

## YMCA Camp Eberhart

### Alumni Work Weekends

For many years the Alumni of YMCA Camp Eberhart have given countless hours of their time to help camp with projects large and small. Alumni Work Weekends have provided a chance to give back to the place we all love and in some respect call home. Over the last few years I have worked with Bob Kolbe to organize and participate in various work projects at camp. Most have been small in scale, but never the less, a valuable service to camp. We have had varied success with the number of alumni that are able to attend and we continue to look at different ways to encourage attendance. For many it is hard to attend as a result of work, family, and other obligations. There are many alumni that contribute their time and resources to camp on an ongoing basis in varied and gifted ways.

In speaking with Bob we will concentrate on four alumni work weekends. This will include work projects at each Family Camp, the Alumni Reunion in June, and a fall date. This will allow for adequate scheduling and create a reasonable request for participation from the alumni. The work projects during Family Camp will allow for others, who are not usually able to attend other scheduled dates, to have that opportunity to contribute. We will coordinate with the alumni association and camp staff for existing projects at camp. There are many opportunities for the alumni to make positive and productive contributions to camp.

Camp has in the past and will in the future provide for housing for alumni volunteers, as available, for the night prior to and the night of the scheduled work weekend. This will not include family camp. Some limited food service may be made available to us in the fall. Happy's and other favorites in Three Rivers have done well for us, too. The evening camp fire along with the opportunity to reconnect with friends and camp make the weekend refreshing for all.

Starting with the 10-29-11 work weekend the alumni association will provide each participant with an alumni association volunteer t-shirt.

**Dates to mark your calendar: October 29, 2011 and June 9, 2012**

Please share this with all your camp friends. We have been able to accomplish many things over the years. Knowing when you return to camp that you have been able to leave a lasting mark, contribution, or impact on camp is a very rewarding experience.

The YMCA Camp Eberhart Alumni Association, as always, is in need of all of our support to continue the projects at camp that have made such a big impact. The boat house, Morris Lodge, the sea wall, the retaining walls, the roofs, the..... we can go on and on. Camp Eberhart looks wonderful. If you have not joined the alumni association do so today, together we can do so much. Go to [www.campeb.org](http://www.campeb.org) for the application.

Thank-you for the support you give to camp.

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