

## Recent News & Spotlights

### EXTRA, EXTRA!



We have several exciting things happening at the Athens YMCA! We just completed a feasibility study and the findings were positive for future renovations. As a non-profit organization, we rely heavily on generous donors in our community and beyond. Membership dues go directly to operations while contributions assist with facility updates, add beneficial additions to programs, and allow us to offer financial assistance for membership and youth programs. We've recently named our annual giving levels and would love to have you join one:

**Acquaintance:** \$1 to \$249

**Friend:** \$250 to \$499

**Family:** \$500 to \$999

**Soul Mate:** \$1,000+

To make a donation, click [here](#)! If you'd like to learn more about our annual campaign and giving opportunities, please contact Abby Bramblett - [abby@athensymca.org](mailto:abby@athensymca.org).

## CAMPER SPOTLIGHT



Meet our Camper Spotlight: Maurlena! Maurlena has been a part of the Athens YMCA for the last 11 years. Before Maurlena was old enough to start afterschool programs, she would come with her mom to drop her older sister off and say hi to all the coaches! Maurlena just finished 6th grade and is excited about next year. She loves helping with the younger kids during camp and hopes to one day be a Leader in Training and Coach. Her favorite part about Camp Kelley? All of her amazing friends! We love having Maurlena and her family as a part of our Y!

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT



We have a very special group of people as this month's Staff Spotlight: our Leaders in Training! Our Camp Kelley LIT program is made up of 14 and 15 year olds who are amazing young men and women. Our LITs have to go through an interview process, 40+ hours of training, and maintain a B average or above in school. One of the most amazing things they do is teach swim instruction to our campers. These guys attend a two day training to learn how to teach kids water safety skills. Their games and activities center around teaching campers how to float on their back, tread water, and swim the length of the pool. We are so proud of our LITs and can't wait to watch them continue to do great things!

## Upcoming Events

### DI'LISHI ATHENS

Don't forget to visit Di'lishi Athens and vote for the Athens YMCA now through August. All funds raised will go to our annual campaign. Beat the summer heat and give back to your local Y!



### RUN THROUGH THE WOODS



Join us for the annual Run Through the Woods 5k in honor of Coach Mike Castronis! August 3rd at 8 am. Benefiting Athens YMCA youth programs! Registration going on now! Click here for more info.

### 4TH OF JULY



We will be closed on Thursday, July 4th. We will resume regular hours on Friday, July 5th.

## Youth Programs & Camp Kelley

### SUMMER FEEDING

We are excited to offer the summer feeding program again this summer! Summer feeding will take place June 3rd through July 19th. Please note: Camp Kelley will NOT take place on July 1st - 5th and summer feeding will not be offered at the Athens YMCA. Click here for the summer feeding menu!



### YOUTH PROGRAMS



#### Fall 2019 Youth Programs

*Registration starts June 17th*

Programs offered include soccer, swim, taekwondo, youth gardening / teen fitness and more!

### CAMP KELLEY SUPPORT



Lois & Lucy Lampkin Foundation

We have had a wonderful start to Camp Kelley 2019! Financial Assistance Lottery, STEAM and Literacy efforts and our Healthy Snack initiative made possible by many generous donors, the Jackson EMC Foundation, the Lois & Lucy Lampkin Foundation, the Alice & Noah N. Langdale, Jr. Foundation, First Presbyterian Church and To Make and Mend, LLC.