



**For Youth Development  
For Healthy Living  
For Social Responsibility**

We are excited to announce that effective October 1, 2014 Camp Speers YMCA joined together with the Philadelphia Freedom Valley YMCA to serve as the residential camp and outdoor center branch! This partnership will allow us to extend our impact and reach providing more youth and families a resident camp experience throughout New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and beyond.

**How will this impact our current Camp Family?**

- It should not change anything. We will continue to engage families, campers and staff from all areas, especially communities in New Jersey and New York where generations of families have been and continue to be involved with Camp. We will continue to strengthen existing relationships and increase volunteer opportunities.
- Our family is growing as we serve the 18 branches of the Philadelphia Freedom Valley YMCA..

**How will this impact families in the Greater Philadelphia area?**

- More than 140,000 members of the Philadelphia Freedom Valley YMCA have access to the 1,100-acre resident camp and outdoor center — a new “Camp Home” in which to belong.
- Youth throughout the Greater Philadelphia area will gain access to the life transforming experience that is unique to high, quality summer overnight camp.

**What can we all look forward to as a result of the partnership?**

- MORE – more people, more resources, more fundraising, more Camp!
- BETTER – improved and expanded facilities, program, staff and volunteers
- NEW – a NEW BEGINNING, a chance for us to work together to realize a world-class camp.

**A NEW BEGINNING**

Our history, traditions, and Camp Family serve as strong foundations for our future as a world-class Camp and Outdoor Center. We hope that you will stay connected and be part of our NEW BEGINNING. Please do not hesitate to contact us at Camp 570-828-2329 with your questions or suggestions.

Happy Holidays and best wishes to you,

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**CAMP SPEERS IN THE POCONOS**

**Philadelphia Freedom Valley YMCA**

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