

# Silver Beach Splash

Camp Silver Beach, celebrating 10 years of Camping and Conferencing

Spring 2010

## Director's Corner

*Value is often expressed in terms of monetary worth or return on investment. It can also very appropriately be expressed in terms of the usefulness of something or somebody. David Elkind, professor of child development at Tufts University, speaks of the value of traditional camp found in the love, play, and work trilogy. Unlike many skills-oriented camps, traditional camps like Camp Silver Beach focus on values such as caring, honesty, respect, responsibility, and faith—all values that support the love, play, and work trilogy.*

*Campers at CSB come from many backgrounds. They participate in a systematic group living environment that fosters responsibility for their living space and for each member of the cottage group. Campers share meal times together as a cottage group. They also participate in recreational program activities together. Evening programs often require the cottage group to function as a cohesive unit in order to be successful. With different personalities, cultures and backgrounds campers learn to live cooperatively in their cottage groups. The result is the development of team work and independent living skills.*

*Campers are taught to value the environment through nature studies and respect for nature's creatures. Through this unique community and the mentoring of caring adults, lasting friendships are formed. The setting at Camp Silver Beach provides the necessary environment for a successful camp experience, which can play a vital role in the total human experience. It can also pave the road for a more successful, meaningful, and fulfilled life.*

*Sincerely,*



Dan Credle

*As Executive Director at YMCA Camp Silver Beach, Dan brings 32 years of camp leadership experience and holds a masters degree in organizational management and leadership.*

## Real Value in Traditional Camp— Good Friends, Great Times, All Summer Long!



Finally the snow has disappeared and you can actually see a little green peaking under the pile of sticks and limbs left from our harsh winter. Our Spring work weekend volunteers had plenty to do.

The beach has changed a little as well, but it is still just as picturesque and inviting. New equipment is coming in daily and filling the office. Hopefully you are planning to spend another fun summer at Camp Silver Beach and have sent your application in to reserve your space.

With four new boats ready and waiting to take you out on the magical Chesapeake Bay this summer, spaces are filling up quickly!

### Open House Dates this Spring:

- Sunday, April 18, 2-4 pm
- Sunday, May 2, 2-4 pm



**Four new boats this summer!**

### Bring your friends this summer:

Host a Home Show—Invite your friends and their parents to your house for a visit from a CSB staff person. We bring videos, brochures and our personal expertise for question and answer time. We can also visit your school if that is something that works better for you.

Take advantage of the exclusive YMCA of South Hampton Roads member benefit of \$100 off one week at Camp Silver Beach!

Call (757) 442-4634 today or see Camper Application for specific details.

## SAVE \$100!

View our video at [www.campsilverbeach.org](http://www.campsilverbeach.org) or call to request your free DVD!

# Camp is a Classroom

Camp Silver Beach is a virtual outdoor classroom that provides campers and conferees residential programs offering hands-on experiential education in a wide variety of topics, including: Forest Ecology, Wildlife Ecology, Plant Ecology, Water Ecology, Outdoor Skills, and Teambuilding.

The setting is 151 acres of bayfront forest with marsh over looks, plentiful wetlands, a tidal wetlands teeming with wildlife, nature trails, and habitat for many varieties of birds and water fowl. Camp Silver Beach is in the middle of the Atlantic flyway and many species of birds take refuge in its abundant thickets cultivated specifically for bird watching.

On any given day from the property which has 1200 feet of shoreline on the Chesapeake Bay, one may observe bald eagles, osprey, and several varieties of hawks, owls, fox, deer, raccoons, and migrating birds



and even sea turtles and pods of dolphin. The sandy beach is a place where horseshoe crabs spawn by the thousands during some years. Not only do summer campers have the opportunity to witness and participate

in this natural classroom, each and every participant is exposed to this incredible environment by the very nature of its setting.

## Returning Staff

Once again we are blessed with a phenomenal staff—some old favorites are coming back!

### Returning Staff:

Ross Barnes, Ryan Bowen, Amanda Carmellini, Allie Crowder, Rachel Fiery, Barbara Gothardo, Ben Grubbs, Olivia Horne, Danny Jamin, David Jamin, Liz Jessee, Kyle Johnson, Mary Keegan, Robert Liebowitz, Jennifer Nakayama, Phin

Naughton, Greg Plant, Laura Peterson, Evan Robertson, Eileen Rosenberg, Crysthell Torres, and Carter Willcox.

### Former Campers, now Staff:

Tyler Flynn, Mark Grenga, Izzy Haas, Lindsay Hamberg, Alyssa Hughes, Chandler Johnson, Alanna Miller, Eli and Izzy Shocket.

## Service to Youth

Constance Bowen, a long time supporter of Camp Silver Beach, was recognized with a Service to Youth Award for her dedication to raising money for children to be able to attend Camp each summer. Congratulations Connie!

## Teen Camp—A Unique Opportunity



*The secret we keep here at Camp—* A program with freedom, responsibility, off-camp activities, service projects, plus all traditional camp activities.

Most of these campers have progressed from beginning as a one-week traditional camper to a three-week teen camper, to becoming a Counselor-In-Training and then becoming a Junior Counselor. As they grow they extend their experience.

