

## Parent Newsletter – September 2011

Hi All,

Hope everyone is enjoying this gorgeous fall weather! I trust your boys are hale and hearty and active! It is beautiful here in Philadelphia and Nina and I had a wonderful family vacation in the Poconos featuring our five grandchildren! Not sure I would call it entirely restful, but it certainly was amusing! By the way, many thanks to those of you who have sent Nina photos from the summer. She is working hard to meet the 9/30 deadline for the 2011 Camp Calendar which you will all receive in December.

I am starting to schedule in **marketing events for the 2011** summer and several of you very generously mentioned you would be willing to host a CT gathering at your home for prospective camp families. In the past, the best time for these has been on a Sunday either around noon or later in the afternoon (5ish). These Open Houses are a very effective marketing tool for us because you know who is a good fit for camp and you are our best salespeople! If you would be willing to host one (they usually last about an hour or two), please let me know and we will work out a date and time. Usually we start them in November and they continue into the winter or early spring. They are also fun as a way for old campers to re-connect so they have become mini-reunions as well as recruiting forums. Counselors like coming to these as well, so I try to bring a counselor or two with me.

It also would be helpful for me to just get an idea of whether your son (s) will be returning next summer so I have an idea on what staff I will need. If you can tell me at this point, that would be most helpful. The **2011 application** is posted on the web site (I will also attach one) and the usual discounts are in effect for early sign ups. New dates and rates are on the app. Camp will start June 26 for the first (and full) session, and July 20 for the second session. Camp ends on August 14. Tuitions have been increased a bit (approx. \$100) for each session. I have already heard from a parent that the weekend of August 12-14, 2011 is a popular one and if you are planning to make a reservation near Moultonborough you should do so soon.

There are a couple of Tecumseh events coming up you might be interested in if you are in the Phila. area:

**Wed. Sept 22** – Golf Outing to support the **Blue Gray Scholarship Fund** – Sunnybrook Golf Club in Plymouth Meeting – 12 noon through dinner. Register online or give me a call! This is the second year for this event and it's lots of fun. Prizes and CT clothes on sale. If you can't make the golf, come for the dinner! If you would just like to make a BG donation, we are always happy to accept those! Many thanks to those of you who have already done so this year. We were able to support over 30 boys this past summer on a BG scholarship.

**Friday after Thanksgiving** – the Third Annual Turkey Touch Football Bowl – we will announce further details in a few weeks!

The fall is a great time for me to see your boys in action. If they are on a team anywhere near Phila., email me their schedule and I'll try to catch a game. Nothing better than to watch a CT boy playing! I have seen several CT names in the Philly papers already!

**Indoor Sports Building Update:** construction is scheduled to begin in October for this building! It will be a multi-use facility and will also have a new and expanded woodshop attached. It will be up to code for accessibility and bathrooms. We will use the roller hockey footprint and take out the rink surface and replace it with a composite surface suitable for virtually all activities. We will be able to open it up when the weather is good and close it during rainy days! The design will make it fit with the Lodge and the Trunk Room. Needless to say, we are all excited about this facility that is part of our **Long Range Plan** to make Tecumseh a camp with traditions that stretch back to 1903 but also a camp looking ahead to make sure our staff, programs and facilities are current and strong for the 21<sup>st</sup> century! The new facility should be ready for use this coming summer! We will post some photos on the web as construction proceeds.

I look forward to hearing back from any of you about these Open Houses this winter and please do not hesitate give me any feedback that will make Tecumseh continue to be an important experience in the growth of your children!

Best to all,

Jim and Nina