



# GREETINGS SHERMAN LAKERS!

We are writing to you, full of gratitude for all of you—the best summer campers. As we close out our 24th summer #HereAtShermanLake, we are thinking about all of the wonderment that makes this place in the woods truly a home in our hearts.

Sherman Lake YMCA Camp feels like home when we hear laughter on the waterfront, when we smell the smoke from campfires and burnt marshmallows, when we see laughter shared between two friends who met a day ago.

Home is a place where you feel safe and cared for and we see all of those emotions on your faces as you get on the bus on Friday at Day Camp, when you share the light of your candle on Thursday night at Overnight Camp and when you hug each other good-bye in the last moments together in this new home we all created together.

The Sherman Lake experience is more than just a week or a summer; it is all of the moments we shared that we will never forget. You will always be a Sherman Laker. This will always be your home.

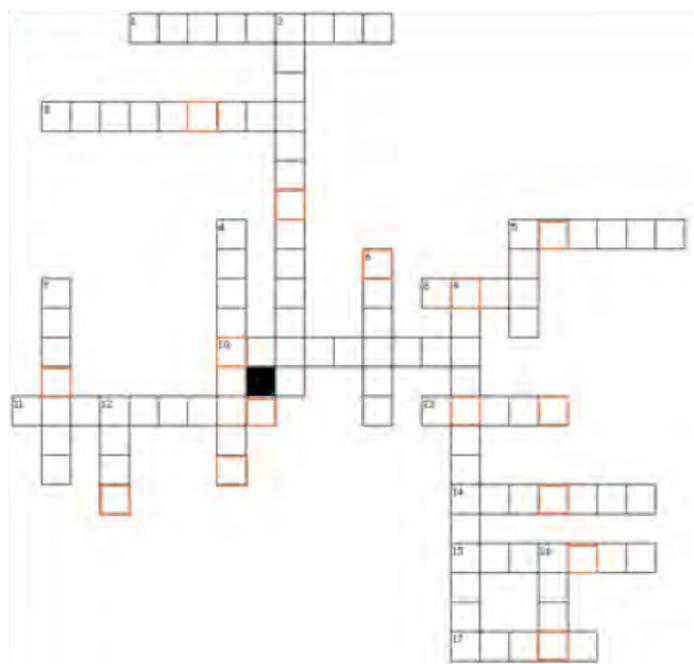
As we are heading into the holiday season, we are thinking of all that we are thankful for. We are thankful for all of you and the memories we have made but there is even more.

This Fall at camp, we will be making videos of what we are thankful for to share with all of you. We will be posting them the week leading up to Thanksgiving.

So, as you are thinking of things you are thankful for, take a picture or make a video and tag @shermanlakeymca or #ImAShermanLaker so that we can know what you are thankful for too!

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Summer Camp Director

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- Across**
1. What color is yours?  
Grab it so we can swim
  3. Into the tunnel, sliding fast
  5. White shirt no more
  8. The ultimate climbing goal
  10. First day, show us how you swim
  11. Throw, duck, catch, throw again
  13. Paddle it by yourself
  14. Get to them all and don't be seen
  15. Fire when ready
  17. Golden, gooey, goodness
- Down**
2. Out in the woods, don't go to jail
  4. Role model and friend, leader of the songs
  5. Give one, receive on, they all go on our flag
  6. Plants, animals and the world around us
  7. Sitting and swinging, best place to hangout with friends
  9. Color, projects, bracelets and more!
  12. Below the knees, you're out!
  16. Thoughts, words or actions relating to any of the four principles

Stuck? Check your answers at:  
[sites.google.com/view/hcrrspirit-crosswordanswers](https://sites.google.com/view/hcrrspirit-crosswordanswers)  
 Or scan the QR Code



# CALLING ALL CAMPER!

Is Summer too Far Away?

Join us for Winter Camp - the perfect time to reunite with your summer camp friends and counselors.

Join us for 3 days and 2 nights of frosty fun!

When: January 3-5, 2019  
Ages: 2nd-10th grade  
Register:  
[www.shermanlakeymca.org](http://www.shermanlakeymca.org)

Secret Code: Use the letters in the orange boxes to figure out the secret message.

It is on the back of your camper shirt and the title you hold after a summer at Sherman Lake YMCA Camp.

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## 2018 LEADERSHIP CAMPER

Our LDP campers gathered recently for a fall reunion of their camp family.

They planned to go to the Flashlight Corn Maze at Gull Meadow Farms, unfortunately the weather closed down the maze.

So they decided to head back 'home' to enjoy one another's company at Camp with fresh apple cider and donuts.

Fun was had by all and they plotted the whereabouts of the winter reunion to be announced soon!

