



What Joe Knows!

Alumni Newsletter



News and Upcoming Events from Camp Piomingo

Donors

Attending YMCA Camp Piomingo can potentially be a life-changing experience. This summer over 115 campers attended Piomingo who may not have been able to, due to the generosity of over 130 donors. Our donors including, families, staff, board members, and community members played a significant role in youth development of campers this summer.

"My two children were able to attend camp for the first time this year thanks to the people who donate time and money. Thank you all!!!" - Camper Parent

Camp Piomingo provided over \$40,000 dollars in financial assistance to help campers attend Piomingo. This year Piomingo reached and exceeded its goal for the Spirit Campaign due to the generosity of our donors. Because of our desire to strengthen our community and never turn anyone away due to an inability to pay for a Piomingo program, each year we provide financial assistance greater than the total funds raised. YMCA Camp Piomingo plays a critical role in youth development through its programs and remains a very important non-profit organization for our community so we need your help. Please join us in helping send even more campers to Piomingo in 2011. To make a donation today, go to

<http://www.ymcacamppiomingo.org/Display?COMMAND=ShowContentCommand&id=4>

Summer!

YMCA Camp Piomingo had a record number of campers attending this summer with a record number of days above 90°F making it the largest and hottest summer on record. Many children, staff, donors, and alumni enjoyed the wonderful new pool and waterslide that provided all an opportunity to cool off, make friends, learn to swim, and screaming for joy as they went down the waterslide! This very important program area will be a wonderful asset for many, many years to come. Thanks to the wonderful donors who helped make this dream a reality and fantastic success.

To see our wonderful pool and waterslide go to <http://www.ymcacamppiomingo.org/new-camp-pool>

Summer 2011 – Earlybird Registrations

Are your campers still talking about their summer at Piomingo? The great experiences they had, the new friends they made and becoming a part of our wonderful camp family? Then surprise them this holiday season by giving the gift of camp. By registering now, you will also receive a one of a kind Camp Piomingo t-shirt to wrap up for the holidays to surprise your camper.

Click here to learn more. <http://www.ymcacamppiomingo.org/announcements>

Fall Family Camp and EQ Parent/ Child Camp a Great Success!!!

September 25th to 26th, 2010

A very **Special Thanks** to the families and staff who attended the record-breaking 2010 fall family camp and EQ parent/ child camp events. To review, over 150 people, representing 40 summer camp families, alumni, horseback lesson families, Piomingo board members and summer staff participated in Saturday and Sunday's festivities.

The activities included archery, pipeline slide, pony rides, climbing tower, high ropes, zip line, wagon rides, pumpkin painting, horseback riding, a fun opening campfire with songs, delicious meals prepared by the summer kitchen staff and "front yard" fun. Each family got to stay in their own cabin and some families even brought tents to have a true campout experience. Click here to see the short video and pictures <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Brandenburg-KY/YMCA-Camp-Piomingo/210912533085?ref=ts#!/pages/Brandenburg-KY/YMCA-Camp-Piomingo/210912533085>

If you missed out on this great event, not to worry, Spring Family Camp is currently being planned. Registration begins soon, so keep an eye out.

Join us on Facebook!

What our friends are saying about Piomingo - Quotes from our Facebook Fan page:

"Camp Piomingo is a great camp. I'm a camper and I can not stay away. It's great!" - Lauren (camper)

"Thanks for making my kids first camping trip fantastic!! Noonway." - Heather (parent)

"I picked up my son today.....He had an absolute blast...He can't wait till next summer already." - Mercedes (parent)

"Thank you for the pictures, that you update everyday! It's awesome to see my daughter's smiling face and to see her participating in all the fun activities there at camp!" - Jessica (parent)

"Oooooooh....miss camp out night and hobo stew... miss cheers at dinner... miss capture the flag... miss the gong... miss old friends... miss friendship bracelets... miss backpacking at Cumberland Gap... miss canoeing on the Green River... miss pool rockers and lemonheads and camp dances and World Service Carnival and super hero dinner... camp is the best!" - Lisa (alumni)

"I am so impressed. I dropped my two kids off yesterday at 2:00 PM and by tonight, there are 776 photos to view! My kids will never want to leave!" - Terri (parent)

"I have two children who got to attend camp this year because of the financial assistance. I was able to send BOTH kids at a price I was able to afford! Thanks so much!"
Crystal - (parent)

Become a fan of Camp Piomingo on Facebook by following this link and share your summer camp memories today! <http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/pages/Brandenburg-KY/YMCA-Camp-Piomingo/210912533085>

Winter Camp 2010

Each Holiday break, more than 50 campers and 20 camp staff enjoy the magic of Piomingo, but with a winter twist. From Friday Dec 10th to Sunday Dec 12th campers will enjoy the warmth of the dining hall fireplace, brisk winter wagon rides, craft time with hot cocoa, revisiting with their favorite summer camp counselors and much. To learn more and register go to <http://www.ymcacamppiomingo.org/spring-and-fall-programs/mini-camps>

Making Camp Piomingo even better

In order to make Piomingo the best summer camp choice for your camper(s), we ask each family to fill out an online evaluation, once their camper's session is over. We are thankful to get feedback from each family on what we are great at AND what we need to improve on. We put the name of each camper who returns an evaluation into a hat, draw one name and award that camper with a FREE WEEK OF CAMP. We are so proud to announce the 2011 winner of a free week of camp is Elizabeth King from Louisville.

Thanks to everyone who filled out an evaluation!

From your feedback will be focusing on certain areas for 2011 and they are:

- Staff training enhancements.
- Training of staff to strengthen the cabin culture so campers can make more friends.
- Wooden Bunks to be installed in the Shawnee and Creek Unit.

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- Focusing on ways to make the cabins and bathhouses cleaner.

YMCA Character Award Winner

The Admin Staff at Piomingo are so proud to announce Sarah Horowitz as a winner of the 2010 YMCA Character Award. This award is given to youth who exemplify the Character Values of the YMCA, caring, honesty, respect and responsibility. Because of her hard work as a Counselor-in-Training (CIT) and her dedication to the mission of Camp Piomingo, she was presented this award on Thursday October 21st in front of her family, YMCA staff, volunteers and board members. Great job Sarah!!!