

# The Moccasin

A seasonal newsletter from YMCA Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya

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## Summer Specialty Camps

Our most popular summer camp program is our traditional 6-Day resident camp program, but there are some campers who are seeking that added adventure and excitement. The solution is one of our specialty camps. But, what puts the "special" in specialty camps? These programs are 6-Day sessions that combine the best of our 6-Day resident camp program with daily activities that reflect the specialty focus. We offer 5 specialty camps for 11-14 year olds; Climb, Fish, Whitewater, Wrangler, and Adventure Trekkers. Some of the highlights of these weeks are natural rock climbing and conquering the high ropes course for Climb Camp, a day of charter fishing on Green Bay for Fish Camp, a rafting trip down the Peshtigo River for Whitewater Camp, camping overnight at the horse ranch and trail rides through the National Forest for Wrangler camp, and a little bit of all things specialty camp for our Adventure Trekkers. We invite you to discover the adventure of our specialty camp programs!

## Sign-Up Time: Summer Is Just Around the Corner!

The 2008 summer camp registration season is heating up. Pull out those calendars and plan for your week (or weeks!) at summer camp for 2008. There are still openings for all sessions, but they are filling fast. If you are interested in a trip or specialty camp, spaces and sessions are limited. Log on to our website to check out the summer program dates, then register for camp and check that task off of your to-do list. See you this summer!



**We build strong kids, strong families, strong communities.**

# What's New at Camp

Much of what makes Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya so special is our rich history and traditions, but we love to add new and exciting programs, facilities, and features too! Here are a few recent additions to U-Nah-Li-Ya. Where our old sauna once stood on the shores of Chute Pond, there now stands a beautiful **new traditional wood burning sauna** for all of our year-round visitors to relax in and enjoy. The **camp website got a fresh look** and features this spring, come and "visit" camp 24-7! A **Camp DVD** is now offered to those campers and families looking for more information when choosing a summer camp. The DVD can be viewed online at [www.campunahliya.org](http://www.campunahliya.org) or a complimentary copy can be sent out by mail too. Campers will be able to try out Camp's new **9-hole disc golf course** this summer. Golf with frisbees, what could be more fun? We hope that you have a chance to enjoy some of the recent additions to our "Place of Friends."

## Support the "Place of Friends"

We hear it all of the time, "How can I help Camp?" Here are a few ways that you can support your favorite YMCA Camp. Volunteer your time for one of our special events or work weekends. Check out the online wish list for ideas for your donations of camp gear or professional talents. Attend one of our annual fundraising event such as the Ski Sale, Camp Hinterland Dinner, or the YMCA Golf Outing. Log on to our online giving store through the camp website and sponsor a child to attend camp or camp equipment. We greatly appreciate your donations of time, talent, or treasure!

## Test Your Unie I.Q.

Campers, how well do you know the "Place of Friends"? Test your I.Q. by answering the following questions about U-Nah-Li-Ya!

1. What year did Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya begin?
2. Which 2 animals hang across from one another on the walls of the Dining Hall?
3. The cabins are numbered 1 through 15, but we actually have only 11 cabins, which 4 cabin numbers are missing?
4. What is our lost and found called?
5. What is the name of the song that the counselors sing at the end of each Thursday night campfire program?

Well . . . . how did you do?

0 questions correct: Time to sign up for summer camp!

1-2 questions correct: Great job, you are on your way to being a U-Nah-Li-Ya expert!

3-4 questions correct: Wow, you must really love Camp!

5 questions correct: Incredible! You are officially a Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya genius!

## We Are Just One Member of the Y Camp Family

Did you know that Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya is the final step in a progression of summer camp opportunities offered by the Greater Green Bay YMCA? There are also 3 Day Camps as part of the Y Camp experience; Kamp Kermit with 2 Green Bay locations for 4-5 year olds, Kids Camp an urban day camp on Green Bay's West Side for 5-10 year olds, and Camp Wabansi our traditional day camp in southern Door County for 7-12 year olds. In addition to the day camp programs, there are also Teen Leadership opportunities for 11-17 year olds at each camp. Check out [www.greenbayymca.org](http://www.greenbayymca.org) for more information about our other YMCA Camps!



## Summer Staff Spotlight

Around Camp, you might just know her as "Witczak". She is Julie Witczak, a teacher by school year and a camp staff member by summer. The summer of 2008 will mark her 9th year as a member of the Camp Program Staff Team. What keeps Witczak coming back is "the fact that camp feels like a big reunion of faces, but each face has a new story of what the year brought."



Last summer, Julie was the Waterfront Director and in 2008 she is shaking things up and will assume the role of Activity Coordinator adding her enthusiasm and innovative ideas to program areas, teen night, and special events! Witczak continues to dedicate her summers to U-Nah-Li-Ya because she

loves "the serenity of camp, the dedication the staff has, the creativity I am allowed

to use, and of course, the kids that make camp the best place in the world."

Julie has managed to create a little camp community in her school because many of her students attend Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya and talking about funny camp memories with her student campers makes it "easy for the school year to unfold as I look forward to another summer".

When asked what she has gained from her camp experiences, Witczak replies "total self awareness. Camp allows people to be who they truly are. I feel the most creative at camp because I can take my ideas and run with them. I mean what more can you ask for when your director says 'YES' to a chocolate pudding slip 'n slide for campers. Camp is a truly amazing place."

Julie Witczak tries to live her life without regrets but the one that she may have is not going to camp as a child but as she states "luckily they don't put an age limit on being a camp staff member because I think in some capacity I am committed to camp for life." See you this summer on the chocolate pudding slip 'n slide, Witczak!

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## Camp U-Nah-Li-Ya 2008 Calendar of Events

Camp Hinterland Benefit Dinner	April 22
Spring Volunteer Work Weekend	April 25-27
Father-Son Weekend I	May 9-11
Father-Son Weekend II	May 16-18
Father-Son Weekend III	May 30-June 1
Summer Kick-Off Open House	June 11 5:00-7:00 PM
Summer Camp	June 15-August 15
YMCA Golf Outing	July 14
Father-Daughter Weekend I	September 5-7
Father-Daughter Weekend II	September 12-14
Father-Daughter Weekend III	September 19-21
Mother-Child Weekend	TBD
Fall Family Day & Weekend	TBD
Haunted Woods	October 25
Winter Camp	December 27-29

Check out [www.campunahliya.org](http://www.campunahliya.org) for current news and updates