



Silver Bay Photo: Annie Tiberio Cameron

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2008 Evaluation Forms

If you did not have a chance to fill evaluations at Summit, please take a moment to fill them out now.

Evaluations are online so you don't have to print and mail it.

[Overall Summit Evaluation](#)

[Class Evaluation](#)

[Hike Survey](#)

[Parent Evaluation of Youth program](#)

Your evaluations are very useful in helping plan future Summits. We analyze the data and incorporate your suggestions into our faculty hiring, site selection and contracting process.

Faculty use the data to plan better classes and hikes.

Helpful Links

- [2009 Registration Form](#)
- [More About Family Nature Summits](#)

And a quick inspirational thought...

"In all things of nature, there is something of the marvelous" -- Aristotle

2009 Summit - Silver Bay YMCA, New York

Note: Early registration (to save \$25 per participant) is due September 30!

We are excited that the 2009 Family Nature Summit is returning to an old favorite Summit site at the Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks in New York. The Summit will run July 25 - 31, 2009.

[Click here for downloadable 2009 Registration Form](#)

Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks is a century-old YMCA conference and training center situated on a 700-acre campus on the western shore of Lake George in the Adirondack Park in northern New York State.

Silver Bay offers a variety of accommodations. Visit www.silverbay.org for descriptions and costs. Contact the YMCA directly at (518) 543-8833. Their hours are Monday to Saturday 8am-6pm EST. Typically you are taken to voicemail and they call back within 24 hours.

2008 Family Nature Summit Wrap-up

The 2008 Family Nature Summit in Oregon was a tremendous success.

More than 340 Summiteers participated. Some highlights included:

- rambles along salmon streams and old growth forest
- a rousing square dance and ice cream social
- rafting one of the most exciting and beautiful rivers in North America, the White Salmon River
- a lecture about the spotted owl followed by a night hike in search of this elusive creature
- rock climbing a boulder that looked like it fell out of the sky
- Timberline Lodge tours on Mount Hood where we found snow

Most importantly we reconnected with friends and family and reaffirmed our commitment to enjoying nature and being good stewards of the earth.

Thank you to all the faculty members, summit assistants and volunteers for the many hours you put in. The Summit could not have been the success it was without all your help!

STAY TUNED for information on purchasing 2007 and 2008 group photos and slide shows in our next newsletter.

Thanks to professional photographer and Summit faculty member Annie Tiberio Cameron for taking the group photos, and to Michael and Sabina Shelby for coordinating the slide show.

Your New Web and E-newsletter Volunteer

My name is Carla Brown and this is my first time helping to send the Family Nature Summits e-newsletter.

After the very fun Oregon Summit, I wanted to volunteer to make Summits a success. As the mother to two children, age 2 and 5, I can't easily attend meetings, but I enjoy working on the web and writing. So I offered to help with the website and e-newsletter.



It would be great if many Summiteers each volunteered to do a task. Many hands make light work! Then we can ensure this event continues and it's fun for everyone including our volunteer board.

If you'd like to volunteer, even if you don't know how, or have ideas for the web or e-newsletters, let us know at info@familysummits.org. Thanks!

Publicity Cards

We created laminated outreach/publicity cards that describe the Family Nature Summit experience so you can more easily share this information with others (friends, people you meet while hiking, etc).

If you would like to have cards sent to you, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with 84 cents postage for US delivery. Mail to: Family Nature Summits, 5319 University Drive #212, Irvine, CA 92612.

Take A Child Outside Week - September 24-30

This is not a Summit program, but we thought you would be interested as people who care about getting outside.

This international program is designed to help break down obstacles that keep children from discovering the natural world. It gives many resources on outdoor activities.

Visit www.takeachildoutside.org for more information.

