

# Help needed to send kids to camp

By JACKIE KLEIN

"I want to go to camp so I can meet more people, see insects, get better meals and try new things."

The letter writer may need some spelling lessons, but he could be one of the children who will get a chance to go to camp this summer with the help of Southfield Parent Youth Guidance Commission (PYG).

Every summer PYG sends about 150 young people to camp. These children are referred to the program by teachers and counselors throughout the Southfield School District. Referrals are based on social, emotional or financial need.

Kids from 8 to 15 are eligible for the camping program if they meet PYG criteria. Younger children go to the Southfield Civic Center day camp and the older ones are sent to camps throughout southeastern lower Michigan.

Among these camps are Camp Storer, Catholic Youth Organization, Camp Grindley, Holiday, Nerrin and

Tamarack, Silverman Village have reduced campership fees for the PYG program, making it possible for the camp committee to send all those who apply.

"MANY HOURS of work and effort go into this program," said Sally Krugel, PYG camping chairwoman. "PYG counselors, fundraising PYG members and volunteer camp contact workers are actively involved."

Parents of potential campers are asked to contribute what they can, Mrs. Krugel said. Most of the funds for the program are raised by contributions from Southfield businesses, service groups, PTAs, churches, synagogues and individuals.

The average cost for two weeks at overnight camp is \$130 a child. The cost for one week at day camp is \$25.

PYG received 180 applications for camp this year, Mrs. Krugel said. In order to send all those kids to camp, PYG needs another \$5,000 in contributions by June.

# Telegraph hassles will keep growing

Drivers who tackle Telegraph Road traffic won't get relief from the bumper-to-bumper aggravation for at least another year, maybe even longer.

According to Frank Simmons, administrative assistant for the metro district of the state highway commission, the \$17 million project will not be completed until late 1979 or early 1980.

The road widening project is divided into four separate construction zones to completely replace the old Telegraph Road north of Twelve Mile in Southfield all the way north of Orchard Lake Road in Pontiac. The 8.5-mile stretch will become a six and eight lane divided highway.

The road north of Twelve Mile to south of Maple roads will have 17

miles of eight lane highway and 0.84 miles of six lane. North of Maple to south of Long Lake will be six lanes wide. North of Long Lake to south of Square Lake roads will also be six lanes. North of Square Lake to north of Orchard Lake roads will become eight lanes.

"We just started the section north of Square Lake Road," Simmons added. "We're building new pavement south-bound first and as soon as it's completed we will switch the traffic on to the new pavement and tear up the old."

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"The demand simply outweighed the money we received," Mrs. Krugel said.

"Summer after summer, Southfield youngsters are able to experience camp. Ordinarily, they wouldn't have that opportunity. Their enthusiasm and good times have made this PYG program extremely worthwhile."

Contributions may be sent to Parent Youth Guidance Commission, 26080 Berg, Southfield 48034. The phone number is 354-4864.

Children may win their way to camp by writing a paragraph telling why they want the experience, drawing a cartoon depicting the reasons, or having a school friend or adult explain why they think the child is deserving.

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