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**2009 Family Nature Summit Registrations:**

- 134 adults
- 14 young adults (age 18-25)
- 34 teens (age 13-18)
- 18 Junior Naturalists (age 5-12)
- 6 Preschool (age 3-4)
- 0 Infant
- Including 19 Yellow Scarfers

**Total participants: 206**

These numbers were current as of February 10, 2009.

Be sure to keep encouraging your friends and family to attend!

**Quick Links**

[Family Nature Summits Website](#)

**Closing Quote:**

In the depth of winter I finally learned that there was in me an invincible summer.

- Albert Camus

**Are You Coming to Summit 2009?**



Hi! This is Carla Brown, your web and e-newsletter volunteer.

This is the first year that I participated in Family Nature Summit board meeting phone calls, and I want to give you an insider's view.

This is a busy and exciting time for the volunteer board. Why? We are hiring faculty and preparing the program, while trying to predict and promote registration for the 2009 Summit at Silver Bay, New York.

As a non-profit charitable organization, we must operate in the black, as we have done for our first two Summits. To offer the greatest quality and variety of activities, and to attract well renowned faculty and evening entertainers, we plan on registering 300 Summiteers (not counting Faculty and Faculty Families).

We are a little more than 2/3rds of the way to our goal. We are roughly in line with registrations for February last year. (More people registered earlier for the 2007 Summit, probably because it was the first one run independently from National Wildlife Federation, and people knew we needed strong early registration to pull it off.)

We need to increase registration numbers by the end of March. So help us out!

- Email [info@familysummits.org](mailto:info@familysummits.org) with your summer status, even if you are not sure - what would help make the decision?
- Tell friends and family about the 2009 Summit - give them the [new flyer](#) and encourage them to sign up for the [free e-newsletter](#).
- [Make reservations with Silver Bay YMCA](#) as soon as possible because housing options are filling up.

We really want to see you again - thanks so much!

**Special Discount Offer for "New" Summiteers**

At the Family Nature Summits, everyone wears a scarf that shows how many Summits they have attended. When someone attends their first Summit, they receive a yellow scarf. This tells other Summiteers to reach out to the newcomers and ensure they have a great time.

To encourage more "Yellow Scarfers" at the 2009 Family Nature Summit, there is a discount offer. Any new Summiteers who register between now and March 31 will receive \$25 off each person's program fees.

The offer is also available for Summiteers who have not attended a Summit in the past two years. So if you missed North Carolina and Oregon, you can now take advantage of this offer as well.

So spread the word to your friends and family! You know - the ones you have been talking to about your wonderful vacations? [Sign up for the 2009 Family Nature Summit today!](#)

**New Promotional Flyer: Spread the Word!**



Family Nature Summits is happy that we can now offer a printable flyer about the 2009 Summit. Please feel free to print the flyer as much as you'd like.

Post it up at your community center, your children's schools and your religious gathering place. and give it to friends!

[Download your flyer.](#)

Also, **if you have graphic design experience**, we'd love to hear from you! Can you design some fantastic promotional materials? You get to

work with an enthusiastic group and encourage more families to spend time outdoors. Contact [info@familysummits.org](mailto:info@familysummits.org) today!

**Campfire Songs Online**

In my day job, I get to work on the National Wildlife Federation's websites. One of my recent projects was to improve the Great American Backyard Campout website. This event, held each June, encourages people to go camping for one night.

My daughter Nora and her kindergarten classmates [sang campfire songs](#) so we could help others learn the tunes. It's super cute!

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