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YMCA Camp Hanes Hosts Alumni Reunion Weekend

KING, NC – May 25, 2009 – YMCA Camp Hanes will host its 3rd Annual Alumni Reunion Weekend June 5-7. Alumni are invited to attend with their families and guests, including former campers, counselors and corporate retreat attendees.

YMCA Camp Hanes opened in 1927. Alumni will see old friends, tour the grounds to see the new additions, and have the opportunity to hike to the top of Sauratown Mountain. The weekend will also include traditional camp activities such as campfires with singing, stories, skits and sharing memories. Alumni can visit Camp Hanes and enjoy lunch during Saturday for free. The cost to stay overnight is \$25 for individuals and \$40 for families. The cost includes accommodations, a free t-shirt and meals.

Bill Hutchins, a former camper, counselor and Camp Director, is organizing the alumni event and looking forward to reconnecting with friends. "I'm still friendly with people I went to camp with in the 1950s," Hutchins said. "Camp isn't just wood, bricks and water. Camp Hanes has a heartbeat." Hutchins expects upwards of 100 alumni to attend the Reunion Weekend, evidence of what he calls "the strength and power of friendship that starts at Camp."

To find out more about the Camp Hanes Alumni Reunion, please visit <http://www.camphanes.org> or contact Bill Hutchins at b.hutchins@ymcanwnc.org or (336) 983-3131.

About YMCA of Northwest North Carolina

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