YMCA Camp Carson Financial Assistance Application Packet

January 4, 2016

From the Director:

Thank you for your request for information regarding programs here at YMCA Camp Carson. I hope you find the enclosed material helpful. After reviewing the information, PLEASE do not hesitate to contact our camp office if you have any questions about the application process.

Please see the Application Process Sheet to review the guidelines for applying for financial assistance. YMCA Camp Carson, a branch of the YMCA of Southwestern Indiana, Inc., is a non-for-profit agency offering quality programs designed to benefit all people regardless of age, gender, race, religion or income level. It is our pledge, within available resources of the YMCA, to provide services to individuals regardless of ability to pay. Financial assistance will be granted to anyone who can demonstrate verifiable need through the recognized proof of income. Valid proof of income must be provided before the application can be approved. A sliding scale is used to determine the financial assistance award amount. All records are kept confidential.

Please note our funds are limited and awarded on a first come, first served basis. Awards can only be given after ALL the requested documents have been received by our office, so please, take the time to thoroughly complete the application form and all the other supporting material. This will help expedite the application review process.

Thank you for selecting the programs at YMCA Camp Carson and for your patience as we evaluate your request.

Yours in Christ,

Mark Scoular
Executive Director
YMCA Camp Carson
YMCA CAMP CARSON FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Review and/or complete the following and return BY MAIL or SCAN & EMAIL (NO FAXES Please) to YMCA Camp Carson by March 11, 2016. Applications are accepted after this date if financial assistance funds are still available.

   • Financial Assistance Application Form (1 per family)
   • Parent Questionnaire (1 per camper)
   • Camper Questionnaire (1 per camper)
   • School Reference Forms (2 per camper)
   • 2016 YMCA Camp Carson Camper Application (1 per camper)
   • Attach enclosed form indicating your 3 preferences of session dates. (1 per camper)
   • 2015 Federal Income Tax Return (1 per family – PLEASE NOTE: child on camper application must appear on the income tax return as a dependent.)

   Until a copy of a 2015 Federal Tax Return and all documentation has been received by our office, final awards cannot be issued.

   If you do not file a tax return, please supply a signed letter to this effect with verification of income from the Social Security office, etc.

   If you qualify to receive financial assistance, up to $525 can be awarded. The applicants must pay any additional fees above $525 in order to participate in programs such as Wrangler camp, horseback riding lessons or dirt bikes at Shoshone camp.

2. RETURN ALL COMPLETED DOCUMENTS TO:

   Executive Director, Grants
   YMCA Camp Carson
   2034 Outer Lake Road
   Princeton, IN 47670

3. After the application and ALL supporting materials have been received, we will review the file. Cases are reviewed on an individual basis and applicants will normally be asked to pay a portion of the fee. Following this review, you will receive a phone call informing you of the award amount. We ask that you accept or decline the award within 24 hours. Your portion of the funds will be due by May 15, 2016.

HOW TO DOCUMENT THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES:

   • Government Assistance: Notice of Decision (with names of eligible person(s) and total income including food stamps.)
   • Social Security Disability: Letter from Social Security office or Notice of Decision stating the monthly benefit amount.
   • Unemployed: Notification of eligible benefits from unemployment office. Federal Tax Return will still be needed, as unemployment is a taxable income.
   • Full-time College Student: Letter from registrar’s office indicating a current full-time student status.
   • No income: The YMCA needs the income of the person(s) supporting the applicant. Example: John does not work and is living with grandmother. Since she is providing him with room and board, the YMCA would need a letter from the grandmother stating the situation.
   • Just released from prison or living in a Safe House: A letter is required from probation of parole office stating release date. This releases the applicant from having to provide Federal Income Tax Return.
   • Persons living in shelters: Letter from caseworker stating the circumstance of the individual's situation. Example: Jane is a victim of an abusive spouse with children and is not able to access her federal return and is not currently working. She and her family are currently in a relocation and skill-training program.
# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION FORM - 2016

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:**

-CONFIDENTIAL-

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Please answer ALL questions – Unanswered questions may void this application.

