MR. MOON SHINES ON ...

Please join us in congratulating our Youth of the Year, Clarence Baker!

Every year, each branch of the Gateway Region YMCA nominates an outstanding, exceptional youth to be considered for the Youth of the Year. Clarence was nominated because he is a wonderful, talented young man that embodies the core values of the YMCA in all that he does and how he lives his life. He is confident in all that he does and is incredibly active in his community.

As a long time camper at Camp Lakewood, Clarence has been positively influencing his peers and staff members for many years. He inspires younger campers to be their favorite versions of themselves. He believes passionately in the work that the Y has done, as it has changed his life. Clarence was a CIT last year.

Congratulations Clarence on being chosen Youth of the Year for Camp Lakewood and we couldn’t be more excited to have you on staff this summer!

AROUND THE CAMPFIRE

Camp is almost here!! We are finally getting some gorgeous spring days here at Camp, and our Outdoor Education season is in full swing. With a break in the weather, we are getting even more excited, because camp is just around the corner and we’ll soon be welcoming all of our new and returning staff. We are even more pumped with the return of campers - both new and returning! Over the year we have been working on new programs to offer our campers. Here are some of the highlights:

Sailing will be back this summer at Camp Lakewood! Who remembers the sailing program from years past? Cruising on the lake in a Sunfish - I know I do. I am happy to announce that we had an anonymous donor who donated six brand new Hobie Bravos to Camp Lakewood - this will surely excite the campers!

For campers who want a longer experience, we have a new Explorer two-week camp. This is a double dose of summer camp for our 11-12 year old campers. These kids will get to spend two whole weeks with their cabin mates and counselors, for double the fun!

This Spring we also added a new Gaga pit at East Camp. Thanks to Hamtil Construction - who donated their time, supplies and manpower - East Camp has a fantastic new addition. The East campers will definitely be excited, as this is becoming a new camp favorite.

Along with my new Camp Lakewood Program Director (Michelle “McFly” Bomalaski) and our awesome summer staff, we are ready to rock and roll. As always, my door is always open. If you get a moment, come on out and make sure to share a story and talk about the days gone by as you gather with us - around the campfire.

Melissa “Sunflower” Di Fiori
Camp Lakewood Director
The annual Alumni Work Weekend is coming May 4–6!
We are looking forward to seeing fellow alums for our upcoming Alumni Work Weekend! Some of the projects slated to be tackled is staining at Leadership Village, staining the Ed Pears memorial pavilion, raking and burning leaves, repairing shutters and giving the Lakewood archery range a face lift. If you are interested in lending a helping hand, grab your work gloves and boots and email Melissa Di Fiori at melissa.difiori@gwrymca.org that you are coming. She will be happy to give you all of the particulars about spending the weekend with your fellow alums. Or, you can just come for the day. Either way, it’s a day of fellowship and giving back – food for the soul!

In 2015, I needed to be back at Lakewood, and I worked as the Leadership Unit Director. In 2016 I worked as the Summer Camp Assistant Program Director. I claimed 2016 would be my last summer, but as soon as I received a phone call asking me to come back, I immediately figured out a way to make it back for another summer as the Lakewood Assistant Program Director. I couldn’t be more excited to be back at camp this year, but this time as the full-time Program Director! I’m ready to give these campers and counselors the life-changing experiences that Camp Lakewood has given me.

April 20th marked the grand re-opening event of our newly remodeled guest and loft rooms (also exterior, meeting room and infrastructure work) at Trout Lodge. There are six fully handicap-accessible guest rooms, and all of the remodeled guest and loft rooms have floor to ceiling windows leading to a new deck overlooking Sunnen Lake. Stay with us in one of these updated rooms and enjoy the beauty and tranquility of our property.
STAY CONNECTED

Do you have any exciting news you would like to share with your fellow alums? Did you have a baby, get married, win an award, are going to be on TV or other exciting news?

We’d love to hear about it. Let us know so we can share it on either Facebook or in the Flicker! E-Mail your news to Melissa Di Fiori at melissa.difiori@gwymca.org.

SAVE THE DATE
2018 ALUMNI REUNION

SEPTEMBER 14-16, 2018

It’s a band of brothers and sisters who are gathering this September to bring back the good old days (or maybe not so long ago) to play and have fun together. Tell the stories of your time here at Trout Lodge or Camp Lakewood, maybe sing a song or two, break bread together and spend your evenings hanging out at East Camp - the “coolest” spot at Camp Lakewood. It’s an all play weekend (business attire is strictly prohibited), with the awesome activities you remember- maybe even some you’ve not yet tried.

The Alumni Committee will be putting together an awesome itinerary for the weekend very soon, as this information will be emailed out to each of you - including a registration form.

We hope you will pencil us - and yourself - in for a great getaway with old friends, and the new ones you will make.

STAYING AT YMCA CAMP LAKEWOOD

EAST CAMP ACCOMMODATIONS

East Camp features traditional cabins, open air (no A/C), bunk beds and central shower house. You must bring own linens, blankets, pillows and towels or a linen package is available for an additional fee. If you are unable to stay in an East Camp cabin, please contact Kelly Adams for information about Main Camp cabins. Space is limited.

DAY PASSES

For those only wanting to spend the day (no overnight stay), day passes are available.

RULES & POLICIES

Check-in time is 3-8 pm at the Lakewood Lodge main office on the Friday of your stay. Check-out time is 11:30 am on the last day. You may stay through the afternoon but must vacate your cabin.

Alcohol consumption is permitted only at East Camp

Fires are to be built in designated areas or in raised firepits only. Ashes from firepits to be placed in designated ash cans.

Smoking is not permitted in cabins or public areas, and quiet hours are from 10 pm to 8 am every day.

All accidents should be reported to the Camp Lakewood Director, who is located in Camp Lakewood Lodge. Camp Lakewood does not carry health or accident insurance.

Pets are not allowed, except qualified documented service animals.

Adults should check their cabin upon arrival for broken windows, screens, etc., as damage during your stay may be applied to your total bill at the end of your stay. Each group is responsible for leaving camp as clean as you found it. Each building, program area and grounds should be clean before the group leaves.

Some activities have age restrictions. Children below the minimum age as outlined by our policies will not be allowed to participate in those activities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 3-August 8 2018 SUMMER CAMP AT CAMP LAKEWOOD
May 4-6 ALUMNI WORK WEEKEND
Aug. 31-Sept. 3 FAMILY CAMP AT CAMP LAKEWOOD
September 15-17 CAMP LAKEWOOD ALUMNI REUNION
December 27-30 WINTER CAMP AT CAMP LAKEWOOD