Most teens have boundless energy and idealism that need appropriate

nurturing and role modeling to make a difference. At camp there is no homework. This leaves staff free to focus on the campers' strengths and how to nurture them and build confidence. Many teens are eager to talk and learn more about themselves and the world they are entering, and when presented thoughtfully and with purpose, many teens report these aspects of camp as being the best part of their summer experience.

In the stressful lives of teens there is great value in offering fun and recreation in a safe environment with caring, well-trained staff to guide them. Teen campers come together from around the world for three weeks forming their own community in their private Teen Village.

They are a tight knit group, forming their own community, fostering close

relationships with healthy leadership. They are with the same people, same leaders, same lodging for three weeks.

Teen Camp combines elements of leadership training, community service and personal growth.

By helping our community with service projects, teens learn the importance of giving back, helping others. They see a world that many do not know even exists. Join us this summer in our Teen Camp and see for yourself what we are talking about!



# Who We are Helping

In 2009, 234 children, who otherwise may never know this world exists, shared the magic of a fun-filled week of camp. Camp Silver Beach staff, volunteers and camper families raised \$92,333 towards the \$166,013 given in scholarships last year. Here is just one of our many stories about a recipient of your goodwill.

*My husband was a home builder and suffered a major stroke in June of 1999. We had to close his business and he has been unable to work since his stroke. He has had many health issues and in March of 2003 became totally bed-bound. He is currently under Hospice care, but his will to live is undeniable and he loves Briana dearly.*

*Since my husband is bed-bound, consequently, Briana and I have become home-bound. Briana deserves to get out of the house and be with other children for a respite. She would love a week of camp. A care-free environment where she can relax and enjoy nature, and the companionship of other children.*

*This letter is written to express our sincere appreciation for your favorable consideration of our granddaughter. She is absolutely thrilled that she will be able to attend Camp Silver Beach in August. My husband and I were brought to tears when we received your acceptance. We love Briana and are so happy for her that words seem inadequate.*



*We are thankful to God, the YMCA and all those responsible for their compassion and love of children. Organizations and people can make a difference. It is heart-warming to know that you cared and were willing to step forward when our family was in financial and medical turmoil.*

*I don't know if August 16th will come fast enough. Briana already has her bags packed! I know this will be an experience of a lifetime for her, and my husband and I appreciate your kindness very much! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.*

—Victoria

## Help a Child Today

- Contact Rhonda Marsh, Director of Development at 877-231-2012 or [rhonda@campsilverbeach.org](mailto:rhonda@campsilverbeach.org)
- Make a gift online at [www.campsilverbeach.org](http://www.campsilverbeach.org)
- Make the commitment on your camper's application.

## Echoes of Silver Beach

This Spring we will publish the first annual edition of *Echoes of Silver Beach*, a booklet filled with quotes, reflections and words of wisdom from Alumni Staff, Campers and Parents. This booklet will help to connect the generations, providing valuable insights, guidance and reflections to the ever-growing Camp Silver Beach family. All new staff will receive a copy during training week. Please send us your quotes, advice, reflections and words of encouragement either by emailing to [rhonda@campsilverbeach.org](mailto:rhonda@campsilverbeach.org) or through traditional mail.

### Alumni Reconnection

Facebook—send us the newest news about your life (where you are, what you are doing and who you are still in contact with). Let us know if you'd be interested in a reunion!

Marc Murray has a new baby girl, named after a fellow camp friend—Quinn Nicole Murray. She was born February 10, 2010 at 3:57 pm weighing 6 pounds and 14 ounces and is 21 inches long.



Greg Landsman also has a new baby girl, Madeline Opal Landsman "Maddie O". She was born on March 2, 2010 at 6:12 pm, weighing 7 pounds and 6 ounces, 20 inches.

We always look forward to hearing from our Alumni so keep sending us all the stories of your lives!

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## YMCA Mission

To put Judeo-Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.



**YMCA of South Hampton Roads**

*Camp Silver Beach is a YMCA of South Hampton Roads facility.*



## Family Camp

Want to be a camper and come to camp just like your children? Grab your family and head to Camp Silver Beach for Family Camp during the Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends! Package price includes three nights lodging, 8 meals (Saturday breakfast through Monday lunch) and all activities for a family of four (additional fees apply for numbers greater than four).

Memorial Day Weekend:  
**May 28-31, 2010**

Labor Day Weekend:  
**September 3-6, 2010**

We look forward to seeing you!

## Retreat Bayside at YMCA Silver Beach



YMCA Conference & Retreat Center at Silver Beach is the ideal setting for restorative inspiration. Whether you're planning a day of team-building activities or a week-long family reunion, we offer full-service dining and lodging for up to 400 guests.

### Join us for:

- Church Ministry Retreats
- Corporate Meetings & Seminars
- Leadership Development Programs
- Team Building Workshops
- Family Reunions & Weddings
- School & University Events

### The finest in camp-setting accommodations:

- Full Service Dining & Bayside Grille
- Outdoor Chapel & Amphitheater
- Adventure & Relaxation Activities
- Meeting Space with Audio/Visual Capabilities
- State-of-the-Art Fitness Center
- Wireless Internet

Visit [www.silverbeachconference.org](http://www.silverbeachconference.org) for a complete list of activities or contact our Conference Coordinator at 757-275-9441 for an information packet. Also follow us on Twitter at: [http://twitter.com/yshr\\_sbconfer](http://twitter.com/yshr_sbconfer).

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