



A branch of the Muskegon  
Family YMCA



YMCA Camp Pendalouan

Winter 2004

# SMOKE SIGNALS



Greetings to friends of YMCA Camp Pendalouan!

Yes, it's another new face in the director's chair, but if you look past the middle-aged features, you might remember the enthusiastic camper from the 60s or waterfront director from 1977 that shares your memories and loyalty to YMCA Camp Pendalouan.

2004 has been a year to bridge from uncertainty to reaffirming our foundation. With the progress being made at the Muskegon Family YMCA, anything that occurs there will only serve to help us and our mission.



There is strength, insight and value in our history. As we strive to respond to current needs, we respect the traditions and direction from the past. Many thanks to our loyal family and father-son campers for getting us back on track.

### ***So what's been happening?***

In the past 12 months, we said goodbye to seven full-time directors from our staff, as well as long-time friends from Camp Catch-A-Rainbow. We cleaned and mopped a flooded lodge more than once due to flooding and drainage issues, survived a direct hit from lightening and continued to provide safe and enjoyable experiences for thousands of kids and adults. We also have said welcome back to Lori and Dan Willson, renewed a strong and supportive relationship with the Girl Scouts of Michigan Pine and Dunes Council, brought two new school systems into Outdoor Education, successfully began a new teen leadership camp (B.R.I.D.G.E.) and have a new volunteer-provided roof for the East Moon!

### ***So where are we going?***

We're looking to improve everything we're about. In some cases it may involve significant change, in others it will mean looking back to previous staff, campers, friends and traditions for their assistance. We want to start by communicating more with you. Please email your contact information including when and how you were involved at Pendalouan. Your input and opinions as well as information about other alumni will be greatly appreciated.

Regards,

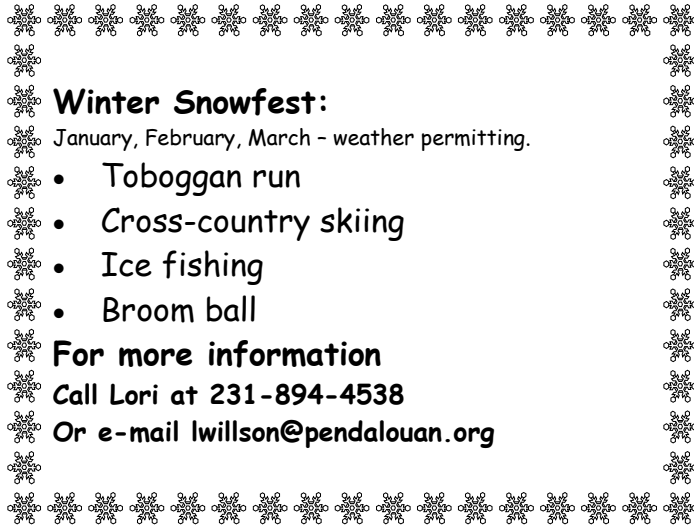
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## OUTDOOR EDUCATION



### Winter Snowfest:

January, February, March - weather permitting.

- Toboggan run
- Cross-country skiing
- Ice fishing
- Broom ball

### For more information

Call Lori at 231-894-4538

Or e-mail [lwillson@pendalouan.org](mailto:lwillson@pendalouan.org)

### What's New?

The Outdoor Education staff are building a new longhouse for the Native American Studies area. This authentic bent maple sapling structure will replace the old wigwam. The wigwam was too small to accommodate a larger study group. Want to see the progress? See pictures on our website.

[www.pendalouan.org](http://www.pendalouan.org)

## Pendalouan Challenge Adventure Program

The Pendalouan Challenge Adventure Program (PCAP) provides students, teachers, human resource agencies, not-for-profit organizations and corporate businesses with unique and challenging programs. The PCAP is an experiential based program that encourages creative problem solving, teambuilding, leadership, communication and trust among the groups, while building self-confidence in individuals. Custom-built programs for your group make Pendalouan Challenge Adventure Program the perfect place to develop your team!

### Potential benefits of the PCAP

- ⇒ Increase productivity
- ⇒ Develop better communication skills
- ⇒ Increase self-confidence
- ⇒ Improve leadership skills
- ⇒ Learn to trust
- ⇒ Develop problem solving skills
- ⇒ Positive growth

Call us at 231-894-4538 for more information!



## YMCA CAMP PENDALOUAN ...

... is a part of the Muskegon Family YMCA.

Our Mission... to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

Our Vision... we build strong kids, strong families, strong communities.

Our Values... caring, honesty, respect and responsibility



YMCA Camp Pendalouan is a member of the United Way and is accredited by the American Camp Association (ACA).

### Volunteer Opportunities at Camp

- ◇ Camp clean-up dates
- ◇ Bulk mailings
- ◇ Camp Board of Managers
- ◇ Wood splitting
- ◇ Muskegon Y's club

Call 231-894-4538 for more information.

**REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP NOW FOR THE EARLY BIRD RATE!!!**

**EARLY BIRD RATE:** Register before March 1st 2005 for the summer session of your choice — Resident Camp, Ropers & Wranglers, Bugs 'N Bunks, Teen Xtreme, Xtreme Trip — don't miss the fun! New activities and special events will be part of our exciting 2005 program!!

**MEMBER DISCOUNT:** Members of the Muskegon Family YMCA, Tri-Cities YMCA, Grand Rapids YMCA, or the Oak Park YMCA will receive a \$25 discount.

Session #	Date	# of days	fees	
			Early Bird	Regular
<b>Residence Camp (ages 7-13)</b>				
#1:	June 19-24	6	\$370	\$395
#2:	June 26-July 1	6	\$370	\$395
#3:	July 5-8	4	\$260	\$285
#4:	July 10-15	6	\$370	\$395
#5:	July 17-22	6	\$370	\$395
#6:	July 24-29	6	\$370	\$395
#7:	July 31-August 5	6	\$370	\$395
#8:	August 7-11	5	\$315	\$340

Session #	Date	# of days	fees	
			Early Bird	Regular
<b>Ropers &amp; Wranglers (ages 10-15)</b>				
#9:	June 19-24	6	\$440	\$465
#10:	June 26-July 1	6	\$440	\$465
#11:	July 10-15	6	\$440	\$465
#12:	July 17-22	6	\$440	\$465
#13:	July 24-29	6	\$440	\$465
#14:	July 31-August 5	6	\$440	\$465
#15:	August 7-11	5	\$385	\$410

Session #	Date	# of days	fees	
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<b>Bugs 'N Bunks (ages 6-8)</b>				
#B16	June 19-21	3	\$160	\$175
#B17	June 21-23	3	\$160	\$175
#B18	June 26-28	3	\$160	\$175
#B19	June 28-30	3	\$160	\$175
#B20	July 5-7	3	\$160	\$175
#B21	July 10-12	3	\$160	\$175
#B22	July 17-19	3	\$160	\$175
#B23	July 24-26	3	\$160	\$175
#B24	July 31-August 2	3	\$160	\$175
#B25	August 7-9	3	\$160	\$175

Session #	Date	# of days	fees	
			Early Bird	Regular
<b>Teen Xtreme (ages 13-15)</b>				
#T26:	July 10-15	6	\$385	\$410
#T27:	July 17-22	6	\$385	\$410
#T28:	July 24-29	6	\$385	\$410
#T29:	July 31-August 5	6	\$385	\$410
#T30:	August 7-11	5	\$335	\$360
<b>Xtreme Trip (ages 13-16)</b>				
#T31:	July 5-8	4	\$320	\$345

**Options for campers...**

**Trailrides:** ages 9-15 \$15

**Transportation from the Muskegon YMCA:**

one way \$5                      Round trip \$10

**CIT program (Counselor in Training):** ages 15-16 June 19—July 1 \$395 Applications will be accepted starting in December. Participants are limited to 10, and must go through an interview process. Call camp for an application or for more information.

Family Programs							
<b>Summer Family Camp</b>	July 2-5	ages 13+	\$165	ages 6-12	\$130	5 and under	FREE
<b>Fall Family Camp</b>	September 9-11	ages 13+	\$120	ages 6-12	\$100	5 and under	FREE
<b>Father &amp; Son Camp</b>	August 12-14	ages 13+	\$120	ages 6-12	\$100	5 and under	FREE

- ⇒ Limited financial assistance will be available starting in April of 2005. Call the camp for an application.
- ⇒ A \$100 deposit is required to reserve any of the above sessions.
- ⇒ Our full color brochure with additional information will be available by mid-December 2004.
- ⇒ Make sure you check us out on the web at [www.pendalouan.org](http://www.pendalouan.org)

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*Smoke Signals Newsletter, Winter 2004*



*Holiday Parties at Pandalouan*

A rustic-styled dining lodge decorated for the holidays, a blazing fireplace, and great menu choices await your company or organization at YMCA Camp Pandalouan!! From formal to casual, we can cater to your unique needs.

Dates still available. Call for menu choices, costs and available dates: 231-894-4538

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Dan Willson - Facilities

**WINTER CAMP: DEC. 28-31**

*Mark your calendars!!!!*

Camp in the winter? Yep!! It's back and it's better than ever. Not only can you catch up with your favorite counselors, you can enjoy Camp Pandalouan in the winter...with snow!

When else can you go ice skating, tobogganing, walk across the lake, or play a huge game of broom ball?

Call now to reserve your spot: 231-894-4538. The cost is only \$150 per camper and is open to ages 7-15.