



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT<sup>®</sup>  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



# PROVIDING FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

## YMCA CAMP SLOPER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Serving thousands of campers in the greater Southington -  
Cheshire area for over 70 years!

The YMCA Camp Sloper Outdoor Center is owned and operated by the Southington Cheshire Community YMCAs

# OUR HISTORY

The Southington-Cheshire Community YMCAs received this amazing 143-acre property as a gift through the generosity of Cornelia Sloper Neal upon her death in 1949. It was specified in her Last Will and Testament that her family farm be preserved and used for the purpose of *"promoting healthy outdoor activities for the largest number of young men and women"*.

Over the last 70 plus years, the Sloper property has been under the stewardship of our YMCA which has been dedicated to its development and preservation. In keeping with Cornelia's last request, we are committed to sharing this valuable community resource with as many people as possible for generations to come.

# PRESENT DAY

The YMCA Camp Sloper Outdoor Center is a program center of the Southington-Cheshire Community YMCAs utilized by members, guests, families, companies, churches, civic organizations, schools, and of course campers. Our Day Camp stands proud as our flag ship program and serves approximately 4,600 plus campers each summer, providing them with the opportunity to build self confidence, develop leadership skills, learn values, be active, make new friends and learn an appreciation for nature and the great outdoors.

In addition, YMCA Camp Sloper reaches over 10,000 youth, teens and adults through environmental education, team building, facility rentals and special events each year. This beautiful facility consists of forests, fields and streams and the centerpiece of the property is the 19-acre Sloper Pond, used for swimming, boating, fishing and more. Surrounding the pond are miles of marked trails and carefully placed buildings and pavilions, program areas and other structures that help us fulfill our mission.

# OUR FUTURE

Our YMCA Mission and Master Plan guide our future developments. **YMCA MISSION:** To put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all.

Our **MASTER PLAN VISIONS** have been developed by our staff and volunteer teams!

- We will provide **DAY CAMP** of the highest possible quality for more than 1,000 campers a day and this will remain the flagship program area of the property.
- Our **OUTDOOR CENTER PROGRAMS** will allow local school systems, organizations, businesses and corporations to take advantage of our outdoor recreational and educational opportunities.
- Our **YMCA MEMBERSHIP** and **COMMUNITY MEMBERS** will be offered unique family, recreational and healthy opportunities to utilize our outdoor resources.
- **VOLUNTEERS** of all ages and ability levels will continue to be provided rewarding opportunities to give back while enhancing our facilities and programs through their dedicated service efforts.

# THE TIME IS NOW!

**CHALLENGE #1 – Save Sloper Pond:** Like all living things, ponds have a lifecycle and over the next 50+ years Sloper Pond will slowly go from pond to swamp to meadow if proper preventative measures are not taken. The pond is the centerpiece of the property and we can not let this happen.

**YMCA RESPONSE:** Through a well engineered plan, the YMCA will remove 125k cubic yards of silt and sediment from the bottom of the pond and install preventative measures for future maintenance.

**COMMUNITY IMPACT:** With these improvements to Sloper Pond, we can be assured this body of water will be here for generations to come to enjoy day camp, swimming, boating, fishing, environmental programs and so much more.

**PROJECT COST:** \$3.5 million dollars. Our YMCA has received \$3 million dollars in funds from the State of Connecticut, leaving \$500k in additional funds needed for this project.

**CHALLENGE #2–New Bathrooms & Changing Rooms:** We have a large need to increase our current bathroom facilities to handle our current and future growth. Our camp enrollment has increased dramatically with over 1,000 kids a day for camp. We are currently working with two bathrooms, one of which is on a 30-year old septic system.

**YMCA RESPONSE:** We have plans to build a larger bathroom and changing room facility in the center of the camp, as well as two additional bathrooms off of the Camp Office. In addition, we will run sewer lines through the property to eliminate the old septic system.

**COMMUNITY IMPACT:** These new improvements will be able to accommodate our current and future day camp growth and eliminate the risk of a septic system failure. This will allow us to run the quality day camp and outdoor center programming which modern day families are expecting.

**PROJECT COST:** \$600k is the estimated cost of the new bathrooms and changing rooms along with 850+ feet of sewer lines extended on to the property.

**CHALLENGE #3–New Splash Pad and Pavilion:** Our dramatic increase in day camp enrollment has led us to a need for more aquatic program areas and rainy day space to run the quality programs that our families have become accustomed to.

**YMCA RESPONSE:** We plan to construct a 2,200 square-foot Splash Pad next to the new bathrooms and changing rooms and build at least one new pavilion for rainy day space. We also plan to open the splash pad on the weekends for members and the community.

**COMMUNITY IMPACT:** Building a new Splash Pad aquatic activity area would greatly enhance our day camp offerings as well as provide another fun activity on the weekends for families in the community. A new pavilion would add another safe space for kids during inclement weather days.

