

Q: Will anything be replacing the July Family Carnival which used to be the main fundraiser for the Camp Improvement Fund?

A: Yes! A craft fair/farmers market will replace the July event. However, funds will now benefit the Y CARES Financial Assistance Program and InMotion, our association's competitive dance team. For more information on our Y CARES and all that it supports see details on back panel.

# Q: If my child attends camps at the Nashua or Merrimack YMCA do I also have to give towards this fund?

A: The facility based camps at the Nashua and Merrimack YMCA are not collecting this annual fee. It is not because they don't have needs but certain things such as space, volume of campers and program areas are a factor.



Contact Camp Director Randy Menken with any questions: rmenken@nmymca.org or (603) 689-2433

## OTHER WAYS YOU CAN GIVE TO THE YMCA OF GREATER NASHUA

Y CARES. Provides scholarships to local children and families in need so they can experience Y programs and services such as child care, before and after school care, day camp, dance & arts, sports, swimming, enrichment, and more – regardless of their ability to pay.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN.** We are underway with raising funds towards our Strong Foundation Stronger Future campaign. Our goal of \$4.275 million will support investment to meet the enormous demand for healthy living and youth development programming. Check out more on NMYMC

**TIME AND TALENT.** Often times in addition to, or in place of a monetary donation, members in the community are able to donate professional services and/or product donations to support the many things we do at the YMCA of Greater Nashua.

For more information on all giving options please visit www.nmymca.org.

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# CAMP IMPROVEMENT FUND YMCA CAMP SARGENT



#### WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

#### Your camper, plain and simple!

The Camp Improvement Fund is nothing new. for years we have been raising money for enhancements to camp that <u>directly benefit</u> <u>each camper</u>. 100% of this annual fee is invested into camp for specific program improvements.

#### How much do I have to give?

As little or as much as you're comfortable with! Last summer we had 750 different campers attend Camp Sargent. Just imagine, if each parent of those campers gave just \$10, that would be \$7,500! That's enough money for a couple new in-ground basketball hoops to replace the existing old ones, more stand up paddle boards, and new board games for rainy days! Many camps make this annual fee required, but we hope you will choose to give towards this fund what best fits your budget!

#### How does it work?

At registration, you will be prompted to select a dollar amount. That's where you choose an amount that best fits your budget. At that time you are unable to give or already gave this camp season and would rather not give again, simply click "No thanks, I already gave."

**Some examples of recent purchases with money raised** are the water mat in the lake, water trampoline, inflatable water swing, log roll for lake, pole barn at farm (creating a better opportunity for educational engagement), stand up paddle boards, and replacement canoes.



#### FAQ's:

## Q: I already give to the Annual Campaign, why are you asking for another donation?

A: Great question! However, this donation is entirely different from that. The Annual Campaign raises funds for our associations scholarship assistance (details on back panel). The Camp Improvement Fund specifically funds programmatic and smaller scale facility upgrades which will directly benefit YOUR child!

#### Q: What will this fund not support?

A: Funds don't go toward salaries, the YMCA of Greater Nashua's Annual Campaign, or capital improvements like a new parking lot, utilities, building and grounds vehicles, or new and/or renovated buildings.

#### Q: Is this donation tax deductible?

A: Yes it is! In addition, as with all similar voluntary tax-deductible contributions, these payments may qualify for your employer's matching gift program!

### Q: What are some items on the Camp Improvement Fund wish list?

A: Climbing wall \* open-air shaded structures around camp \* repaving of basketball court \* battery operated racing boats for lake \* in-ground adjustable height basketball hoops \* additional high ropes course elements \* installing fence around basketball court for floor hockey \* slide for hard dock \* additional multi -person boats and an inflatable Slip 'n Slide .

# Q: What is the criteria on how funds raised by the Camp Improvement Fund get used?

A:100% of the funds are to be used for purposes directly impacting each camper's overall experience. In part, decided by the camp director and assistant directors, after thorough evaluation of year-end camp surveys to ensure we are meeting the needs parents have for their children.

#### Q: How is this different from tuition?

A: Money from tuition goes towards operating costs such as paying staff, utility bills, paying vendors who service the property and general building and grounds/maintenance.



Hanging with Lil' Moo on the Farm!