Chilling Out at Winter Family Camp 2017!

In keeping with tradition, Winter Family Camp was a rocking good time for everyone involved! We had a great mix of brand new families, returning families, and even a few families for whom winter family camp has become such a long standing tradition that they had multiple generations in attendance. Two families—the Burgers and the Blocks—celebrated 22 years of family camp memories! Mother Nature cooperated nicely with chilly temps and just enough leftover snow to make cross country skiing and snow shoeing very popular choices. For those less inclined to embrace the cold, we had tons of fun inside as well—cool crafts, spirited indoor games and contests, endless hot chocolate & marshmallows, and this year’s coolest new addition—our very own Escape Room. Thanks to all the families who joined us. We loved sharing the weekend with you.

Calling all McAlister and Talcott families!

Want a taste of summer right smack in the middle of the school year? Wish you could hear and see more about the fun things your children do at camp? You can! Please join us for one of three CAMP FAMILY REUNIONS coming in 2017 to a YMCA near you:

- **Queens**: Cross Island YMCA, Thurs, 3/30, 7-8:30pm
- **Bronx**: Bronx YMCA, Thurs, 4/6, 7-8:30pm
- **Brooklyn**: Park Slope Armory YMCA, Sun, 4/30, 1-2:30pm

These fun-filled evenings include a chance to meet the directors and other key summer staff, play fun games as a family, watch the 2016 camp slide show, and enjoy a yummy dessert, all for the low cost of FREE! Bring a friend and share the magic of camp! Call 845-858-2200 for details.

Can’t make it? No worries! Our on-site Open Houses are just around the corner—

- **Sunday, April 2nd**
- **Sunday, May 7th** — with transportation from NYC provided.

Check it Out:

**Summer Family Camp 2017!**

**Mark Your Calendars:**
Friday, Sept 1 – Monday, Sept 4
Join us for a fun-filled weekend of crafts, games, activities and programs for all ages at our annual Summer Family Camp.

**FIND OUT MORE**

**SUMMER IS COMING**
If you haven’t already registered, don’t wait! Camps are filling quickly!

**REGISTER NOW**
Spring Outdoor Ed. Season

“What do you guys DO during the school year?” may be one of the most common questions we are asked. If the New York YMCA Camp means only summer sleepaway camp to you, you may be surprised to learn that Greenkill—our Outdoor Education and Retreat Center—hosts more children between September and May than all three of our camps put together! This spring is no exception. Between January and May alone, 6,000 students, teachers, and community group members will come to stay at Greenkill, with visits ranging from one to five days. Under the guidance of our wonderful staff of naturalists, students learn hands on about the natural environment—pond & stream ecology, forest ecology, geology, map & compass, survival, pioneer history, and more—and work together solving fun and compelling team building and low & high ropes challenges. Every March, students get the unique opportunity to help tap our maple trees and experience firsthand the process of turning sap to syrup!

Annual Support Campaign

The New York YMCA Camp will kick-off its 2017 Annual Campaign on March 29th at 6:30 pm at the Westside Y. The campaign goal will be announced and a camper will share a message about what camp has meant to them. Each year camp undertakes this campaign to raise the needed scholarship funds. Our goal is to ensure every child has the opportunity to experience sleepaway camp. Donors include camp parents, alumni, community members, board members, and staff, all of whom share a love of camp and a strong belief in the positive difference that camp can make for a child.

Join us in making an impact in our communities. Simply CLICK HERE and select ‘New York YMCA Camp’ as the branch you wish to support. Together, we can address the community need, supporting the growth of all our children through camping.

Spring Women’s Wellness

This spring, we celebrate our 28th annual Spring Women’s Wellness weekend and the return of Hillary Southard—our new Greenkill Director—as the event director. Hillary is thrilled to be running Women’s Wellness again and brings to the event extensive experience, lots of new ideas, and a passion for creating an amazing experience for our guests. So, if you are feeling cooped up and worn down by a long, cold winter, don’t hesitate! Join us for a weekend designed to rejuvenate your spirit, mind and body. Choose from a compelling array of presentations related to women’s health and well-being, guided hikes and nature exploration, yoga and fitness, crafts, wine tasting, late night conversations, and so much more. Commune with old friends and make new ones. Leave feeling a renewed sense of connection and energy. Seriously, it’s that wonderful. Don’t wait any longer to register as several of our dorms are already sold out!

Students from Island Trees Middle School on Long Island watch intently as Mr. Southard demonstrates the evaporation process involved in maple sugaring.