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YMCA OF THE PALOUSE
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A newsletter for members, volunteers, and friends of the Y

SUMMER DAY CAMP

“Discover Adventure; Explore Y!”

Summer Day Camp is fast approaching and we're so excited for our campers to be a part of our fun and engaging program! Camp will run from **June 19th through August 25th**, Monday through Friday from **8 am to 5 pm** at Sunnyside Elementary School. There are extended hours offered in the morning from **7 am to 8 am** and in the evening from **5 pm to 6 pm** for an additional fee. Each week has a different theme, and campers will embark on daily adventures, including twice weekly swimming. The kids will be engaging in service learning opportunities that promote social responsibility, such as gardening for the local food bank and socializing with seniors. Our staff is full of friendly faces who are ready to give campers the upmost care and support, and who all have backgrounds in education, CPR/First Aid training and are background checked through the Washington Department of Early Learning! Campers may bring a cold lunch to camp, although Subway sandwiches are also available for purchase. Those who qualify for the program are also eligible for free, healthy lunches (see next page for more information). Registration is available online at palouseymca.org and Financial Assistance is also available. For questions, contact ycamps@palouseymca.

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COMING SOON

- Open House for Summer Camp: **June 7th**
- After School Half Day at All Sites: **June 16th**
- Summer Day Camp: **June 19th – August 25th**
- Tase T. Lentil 5K Fun Run: **August 19th**



FREE LUNCH PROGRAM

Receive Free Lunch at Summer Day Camp!

If your family has been enrolled with free and reduced price lunch programs through your school district, the Y has you covered for the summer! The Y offers free and nutritious lunches to qualified students enrolled in Summer Day Camp. This program is not limited to students in the Pullman School District; students from Moscow, Colfax or any other surrounding area may get free lunch! For more information and to apply, go online to palouseymca.org.



OPEN HOUSE

Learn More About Summer Day Camp!

You're invited to attend an Open House to find out more about our **Summer Day Camp!** Come and join us on **June 7th** at **Sunnyside Elementary** in the **Multi-Purpose Room** from **5:30 pm to 7:00 pm** to learn more about this awesome program! You will have a chance to register for camp, have a Q&A with our Camp Director and meet with camp counselors. There will also be activities for the kids and they will receive a camp T-shirt. This is an awesome way to get kids acquainted with the program!

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Congrats to the Whitman County Cougs!

As the spring season for the **Special Olympics of Whitman County** has come to an end, we would like to take time to thank all the wonderful athletes and volunteers who were a part of our team this year and congratulate them on a job well done! The track athletes worked hard on perfecting their track and field skills, including speed walking, running, throwing and jumping! These athletes showcased their skills and determination at the East Region Track and Field Tournament held at Eastern Washington University. While most of the fifteen representative athletes succeeded in placing across a range of events, the most obvious gold medal performance came from their support of each other, as they each sprinted, jumped and threw their way to victory. Athletes who qualified attended the state-wide Special Olympic Summer Games on the weekend of June 2nd. Go Cougs! Stay tuned for our bowling season in the fall; we can't wait!



CONGRATS TO THE GRADS!

Congratulations to All of Our Graduating Staff Members!



Kendra Bay



Jordin Barbre



Lizzy Lindberg

We would like to thank all of the graduates for their hard work and dedication. From staff members to office interns, this group of students has contributed so much to the Y!



Reagan Lowe



Yadira Oregon



Makayla Sullivan

WELCOME

New Office Manager Chris Cummings

We want to extend a warm welcome to our new **Office Manager** Chris Cummings! Born and raised in Spokane, Chris has lived on the Palouse for ten years. Chris works hard towards his vision of having the Palouse be the best place to live. He loves to play sports and explore the natural and cultural beauty of the region. In addition to the YMCA's mission, Chris is passionate about local, organic food and smart-building practices, including tiny homes. Chris lives in Pullman with his 10 year-old son.



JOIN THE Y TEAM!

Are you interested in joining our team? We are now accepting applications for volunteers and staff for the fall! For more info, visit palouseymca.org.

INTERIM DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS

Alison Poteracke



The Y is happy to announce that Alison Poteracke has joined us as the Interim Director of Programs for the Summer of 2017. She has many exciting things planned for Summer Day Camp!

Alison grew up in Petaluma, California and recently moved to Pullman to pursue a masters degree in Jazz Composition. Alison has always used her musical background to educate kids -- assistant teaching after school music programs, aiding youth orchestras, and designing a program titled Music for Social Change. The Music for Social Change program started originally with the Boys and Girls Club where she has worked the past two years as a program coordinator and director. The program is designed to teach kids about music composition, the importance of music to culture, and the purpose of music being a voice for social activism. Alison plans to continue her studies in Jazz Composition and Multi-Cultural Studies in order to positively influence her community.

NEW FACES AT THE Y



LeAnna Etheridge,
Office Intern

LeAnna was born in Lewiston, Idaho, and currently attends the University of Idaho in Moscow. She is pursuing a degree in marketing with an emphasis on market analytics and hopes to attend a graduate program for market research.



Kristen LeGro,
Office Intern

Kristen grew up in Mount Vernon, Washington where she participated, volunteered, and worked in YMCA programs. She spent 5 years in southern Florida before deciding to make her way back to the great Pacific Northwest!



Adam Dickenson,
Office Intern

Adam Dickenson was originally born in New York City, but grew up in Seattle, Washington. After completing his summer Administrative Internship with the Y, he will be graduating from Washington State University in the winter of 2017 with a double-major B.A. in Human Development and Psychology.