry and you may enter as many times as desired.

The father/son duo of Dave and Brian Kindinger are the organizers of this Fund.

Kids to Camp Scholarship Fund Each year, donors provide financial support to provide camping experiences for children unable to afford the camp experience. Donations to our Kids to Camp Scholarship Fund provide the opportunity for these kids to swim, boat, ride horses, do crafts and so much more!

Heritage Club Become a member of the YMCA of Central Ohio's Heritage Club by including YMCA Camp Willson in your estate planning, Please contact our Executive Director for more information about this wonderful legacy program.

Volunteer! Give us a call or join us on a work weekend to make Camp Willson a better place for our participants! A wide variety of options are available in the areas of maintenance, natural resource management, fundraising, office/computer assistance, or any special skill that you might have, and more!

Gifts In Kind Do you have access to items that camp can use? Give us a call and we'll give it a new life at Camp Willson. We are always in need of medical supplies, construction materials, sports and craft equipment, computer/office supplies and much more!

All donations made to the YMCA are tax deductible.