

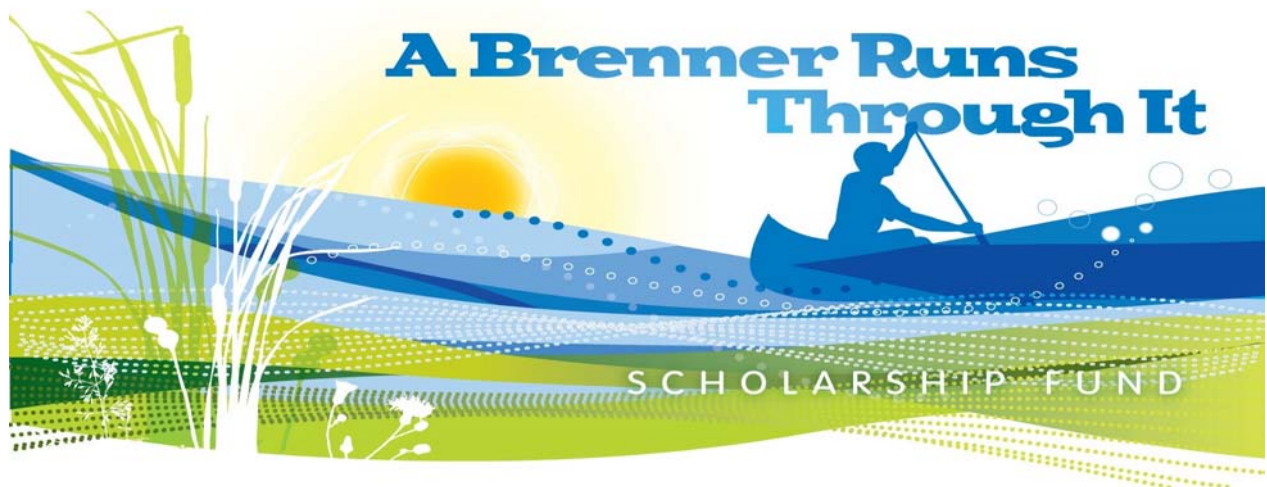
Your generous donation will ensure that at least two campers each summer will have the opportunity to participate in the Echo Adventure Tripping experience regardless of their ability to pay. Endowment of this scholarship will allow generations of Echo trippers to learn the most about themselves and the world around them when they seek challenges and venture out of their normal comfort zones.

A Brenner Runs Through It Endowed Scholarship Fund

This fund named in honor of Jon Brenner, Camp Echo's first Director of Tripping in 1982 and the person who initiated many of the adventure trips still offered at Camp Echo today. The purpose of this scholarship endowment is to provide at least 2 annual scholarships of \$1250.00 to one boy and one girl who register for the Trailblazers Adventure Trip at Camp Echo. Recipients will be selected annually by a committee of Echo alums and community youth workers who will consider individual character and demonstrated financial need for this support.

A Brenner Runs Through it Scholarship funding will be used to cover 90% of the program fees, reimbursement for the purchase of hiking boots, and a free rental of Camp Echo hiking back pack. An appropriate tripping sleeping bag will also be provided to scholarship recipients.

A principal amount of \$50,000 will be required to ensure that \$2500 is generated each year to fund the *A Brenner Runs Through It* scholarships. Our goal is to raise this money by December 31 of 2009 in order to generate scholarship money for the summer of 2010. Our hope is that over the next five years additional donations will increase the principal value of the fund and generate enough income to provide scholarship funding for all Camp Echo trippers who seek assistance.



The McGaw YMCA and Camp Echo have offered teens the opportunity to experience adventure tripping in the wilderness for more than fifty years. We believe the quality of these programs and the impact they have on their participants have earned our commitment to their continuation.

These days, a child's most life shaping experiences occur outside of the classroom. For those lucky souls who participate on an Echo trip, they realize the power of that transformative experience. Whether it is how to set up a tent, fix a bike flat, or make *pasta surprise* for 12 other people, adventure trips can open a kid's eyes to so many aspects of the world and themselves. Perhaps the greatest personal strength instilled by our trips is that of resiliance -- to recognize that we learn the most about ourselves and the world around us when we seek challenges and find the inner strength to meet them. Trippers learn real world skills like personal responsibility, initiative, and communicating with others in an experiential setting.

There is probably no better opportunity for kids to develop self-confidence, to bring out the best in themselves, to shed light on their strengths and potential, to help identify areas for improvement, and to inspire them to trust their instincts and themselves.