

GIVE FOR A BETTER US

Staff at YMCA Camp Potawotami focus on the A, B, C's of camping. We work to increase the sense of accomplishment and belonging within campers while teaching positive character traits and values.

ACCOMPLISHMENT – Campers gain a sense of accomplishment by trying new activities and developing skills. Real world achievements raise the self-confidence and self-esteem of each camper.

BELONGING – New friendships help campers experience a sense of belonging. Sharing a cabin with fellow campers buildsfriendships and teamwork. Each person is a valued part of the community.

CHARACTER – Campers develop character as they grow through new challenges. Camp emphasizes learning, growing and doing your best.

>>> Your donation goes directly to help families like this Trinda and Robert wanted their children to have the opportunity to attend resident camp each summer, increase their independence and build character. Trinda says, "We love the opportunity that both of our daughters had to be part of nature and the ability to explore. Now that they are older and continuing to develop their leadership skills they are able to articulate what the camp experiences meant to them. We are thankful for camp!"

The girls Surraya (now age 19) and Nori (now age 17) recount that camp is a safe and encouraging environment that builds confidence to face fears and doubts in a very real way through activities such as the high ropes course. Accomplishing things they had never done before gave them both a sense of accomplishment that was celebrated by all of the campers and camp counselors.

The girls will always see camp as a home away from home, where people who are considered family help you believe in yourself, face challenges and learn new skills.

"WE LOVE YMCA CAMP POTAWOTAMI!" Surraya and Nori

Your Gift In Action

Every dollar donated to the YMCA Camp Potawotami Annual Campaign has a lasting impact on our community. On average, 98% of campers reside in Allen County.

In 2020 financial assistance allowed 68 youth to experience all that summer resident camp has to offer.

\$120 Provides horseback riding lessons.
\$145 Helps a child experience one overnight at resident camp.
\$400 Deepens a teenager's character through 1 week at Y Teen Leadership overnight resident camp.
\$600 Sends 1 child to a week of overnight summer camp where they build self-confidence and increase self esteem.

Through Your Generosity, Together We Will:

- Ensure that life-enriching summer overnight camp is available to all young people.
- Increase campers' sense of accomplishment and belonging while they learn positive character traits.
- Give kids a chance to unplug from technology, make friends and fully experience the benefits of outdoors.







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