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YMCA Camp Classen to Host Open House, Free Horseback Riding

Davis, OKLA. (March 15, 2010) – It’s not too early to start thinking about how to keep kids active this summer. YMCA Camp Classen is hosting an open house Saturday, March 20th, 9-4 p.m. to give parents and kids a preview of summer camp opportunities available through the YMCA of Greater Oklahoma City.

“Camp is among the best options for engaging kids and teens in activities that will help develop their spirit, mind and body in a safe outdoor environment,” said Rick Burris, YMCA Camp Classen director.

The open house will include camp tours, horseback riding, indoor activities, snacks and summer camp registration. Those who register for summer camp and pay a \$100 deposit during the open house get a \$50 gift card to Target.

YMCA Camp Classen offers educational, co-ed residential summer camp options for school-age children and teens at its 2,400-acre camp in Davis, Okla. Main camp is available to kids 8-12 years old in weeklong sessions that can be scheduled for multiple weeks. In addition to participating in a wide range of activities, campers also choose an elective to specialize in each week.

Teens can choose from three camps. Traditional resident camp offers teens local field trips. Frontier Adventure focuses on equestrian theory and horseback trail and arena riding. Teens can experience camping in Colorado, Arkansas and Missouri through Adventure Trips.

“Camping is synonymous with personal development. It provides kids with the opportunity to practice social and decision-making skills through new experiences,” Burris said. “Kids and teens come to camp to develop friendships, learn skills in a new environment, and make memories that will last a lifetime.”

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Visit www.itsmycamp.org or call (580) 369-2272 to learn more about YMCA Camp Classen for youth and teens.

The Y is the nation's largest provider of camping programs. Y's across the country have operated summer camps for more than 100 years. About 300,000 kids and teens attend 265 Y resident camps each year. Y's also operate more than 2,000 community and regional day camps serving 600,000 individual campers each summer, which includes about 120 specialty camps for kids with disabilities. An additional 1.5 million individuals participate in camp programs throughout the balance of the year in family camps, weekend retreats, and school camping.

About the YMCA of Greater Oklahoma City

The YMCA of Greater Oklahoma City is a charitable, not-for-profit organization that serves children, families and adults of all ages, regardless of gender, race, abilities, or income. Major program areas include aquatic and water safety, youth sports, before and afterschool childcare, camping, health and wellness, teen leadership and community development. The YMCA served nearly 130,000 people in the greater Oklahoma City area last year. For more information please call (405) 297-7777 or visit www.ymcaokc.org.

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