



**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

## **Proud to be a YMCA**

Camp Tecumseh YMCA was founded by the Indiana State YMCA in 1924 to serve YMCAs in Indiana that were too small to create their own camp. Since that time hundreds of thousands of campers have had experiences here which have helped to build the foundations of their communities. Many have gone on to positions of leadership, taking the values they learned and lived at camp out into the world. We are excited to join the YMCA of the USA in re-dedicating ourselves to Youth Development, Healthy Living and Social Responsibility.

Camp Tecumseh YMCA has been committed to **Youth Development** since 1924.

- Providing well-planned, creative camp experiences to more than 35,000 campers per year including burn victims, kidney patients, 4-H members, students from more than 100 schools, and hundreds of scouts and church youth group members.
- Providing more than \$250,000 in fee assistance annually to bring growth experiences to children and teens of all socio-economic backgrounds.
- Helping campers develop qualities such as increased self-esteem, respect for self and others, enhanced social and communication skills, personal responsibility, plus leadership and problem-solving skills.
- Hundreds of young adults have their first job as staff members at Camp Tecumseh YMCA.
- Campers experience the world through close interaction with campers and staff from other countries, learning about their families and customs while developing mutual respect and understanding.

Camp Tecumseh YMCA fosters **Healthy Lifestyles** every day:

- Leading our campers in wholesome, vigorous physical activities in the fresh air of the great outdoors: hiking, canoeing, climbing, swimming, running, and playing.
- Providing good nutrition and balanced meals served family-style to teach about healthy eating, introducing many to new foods and to foster good manners and teamwork.
- Immersing campers in a loving, spirit-filled community where people care for one another and love God.... People live happier, healthier lives when they have positive relationships with others and have a relationship with God.
- These foundational elements help campers learn first hand about and experience healthy living.

Camp Tecumseh YMCA campers and staff also learn about **Social Responsibility**

- By living the 'I'm Third' motto and looking out for the welfare of others,
- By having the opportunity to be part of World Service events that help promote the well-being of others around the world,
- Providing camp families with the opportunity to contribute financial support for the less-advantaged.
- By learning about our responsibility for the stewardship of the natural world, members gain a deeper understanding of the interrelationships in God's creation.

At Camp we are **helping build the foundations of community** for the campers that will one day be leaders and citizens of their local community and the world.