



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

YMCA CAMP ROGER



2011 ANNUAL REPORT



THE MAGIC OF CAMP ROGER

Over the past 60 years, YMCA Camp Roger has introduced thousands of children and teens to Utah's amazing mountain landscape while engaging them in wilderness exploration and adventures, environmental stewardship, and leadership development. We are happy to keep the Camp Roger tradition alive each summer!

PERSONAL GROWTH

While away from the routine back home, youth have the chance to develop confidence and independence by taking on responsibilities and challenges. YMCA Camp Roger has two programs that encourage personal growth in all our campers.

DOG TAGS

Caring | Honesty | Respect | Responsibility

Each week campers are able to earn a dog tag in one of our four values. Counselors work with each camper to set a personal goal, the dog tag becomes a symbol of their achievement and personal growth.

Archery | Arts & Crafts | Mountain Biking

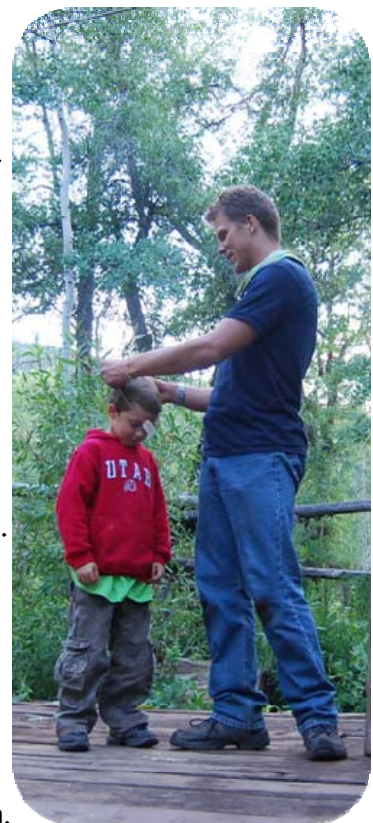
This was the first year that campers could participate in a skill development dog tag program. Campers who have a strong interest in one of the program areas can work on specific skills and earn a dog tag in either archery, mountain biking or arts and crafts. Each year the camper can build on the skills they learned the year prior and earn a higher level dog tag.

In 2011 over **600** campers earned their first level skills based dog tag.

RAGGERS PROGRAM

The Riggers Program started in 1914 is designed to help youth and staff take a closer look at their strengths and weaknesses, their beliefs, and their relationship with others. For campers ages 12 and above who choose to become a Rigger, the Rags are outward symbols of the acceptance of inner challenges for growth.

In 2011 over **100** campers choose to be a part of the Rigger Program.



STAFF LEADERSHIP

The relationship between campers and counselors is the heart of YMCA camping. We had **35** staff members join us for the 2011 camp season with 40% of them returning from 2010.



"There are just so many things that go into making Camp Roger wonderful. At camp, I've learned to ride a horse, paddle a canoe, shoot an arrow, and so much more. I've met amazing and inspirational people, staff and campers alike, and the location is the best you could ask for. "

-Maya 2009-2011 Camper

FOR COMMUNITY

In 2011, **279** campers received financial assistance to participate in Camp Roger, this is 45% of our total campers! Donations received from the community enabled the Y to offer **\$53,702** in financial assistance.

CAMP IMPROVEMENTS

Camp Roger would like to thank Fishers Cyclery, Bill and Sally Easley and the Easton Foundation for donating new mountain bike and archery equipment! Together donations totaled **\$9,000**, the equipment was much needed and the campers loved it.

TOM E. AND NANCY A. NISSALKE CAMP FUND

In 2010 an endowment was created to assure that all youth could enjoy the YMCA's Camping experience. This endowment was created in honor of Tom Nissalke and his wife, Nancy, for the years of service he has provided to the YMCA in Utah. No funds have been expended since the endowment was created. We are happy to report that the endowment is currently valued at **\$36,108**.

2011 RENTAL GROUPS

When the campers leave Camp Roger opens its doors to individuals and groups of all ages to spend time reconnecting with family and friends, engaging in a weekend of growth or just relaxing and having fun!

In 2011 Camp Roger hosted **5** groups which included family reunions, youth and adult retreats, and church camps for a total of **193** participants.

VOLUNTEERS

Groups and individuals completed a total of **1,941** volunteer hours at Camp Roger! Volunteers helped clear deadfall, split and stack firewood and sew new curtains for our cabins.



"When my dad lost his job in March, we were all stressed. When it became obvious we would be unable to financially afford camp on our own, we applied for the financial assistance program. Thanks to camp, I met new friends, learned new skills, and had new experiences. Thank You!"

-Tanner 2009-2011 Camper

FOR FAMILIES

HEALTHY KIDS DAY

April 23, 2011

Over **100** people participated in the first Healthy Kids Day event hosted by YMCA Camp Roger. Park City partners provided fun activities for youth and families to learn about staying healthy.

FAMILY CAMP

August 11-14, 2011

2011 was the inaugural year for Family Camp at Camp Roger. Family Camp is a four day camp session where families can come and enjoy the magic of Camp Roger. This year **10** families enjoyed games, crafts, hiking and camp fires. We are looking forward to next summer!

NEW YEAR'S EVE WINTER ADVENTURE

December 31, 2011

35 campers and their families joined Camp Roger staff on New Year's Eve to snowshoe, enjoy sleigh rides and play in the snow up at camp!





**ADVENTURE
NEW EXPERIENCES
PERSONAL GROWTH
FRIENDSHIP
MEMORIES**

2011 CAMP PROGRAMS

Traditional Camp—383 campers
(Ages 8-14)

Mini Camp—28 campers
(Ages 7-8)

Horse Camps—134 campers
(Ages 8-15)

- Junior Wrangler Camp
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- Junior Ranch Camp
- Ranch Camp
- Ranch Management
- Rodeo Camp
- Horse Explorer

Specialty Camps—54 campers
(Ages 9-14)

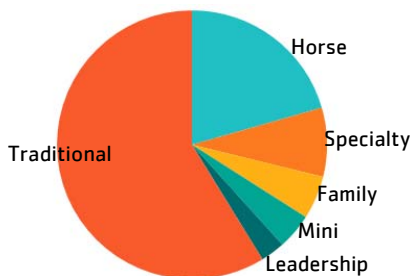
- Adventure Camp
- Extreme Camp
- Creative Arts Camp

Leadership Camps—19 campers
(Ages 15-17)

- Leaders-in-Training (L.I.T)
- Counselor-in-Training (C.I.T)

Family Camp—34 campers
All Ages

CAMP PROGRAMS



YOUTH SERVED

The Y welcomed **618** campers to Camp Roger in 2011! Camp Roger takes pride in the diversity of our staff and campers. This year campers traveled from 9 states outside of Utah, as far as South Carolina and New York. We had campers travel across the globe from Mongolia and France!

DOUBLE THE FUN

63 Campers returned to camp this summer for an additional week or more of camp fun.

ACTIVITIES

Activities are developed with consideration for the age and developmental needs of all our youth and include:

- Archery
- Arts & Crafts
- Mountain Biking
- Outdoor Education
- Songs/Skits
- Orienteering
- Horseback Riding
- Leadership Training
- Campfire & Cookouts
- Hiking

WHY PARENTS CHOOSE CAMP ROGER