**What amount do you feel you can afford to pay PER CHILD?** $ __________________________ (this is a required field)

Are you applying for or receiving assistance for your children to attend any other camps this summer? YES ____ NO ____

If you answered yes to previous question, please list camps: ___________________________________________________________________________________

Mother’s Name _________________________________________________________ Mother’s Email Address _________________________________

Mother’s Phone(day) ___________________________ Mother’s Phone(evening) ___________________________

Mother’s Employer Name __________________________________________________ Mother’s Employer Phone ___________________________

Father’s Name _________________________________________________________ Father’s Email Address ________________________________

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**Annual Household Income**

(the following reflects income coming into this household to cover monthly expenses)

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Number of Dependent Children Living in Home __________

Please Check (X) where applicable. Residence: Own ____ Rent ____ Current value of home is $ __________

Automobile: # of vehicles in household __ Make ______ Model ______ Year ____ Value $ ______

Birth Parents are: ___ Married ___ Separated ___ Divorced/Single ___ Divorced/Remarried ___ Widowed

List Social Organizations in which family participates: ___________________________________________________________________________________

By my signature I am requesting assistance from the YMCA due to my personal circumstances. I certify, that to the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application is accurate and true. I also give permission to the YMCA to contact my employer for salary verification.

_________________________________________                      _________________________
Parent/Guardian Signature(s)                                                         Date
Boys and girls come from all over the tri-state area to participate in our camping program and to develop lifelong friendships. In some cases, they now also come from states as far away as Texas and Connecticut, or even other countries. Please be candid in your response to the questions below as they help us determine if this program is a good match for your child.

1. What characteristics make your child a good candidate for camp? Please be specific.

2. Describe your child’s strengths and describe your child’s areas for growth. Please be specific.

3. Describe your child’s interaction with siblings and peer group. Please be specific.

4. Describe your child’s interaction with those in positions of authority. Please be specific.

5. Name activities in which your child is a participating member when not in school. Please be specific.

6. Are there any issues at school that we should be aware of?

7. Is there anything you would like to add?
At YMCA Camp Carson, boys and girls come from all over the tri-state area to participate in our camping program and to develop lifelong friendships. In some cases, they now also come from states as far away as Texas and Connecticut, or even other countries. Isn’t that exciting? As you answer the following questions, think about what it will be like to be in a cabin with new friends from many different places.

1. Our Staff have an expectation that all campers will be honest, respectful, responsible and caring. Keeping this in mind, in what ways do you think you will show these qualities at camp and to your cabin mates?

2. What do you like most about yourself/least about yourself?

3. What are your interests and hobbies? What do you like to do when you are not in school?

4. Living in a cabin with other campers requires you to be a team player, to help with cabin clean-up and daily chores and to get along with all types of people. Please share how you will help the cabin group.

5. List three reasons why you would like to come to camp. Please be specific.

(Continue on the opposite side, if needed.)
YMCA MISSION STATEMENT

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Upon completing this form, we are requesting that you please mail it directly to camp.

Name of Child: ______________________________________________ Your Relationship with this Child: ______________________________

Your Name (Person Making Referral): ________________________________________________________________________________

Official Job Title: ______________________________________________________________________________________________________

Name of School (No abbreviations please): ________________________________________________________________________________

Complete Office Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________________

Office Phone Number: (____) ________________ Home Phone Number: (____) ________________

E-Mail Address: (Please print clearly.) ________________________________________________

QUESTIONS: (Please use additional paper if necessary.)

1. How long have you known this child?

2. What characteristics make this child a good candidate for Camp? Please be specific.

3. A successful residential camp experience requires the ability to live cooperatively in a group and to be team oriented. How does this child demonstrate that he/she is a team player?

4. Describe an area of growth for this child. Please be specific.

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5. What specific experiences can make camp a positive opportunity for this child?


7. Describe this child’s interaction with his/her peer group.

8. Describe this child’s interaction with those in a position of authority.

9. Faith, Caring, Respect, Responsibility and Honesty are the YMCA core values held in high regard at camp. In what manner does this child exhibit these values? Please be specific.

10. Is there anything else you would like to add that can help the committee?

THANK YOU for taking your valuable time to complete this reference. This information is to be used in determining if a child is a candidate for a grant to attend residential camp. A small group of committed volunteers and staff review files and make recommendations. Privacy and confidentiality will be honored. Candid statements will ensure the success of camp for this child as well as the other children in their cabin/camp group.

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Please complete the enclosed standard 2016 camper application (also available on our website) EXCEPT for choosing a session. Space is limited in each session so we ask that you please give us your first, second and third choice of session dates. We will do everything we can to honor your request. Thank you!

Child's Name: ________________________________

1st Choice of Session Date: ____________________

2nd Choice of Session Date: ____________________

3rd Choice of Session Date: ____________________

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Why 3 Prices? Realizing that families have differing abilities to pay, we’ve instituted a voluntary 3 rate pricing program. Please take a moment to look at the rate descriptions below and determine which of the three prices your family is able and willing to pay for your child’s camp experience. This is strictly an honor system; select the fee you feel is appropriate by marking both the price and camp session/program below. Selection of Rate B & C of this program is voluntary, is funded through our Annual Campaign, and in no way influences the experience children receive. Additional Financial Assistance is available. Scholarship Applications will be available at www.campcarson.org beginning January 2, 2016.

