



Camp Echo Staff Challenge: Send a Kid to Camp

Yes, I wish to join the challenge and contribute to the “Send a Kid to Camp” Fund.
Please think in terms of donating \$0.50 - \$1.00 per week that you are working at camp. For example an Assistant Counselor working 2 sessions might give \$2.00, a Senior Counselor working 10 weeks might give \$10.00. Minimum contribution is \$1.00.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$1.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$2.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$5.00 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____ |

Payment Option # 1

One time Payroll Deduction for the summer of 2008:

- Please deduct my entire contribution from my first paycheck of the summer.

Signature _____ Date _____

Payment Option #2

One time gift for the summer of 2008:

- Attached is my check payable to McGaw YMCA Camp Echo.
- Please charge my gift to my credit/debit card.
- Visa MasterCard Discover

Card #: _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please List my name in the 2007-2008 Annual Report as:

Please return this form with your other employment paperwork to Rob Grierson.

Dear 2008 Camp Echo Staff Member,

We want to offer you the option to participate in a wonderful program.

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 \$1,000. 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 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 100% 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.

2008 will be the fifth summer that Camp Echo has raised money for these camperships, but this is the first year we are inviting the summer Echo staff to participate. As an incentive we have established a matching challenge: The year-round full time Echo Staff have committed to match dollar for dollar each summer staff contribution up to a total of \$500.

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 an effort to 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.

By the way, after these campers complete three summers at Echo, we offer them a 90% scholarship for our LIT and CIT programs, funded by our “Send a Teen” to Camp fund. This summer we will fund five teens. Following their successful completion of LIT and CIT we hope they will apply for staff positions, helping us to fulfill our goal of creating a more diverse pool of applicants.

Thank you for considering a gift to the “Send a Kid to Camp” fund. **To make your contribution, 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

Strengthen the Spirit,

Rob Grierson Rob Johnston Brian McGinn Katie Trippi Lindsay Thompson