



McGaw YMCA Camp Echo

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Dear 2010 Camp Echo Staff Member,

We invite you to participate in our annual Send-A-Kid-To-Camp fundraising effort. This year there are two ways you can donate:

- If you will be at the last night of staff training you can participate in our staff raffle and donate through your purchase of raffle tickets. (Donations via raffle ticket are not tax-deductible, since the prizes will have a value.)
- Whether or not you will be at staff training, if you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution, just fill out the form on the back of this letter and return it with your completed paperwork.

Here is a great way you can help children who could not otherwise afford to attend Camp Echo. A two-week session of camp costs about \$1,200. For some families this is just too much. Yet, we know that our camp community is strengthened by the inclusion of campers and staff from diverse backgrounds. Therefore, in 2004, we began a collaboration with the Ted Fund of Evanston in which we provide full camperships for selected “graduates” of their program. (The Ted Fund provides scholarships for three years of summer day camp for many deserving Evanston children entering 4th, 5th, and 6th grade.)

Our “Send a Kid to Camp” fund provides a 90% campership and a \$50 Trading Post account for a two-week session at Camp Echo for the next three summers – entering 7th, 8th, and 9th grade. We are hoping to raise enough money for 12 camperships through a number of appeals to camp alumni and friends of Echo.

2010 will be the seventh summer that Camp Echo has raised money for these camperships, and the third year we are inviting the summer Echo staff to participate. ***Last summer the Echo 2009 staff raised \$1,785!***

We will hold a raffle on the Thursday night of staff training. Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$1 (or less) and prizes will include gift certificates to local businesses, useful camp items, camping gear, and items donated by other staff members – more on that in the coming months. This will be a fun event!

We are asking you to consider participating in this effort. We ask you not only because we believe the cause is worthy, but because we want you to experience the joy of giving to a cause in which you have a personal connection. With your donation you are helping to create a culture of philanthropy within the Echo community that will eventually involve our campers, staff, parents, alums and many other camp friends.

Thank you for considering a gift to the “Send a Kid to Camp” fund. **To make your contribution, plan to participate in the raffle or fill out the form on the back of this letter.** If you have any questions please contact Katie Trippi, Camp Echo Development Director at 847-475-7400 x 226 or katiet@mcgawymca.org

Foster the Spirit,

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