



THE SHERMAN LAKER

FALL 2019

A Newsletter for our Sherman Lake Parents

OUR CARING SHERMAN LAKE YMCA FAMILY

As we move into fall, we are so thankful for our Sherman Lake YMCA family. The laughter, friendships and endless memories our campers and staff created made Summer Camp 2019 truly unforgettable.

PARENTS

Thank you for allowing us to partner with you as you raise your children. We love their caring hearts, beautiful smiles and amazing stories!

CAMP FAMILIES

We also wanted to say a big THANK YOU to our Sherman Lake YMCA camp families. Together, you raised \$2,276 for our campership fund through your donations of unspent camp store dollars. These funds will provide opportunities for area youth who may not otherwise be able to attend camp the opportunity to do so.



STAFF

Many thanks to our amazing staff - an amazing group of individuals who spend their summers serving and sharing their whole hearts with our campers. They are devoted to modeling and teaching our four core values of honesty, caring, respect, and responsibility (or HCRR), ready to embrace servant leadership, focus on building relationships first while keeping a growth mindset in the forefront as they play and grow.

In total, we had 79 seasonal staff role models at camp this summer:

48% were returning staff from 2018

30% were once Sherman Lake YMCA campers themselves

18% were from outside of the United States, representing seven different countries

ADDITIONALLY, we want to say thank you to all of the parents and guardians that took the time to complete the surveys sent out following their camper's experience. Honest and constructive feedback helps us as we strive to provide a more impactful and enriching experience for our families. If you didn't have a chance to complete the online survey, we invite you to share with us in the next few weeks as we reach out to families over the phone. **If our timing isn't right, I invite you to give me a call at 269.731.3041. Thank you in advance for talking with us.**

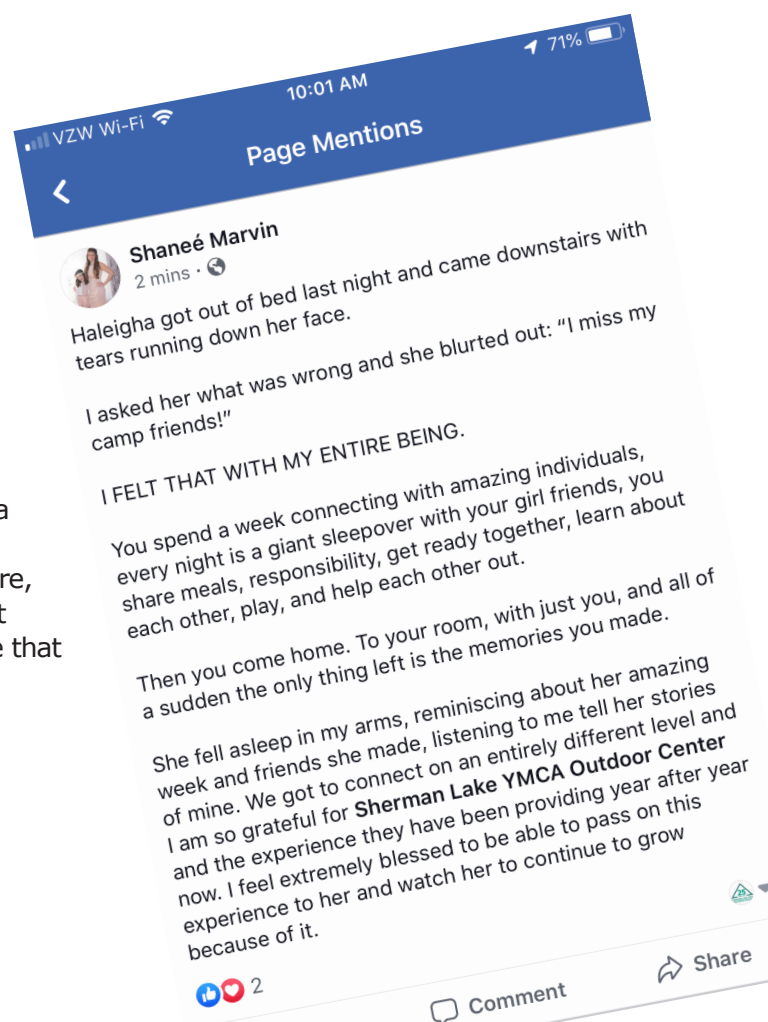
Finally, I would like to share one parent's post on social media that, I believe, captures the essence of the Sherman Lake YMCA summer camp experience. She paints a beautiful picture, highlighting the powerful sense of belonging her daughter felt here - a place where she felt supported and cared for, a place that brought out all of her best qualities.



In the camp spirit,

Karen Christopherson

Karen Christopherson,
Summer Camp Director



UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR
Friday, October 25, 6 - 8pm

WINTER CAMP January 2-4, 2020

2020 Summer Camp Dates & Availability

Register for Summer Camp 2020!

SHERMAN LAKE YMCA'S MISSION

To put the principles of Honesty, Caring, Respect and Responsibility into practice, through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all.