



YMCA Camp Timbers

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- ❑ **Camp Brochures** are available. We will be sending our 2007 brochures to all of our past-year campers. If you simply can't wait through the bulk mail process, just call the Y to request a brochure and we'll mail it directly to you. Can you use more? Do you have friends who are ready to learn more about our traditions at Camp Timbers? Let us know how many and we'll send more brochures your way.
- ❑ Camp Timbers **Promotional Posters** - available now! Is there somewhere you can display our poster? Can you use one for your classroom? Your church lobby? Help us let people know about Camp Timbers. The posters are available at no cost to you and only while supplies last. Contact Steve via email at Timbers@saginawymca.org.
- ❑ YMCA Camp Timbers **Corporate Challenge** – Employers, businesses of any size..... Are you looking for a unique way to recognize outstanding staff? Honor your best employees by paying for their child(ren) to attend camp. Many families are struggling in this tough economy. You could make a huge difference to a family through a gift-of-camp employee reward program. Benefits to employers who recognize their staff with the gift-of-camp program: elevate employee motivation, morale, and retention. For more information contact us at (989) 753-7721 or at Timbers@saginawymca.org.
- ❑ **Teen Programs for 2007** – In 2007, we will have two **CIT sessions** available. The CIT program (Counselor in Training) is in 3-week intervals. CIT-1 is June 24-July 13. CIT-2 is July 8-27. The CIT program features leadership development, an adventure trip, and service to camp. The CIT program is available to teens entering grade 10+. We will also offer four sessions of our **Teen Corps** program featuring leadership development through service learning. Teen Corps sessions are 1-week intervals and the Teen Corps program is available to teens entering grade 9+.
- ❑ The **Polar Trek** was an all-day winter hike through our heritage from the former Camp O-Ge-Maw-Ke to Y-Camp Timbers. The Polar Trek was Saturday, December 30th and several staff participated and secured sponsorships to help raise money for a Fishing Pier to be permanently installed on Piper Lake for use in 2007. To read the event memoir, go to our blog at www.ycamptimbers.blogspot.com
- ❑ Alumni **Capture-the-Flag** – An immortal camp game, and a lasting Camp Timbers favorite, Capture-the-Flag will be one of the featured events during our 2007 Camp **Alumni Weekend**, August 24-26. Organize a CTF team of 20 for a special challenge (try to beat Matt Lechel's team). It's also not too late to request to add your favorite activity to the agenda. Check the blog to keep up with who is coming. The first Camp Timbers Camp Director, Denny Ottisen, is coming all the way from Arizona. How cool is that?
- ❑ Receive this **newsletter electronically**. Just send an email message to Camp Director Steve Meyer with a message "join e-Piper News" and you'll get the next issue via email.

- **Up & Coming – Don't Miss Out!**
 - Daddy Daughter Dinner & Dance at Camp – Saturday, February 17th from 5-9pm.
 - Women's Getaway Weekend – April 27-29
 - LASSO Gold Rush Weekend for Girls & an Adult – May 18-20
 - 2007 Camp Open House – Sunday, May 20th from 1-4pm.
 - Camp Staff orientation week is June 7-15.
 - Herter Music Camp – June 17-23.
 - Resident Camp begins June 24th.
 - Family Vacation, 4th of July – Available the week of July 1-7
 - LASSO Gold Rush Weekend for Boys & an Adult – Sept. 21-23

- **Help Wanted.** Now hiring caring, enthusiastic, creative individuals who enjoy working with children in an active, outdoor setting. Be a role model for youth. Do something meaningful with your summer break. Hiring counselors and activity specialists now to work summer camp dates of June 7 – August 4 with limited pre and post-season employment opportunities also available. For an application and more information email Steve@saginawymca.org

- **40th Anniversary Celebration.** Camp Timbers, established in 1967, turns 40 this summer. We will have special celebrations each session. In addition, we will have an Alumni Reunion on Saturday, August 25th in conjunction with our Concert-for-Camp 2007. Come on out to help celebrate Camp's 40th birthday.

- YMCA night at the **Saginaw Spirit** hockey game. Support the YMCA's **Strong Kids** campaign (which helps with camp scholarships). Enjoy an evening out with Camp Friends. Reserve tickets by January 24th by calling the YMCA of Saginaw. For every ticket sold through our Y-Camp Timbers kindred group, we'll receive \$3 back. A lucky winner from our seating section will be selected to RIDE THE ZAMBONI. Show your support for the YMCA and Camp Timbers. Wear your camp shirts to the game.

- **Alumni Search.** Our search for camp alumni continues. Registration is easier than ever. Just send an email to Steve@saginawymca.org. We'll keep all alumni aware of camp news, special events, ways to keep in touch with one another, etc.

- **Wish List:** Hand and Power Tools, Pontoon Boat, Utility Vehicles (Golf-cart like), Building Materials (lumber), NEW Computers, Arts & Craft Supplies, Flower Bulbs and Seeds, Vacuum Cleaners, Goofy Old Clothes (for drama costumes).

- **Teen Service Projects.** Please keep us in mind as a sponsor site for your Community Service Projects or Service Hours requirements through your school or organization. To discuss your availability and/or help needed at camp, please call Steve at (989) 753-7721, ext. 209.



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