Rate A – 2016 Rate: Based on the actual cost of camp for child to participate. Includes expenses for staff, maintenance, food, programs, supplies, and wear/tear/depredation.

Example $660 $610 $525

Shoshone Wrangler Counselor in Training Leader in Training Fox Diabetes / Independence Camp
A $660 A $745 A $1070 A $1145 A $360 Call for registration
B $610 B $695 B $1020 B $1095 B $340 Info & Fees
C $525 C $645 C $970 C $1045 C $320

Please Circle Session(s), Program(s) and RATE you are selecting. (one application must be completed for each family member attending.)

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Session 6 July 10-15 Session 7 July 17-22 Session 8 July 24-29 Session 9 July 31 – Aug 3

Not sure about your family’s summer schedule? Simply pay $75 Registration Fee and select “Session to Be Determined” by checking the box here. You should then designate a session by March 1st, 2016.

Please list session #s for additional horseback or dirt-bike riding:

PLEASE YES or NO regarding participation in our Horseback Program, Dirt-Bike Program and/or Weekend Stay-Over

- YES My child (age 8 and up) wants to participate in horseback riding for an additional $20/b. per day.
- NO My child does not want to participate in horseback riding.

- YES My child (age 11 and up) wants to participate in dirt-bike riding for an additional $90/b. per week.
- NO My child does not want to participate in dirt-bike riding.
- YES My child will be staying over between sessions. I understand there is an add'l $120 fee per weekend.
- NO My child will not be staying over the weekend.

First time applicant YES or previous camper How many years Previously Attended? (Shoshone, LIT, etc.)

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Name(s) of parents or guardian(s) with whom camper lives

Parents are: Married Widowed Single Parent Divorced Separated Remarried
YMCA Camp Carson is committed to providing children with an opportunity for full and equal enjoyment of the camping experience. For this reason, we regret that children who do not have the promise of living cooperatively, compatibly and safely with other children cannot be accepted into the program.

If your child appears to have any serious behavioral problems or special circumstances involving physical, medical, or social concerns, the Director should be notified of this now, so that reasonable modification can be considered. Camping is designed to be a strong influence in the lives of the children it serves and YMCA Camp Carson realizes that typical problems are usually overcome through a program of high expectations and positive motivation. In the event that our program/facility is not a good match, we will do everything we can to help you locate a camp that would be more suited to serving your child’s needs.

The Director reserves the right to decline the application of any child, or send home any child, who according to the Director is not physically or emotionally able to participate in the activities offered.

By making application, it is understood that permission is hereby given to use pictures in which my child as a camper may appear in the Camp brochure, DVD, web-site, or other promotional literature/posters used by the camp, YMCA of Southwestern Indiana Inc., American Camp Association, YMCA of the USA, or other camp affiliates. It is also understood that YMCA Camp Carson is not responsible for articles of clothing or personal belongings damaged or missing in transit, loss or theft.

How did you FIRST hear about YMCA Camp Carson? _____________________________________________________________

Discounts for Full Week Sessions: 2nd Child Discount – $20 Sign Up a Friend Discount – $25 (this must be the friend’s first year at YMCA Camp Carson and your name must appear on their application to receive credit)

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METHOD OF PAYMENT: Please check all that apply. Note: The payment plan option is one of the most convenient and easiest budgeting options for families.

I am selecting the payment plan – Please charge only the registration fee today then the balance, in equal amounts, on the 15th of each month until May 15th 2016

I am selecting to pay by [ ] Check [ ] Debit Card / Credit Card [ ] Charge Registration Only [ ] Charge Entire Fee

I wish to donate $10 [ ] $25 [ ] $50 [ ] $75 [ ] $100 [ ] other $__________ All donations are tax deductible. Your contribution will help sponsor other children to camp and also underwrite program costs and equipment repairs. Thank you for your consideration and support.

How did you FIRST hear about YMCA Camp Carson? _____________________________________________________________

Are you making application for any siblings for any of the 2016 sessions? YES ____ NO ____

Are either or both parents former YMCA Camp Carson counselors or campers? YES ____ NO ____

Name ________________________________________ Dates at Camp: Camper ___________ Staff ___________

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Names/addresses of other families you recommend to receive information about YMCA Camp Carson (Use additional sheet if necessary);

Parent’s Name: ____________________________ Child’s Name: ____________________________

Address ____________________________________________________________

YMCA Camp Carson is operated in accordance with the U.S. Department of Agriculture policy which does not permit discrimination because of race, color, sex, age, handicap, or national origin.