



YMCA Camp Pandalouan—We build strong kids,  
strong families, strong communities.

Summer 2007



### ANOTHER NEW CABIN!

New construction is underway for another log cabin to match the one donated by the Workman family in 2006. Thanks to Gerhard Olsen, another spacious cabin is going to make it a pair near the athletic field at camp. Not only will the new cabin be similar in size and appearance to Kiowa, -the name of the Workman cabin, but it

has expedited getting the water lines put in to create a bathroom in each of these new structures. In future years not only will hundreds of children benefit from this new living space, but this will make it possible also for small groups of adults to come and have an opportunity to stay over for retreats or workshops without the hike to the bath house! What a grand legacy to leave to Camp Pandalouan. Thank you, thank you to Gerhard and the Workmans!!

Y's CLUB WHITE ELEPHANT SALE was an outstanding success in 2007 with over \$40,000 raised with the primary purpose to support Camp Pandalouan. The Y's Club continues to fund scholarships for Muskegon area children and provides other significant improvements to camp's facilities.

### WHAT'S NEW?

- Camp hosted the National Luge Team for two weeks in February, during all that deep freeze and snowy weather! Eighteen young people, aged 12-14, from all over the United States converged to be housed at camp. Each day we transported them to the Muskegon Sports Complex to learn and practice their skills on the track.
- Geocaching! Camp now owns ten GPS units and staff are trained to teach the challenge of finding caches of treasure hidden by other geocachers all over the world.
- Save Turtle Bay!! Chicago Boy Scouts to continue camping at least through summer 2008. The fate of Owasippe land will be determined by a judge in August 2007. Talks between Pandalouan and the Scouts will continue.
- Hanging out in hammocks.....colorful and fun, look for camper sightings in these!
- Watch for new T-shirts and sweatshirts available on line [www.pandalouan.org](http://www.pandalouan.org).
- 120 brand new mattresses will be helping campers and staff to have even more restful nights by the banks of Big Blue Lake.
- Come and enjoy peaceful views of Big Blue Lake while swinging on our brand new bench swings!



# SMOKE SIGNALS

### PROGRAMS

**SUMMER CAMP**  
Programs for ages 6-16

**DAY CAMP**  
For ages 6-12

**FATHER SON CAMP**  
August 10-12, 2007 for all ages

**WOMENS ADVENTURE WEEKEND**  
September 28-30, 2007 for ages 21+

**HALLOWEEN CAMP**  
October 26-27, 2007

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### MICHIGAN RESIDENTS CAN TURN \$100 INTO \$400?

A \$400 donation to Pandalouan's endowment fund at the Community Foundation for Muskegon County may only actually cost you \$100! Contact Community Foundation Muskegon County, 231-722-4538, [www.cffmc.org](http://www.cffmc.org)



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## **Do you know any of these Pentalouan people?**



**These pictures also available online at [www.pentalouan.org](http://www.pentalouan.org).**

### **SUMMER CAMP**

What a great start to summer!! Over 500 campers are signed up for resident camp so far and we expect over 100 for the brand new Doorway to Discovery Day Camp. Lori Willson and her stellar staff are ensuring that campers are having an awesome camp experience to rival some of the best ever. Sessions that are exceptionally popular are the Roper/Wranglers and Aquatic camp. There is room in some sessions, but spaces are filling quickly! Spread the word that camping is still one of the most impactful and growth producing experiences in life, and Pentalouan is a great place to be!!

### **LIMITED OPPORTUNITY FOR IRA DISTRIBUTION GIFTS**

Expiring at the end of 2007, a recent provision allows a donor aged 70 ½ or older who must take a Required Minimum Distribution to rollover their distribution to a qualified charity such as YMCA Camp Pentalouan. This type of gift may result in a significant reduction of your 2007 tax liability. Contact your tax advisor or us for assistance.

**ALUMNI REUNION**—Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 21 and come join friends from former years. This is Camp Pentalouan's 82<sup>nd</sup> year of camping, and there are many alums surfacing to reconnect with the gang. Families are welcome to come for another round of song singing, story swapping and camp activities. RSVP or questions to: [ycamp@pentalouan.org](mailto:ycamp@pentalouan.org)