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**Housing Update for the 2011 Summit**



Our registration is going (and growing!) well. We are slightly ahead of the number of Summiteers we had registered at this point last year. Thank you to everyone who is putting the word out and recruiting new Summiteers!

Some of you may have noticed that our hosts at the [YMCA of the Ozarks](http://www.ymcaoftheozarks.org) are putting people on waiting lists for the standard hotel rooms and loft rooms in the main lodge. We still have a little space left in the cabins which are very nice, but a little more expensive.

If you have not yet registered with us, and you are holding off because of the housing situation, we recommend you send us your registration for the Summit ASAP. After you register with us, you can then call our reservationist at the Y and get on the waiting list for the housing type of your choice. We are expecting a substantial block of standard hotel rooms and loft rooms to become available on February 1, 2011. Those rooms will go to the folks who are already on the waiting list first.

If we do not end up with enough standard hotel rooms, lofts and cabins to accommodate everyone, we have made arrangements to allow for RV hookups and tent camping on the YMCA site as well. We have also located a source of RV's that can be delivered to the Y so you don't have to bring your own or rent one and drive it to the Y.

We are still confident that we will be able to accommodate more than 300 Summiteers at this year's Summit.

Sign up now to ensure your opportunity to [enjoy all the 2011 Summit has to offer!](#)



\*Photo from <http://www.ymcaoftheozarks.org>

**Nature Friendly Gift Ideas**

Are you looking for a different way to celebrate a holiday or birthday?

Share your love of nature with these eco-friendly gifts:

- Give a flock of ducks, honeybees, or even a sheep through Heifer International. These animals encourage self-reliance and environmental stewardship. *Price range: \$30 and up.*

- Give the gift of growth with the American Forests organization (or many other groups that do this good work). Trees are planted in forests across the U.S. and the world. *Price range: \$10 to \$15.*

- Adopt an acre of land or sea with the Nature Conservancy. Select a space, from the Appalachians to Africa, and [your gift helps restore biodiversity and habitat on that acre](#). The gift package includes a year subscription to the Nature Conservancy's magazine, magnets, and more. *Price range: \$50 and up.*

**Closing Quote**

"In seed time learn, in harvest teach, in winter enjoy."

~William Blake

**January 22 Great Lakes Regional Event**



Pokagon State Park is a lovely park located in the Northeast corner of Indiana, about 3 hours from Chicago, Cleveland, Columbus, and Indianapolis. It is the home of the Potawatomi Inn, numerous lakes and wetlands, and one of the only refrigerated toboggan tracks in the Great Lakes area!

Let's meet at the warming shed near the toboggan track at 10:00 a.m. for [a day full of tobogganing, cross country skiing, and hiking!](#) We can either pack lunches or get sandwiches at the warming center for lunch. Then we can spend the afternoon hiking, exploring, skiing, and checking out the nature center, followed by dinner at the Inn. We are too late to get reservations for an overnight at the Inn, but other accommodations are available from the [Pokagon State Park website](#).

Cost:  
\$7.00 per car to enter the park (\$5.00 for in-state visitors)  
\$10.00 per hour to rent a bobsled (4 people per bobsled)  
\$7.00 per hour to rent x country skis (\$2.00 discount if you rent a bobsled)  
Less for children under 16.  
\$???? Lunch and/or dinner

Everyone is welcome at the Summit Regional Events. Whether you are a Summit veteran or are just learning about Family Nature Summits, we hope you will join in the fun. Bring your friends, your warm clothes, and a smile!

Please let us know if you'll be planning to attend this great event by emailing [regionalevents@familysummits.org](mailto:regionalevents@familysummits.org) or by calling Sue Sabo at 614-260-7441.

Find more information about the [great Regional Events Summiteers have been organizing](#) on the Summit website!

**New Year's Reminder: Discount for Full Payment Received by December 31st**

The 2011 Summit is coming, and we couldn't be more excited. Please remember that there is a [discount of \\$25 per registrant available for payments received in full by December 31, 2010.](#)

If you do not wish to take advantage of this great deal, remember that the next payment will be due by February 1, 2011, with the final payment due by May 1, 2011. Reminders will be sent to assist you in recalling the deadlines.

Have a joyful New Year, Summiteers. We look forward to another great Summit in 2011!