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Join the Fun at the Family Nature Summits!

Adventure activities (rafting, hiking, kayaking, rock climbing, etc.)

Unique classes by renowned experts in their fields (orienteering, geology, wildlife species, photography, etc.)

Programming for all ages & family sizes (bring the whole extended family or just yourself!)

Hands-on experiential learning

Service projects to promote stewardship

**Lots of fun & laughter with friends old and new!**

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

YMCA of the Ozarks  
Potosi, Missouri  
August 1-7, 2011

**Family Nature Summits**  
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**Facebook Challenge Update**

Last year, Carla Brown challenged Summiteers to spread the word about the Summits using Facebook.

Now, you can do more...[share photos](#), [post comments](#), and [connect with friends](#).

Join the Family Nature Summits Facebook group and start connecting!

**Mother Nature and Her Kids**

Experiences in nature can shape a child's life. Find a little one you love and check out these neat events:

[Take a Child Outside Week, Sept. 24 - 30.](#)

[Hike and Seek, Oct. 2.](#)

**Closing Quote**

"Forget not that the earth delights to feel your bare feet and the wind longs to play with your hair."

~ Kahlil Gibran

**Mid-Atlantic Regional Event November 13, 2010**



Why should the fun of Summits be limited to just one week out of the year? Summiteers in the Mid-Atlantic area are gathering for a regional hike on November 13th in Maryland for [brunch](#), [a hike](#), and [relaxing evening](#) of wine tasting and a light dinner at a local winery.

Regional events are a great way to connect with your Summit friends and introduce new friends and family to the Summits.

If you want to join in on the fun in Maryland, contact Rosanne Mistretta at [regionalevents@familysummits.org](mailto:regionalevents@familysummits.org) or 215-266-5046.

**Call for Regional Events: Get Together in Your Neck of the Woods**

We are looking for Summiteers to host Regional Events!

A Regional Event can be as simple as an afternoon hike or can include several events or an overnight.

Heather DeSha and Rosanne Mistretta will guide you as you [set up a wonderful event for Summiteers in your area!](#)

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**About the Ozarks, Part #1: Geology**



The 2011 Summit will be in the "Ozark Mountain Region." Let's learn a bit more about the geology of this place.

There's an old folk saying about the Ozark Mountains: "It's not that the mountains are so high, it's just that the valleys are so deep." It's true. The Ozark Mountains in Arkansas are a heavily eroded plateau, pushed up eons ago and carved out by hundreds of streams over

thousands of years. Nature worked wonders, and today the diversity of these highlands is endless.

You can learn more about the geology of these [ancient, eroded mountains](#) or dig deeper and learn about the [fossils and stones](#) that we might find in the Ozarks.