**PROJECT COST:** \$400k is the estimated cost of the new Splash Pad as well as one new pavilion at YMCA Camp Sloper.

## GOAL = \$ 1.5 Million

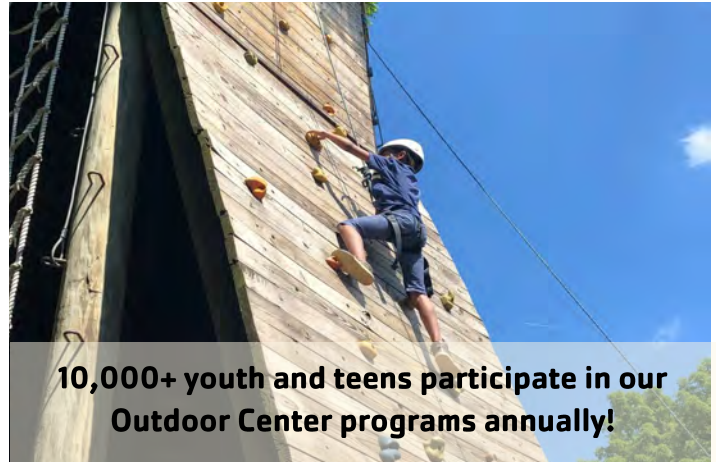


# COMMUNITY IMPACT

## YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



**4,600+ campers served through our day camp program in 2022!**



**10,000+ youth and teens participate in our Outdoor Center programs annually!**

## HEALTHY LIVING



**600+ youth take part in our Race4Chace Triathlon held at YMCA Camp Sloper each year!**



**500+ students experience a hands on environmental education program annually!**

## SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



**Over \$100k in scholarship funds are raised at our Sloper Plunge to help families in need!**



**100+ hours of volunteer service is provided by our volunteers and community members!**

**Welcome to YMCA Camp Sloper. Here, new experiences are introduced and lasting memories are never forgotten. We reach out to the child in everyone and build character in the leaders of tomorrow. We change lives, build smiles and provide an environment for people to grow. Love it, share it and preserve it for the next generation!**



## YMCA Camp Sloper Capital Campaign

### Naming Opportunities

Are you interested in a naming opportunity for your family or business? We have the following facilities at the YMCA Camp Sloper Outdoor Center that we would love to rename in your honor:

**SOLD** ~~Bathrooms/Changing Rooms = \$300,000~~

~~Splash Pad = \$300,000~~ **SOLD**

East Coast Waterfront = \$200,000

~~West Coast Waterfront = \$100,000~~ **SOLD**

**ON HOLD** - Arts and Crafts Cabin = \$75,000

Archery Pavilion = \$75,000

**ON HOLD** - Boat House = \$50,000

~~Turtle Pavilion = \$50,000~~ **SOLD**

### Giving Levels

Help us make Cornelia Sloper Neal's vision of serving "...the largest number possible of young men and women..." by making a gift to the YMCA Camp Sloper Capital Campaign at one of the following levels:

*Cornelia Sloper Neal Society = \$100,000 and above*

*Dr. Bob Jacob Society = \$25,000 to \$99,999*

*Ralph & Meredith Mann Society = \$10,000 to \$24,999*

*Doug & Carol McLeod Society = \$5,000 to \$9,999*

*John & Moi Myers Society = \$1,000 to \$4,999*

*Sloper Friends Society = \$1 to \$999*

### Planned Giving

Planned giving is a method of supporting the Southington-Cheshire Community YMCAs that enables philanthropic individuals to make larger gifts than they could make from their current income. Such gifts might include a bequest in a will, charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, charitable lead trusts, or gifts of life insurance. For further information please contact the Y's Chief Executive Officer, Mark Pooler at 860.426.9508.

### Matching Gifts

A matching gift is one that a company donates to match the charitable gift of an employee or their spouse/partner. Some corporations match charitable donations made by employees or retirees. Your gift could double or even triple in amount, depending on your corporations policy. Check with your company's Human Resources Office for eligibility. For more information on matching gifts with your place of business please contact the Y's Chief Executive Officer, Mark Pooler at 860.426.9508.







Future Splash Pad at YMCA Camp Sloper

## YMCA Camp Sloper Capital Campaign Pledge Card

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ I prefer to remain anonymous

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I / we pledge \_\_\_\_\_ in support of the YMCA Camp Sloper Capital Campaign!

Is this gift coming from a Donor Directed Fund (i.e. Fidelity, Ameriprise, etc.) ☐ YES ☐ NO

My gift will be match by: \_\_\_\_\_ (list organization and amount)

My gift will be paid: over ☐ 1 year ☐ 2 years ☐ 3 years ☐ 4 years ☐ 5 years

Payment Method: ☐ Cash or Check

Please invoice me: (choose one)

☐ Quarterly ☐ Semi Annually ☐ Annually

☐ Credit Card

Please charge my credit card in installments: (choose one)

☐ Quarterly ☐ Semi Annually ☐ Annually

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Date to start payments: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Payroll Deduct for Y Staff: (see HR department for proper forms and terms)

☐ Other Form of Payment: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_