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SILVER BAY YMCA TEEN CENTER REOPENING IN TICONDEROGA IN 2022

Silver Bay, NY: The Silver Bay YMCA Conference and Family Retreat Center is happy to announce it will be reopening its impactful teen center in Ticonderoga in 2022, Chief Executive Officer Steve Tamm stated.

“The decision was an easy one to make. We heard loud and clear from the community that our teen center was missed and numerous studies indicate that children have suffered from isolation throughout this pandemic. Our discussions with Councilman Mark Russell, Chair of the Ticonderoga Youth Commission, have been so very positive since we started our re-opening discussions back in late 2020,” said Tamm.

According to Tamm, the primary reason the teen center was closed and has remained closed has been the lingering safety concerns surrounding COVID-19. “With the reopening of classes in schools throughout our region and the resumption of other in-person activities, it seemed only natural that we move forward in planning the reopening of our highly impactful teen program,” said Tamm.

“We are very pleased to be partnering once again with Silver Bay YMCA,” said Councilman Mark Russell, Chair of the Ticonderoga Youth Commission. “Silver Bay YMCA is clearly dedicated to impacting the teens of Ticonderoga. We are very thankful to them and their donors who have invested countless hours and over \$1 million in this program since 2012. They exemplify dedication to the local communities of the North Country.”

The exact date of the reopening is yet to be determined though it is expected to occur in the first quarter of 2022.

“There are a number of things we need to do before we restart the teen center and that will take some time,” added Jackie Palandrani, Youth and Teen Director at Silver Bay YMCA. “Furniture and equipment needs to be moved back in, staff needs to be hired and trained, plus a number of other things need to happen to ensure that we open properly with the safety of the teens, volunteers and staff at the forefront.”

“The Silver Bay Teen Center in Ticonderoga will be located once again at the armory. We will be coordinating our teen activities with the other programs that are also housed at the armory,” added Tamm.

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Note to the Editor:

Silver Bay YMCA was founded in 1902 and is located in Silver Bay, NY, just minutes south of Hague, NY. Its 700-acre campus along one mile of Lake George shoreline offers a wide breadth of programs for all ages. Silver Bay YMCA presently employs 45 full-time staff members with a seasonal staff of 200. Silver Bay YMCA is consistently ranked one of the top ten family reunion sites in the country and is on the National Register of Historic Places with the U.S. Department of the Interior.

As a mission based charity, Silver Bay YMCA offers outreach programs in addition to its core activities as a premier conference and family retreat center. Those activities include:

- Silver Bay YMCA Teen Center in Ticonderoga (Free access for local teens)

- Open Pathways (Access to Silver Bay YMCA for the underprivileged)

- Youth and Government Program (covering Queensbury to Ticonderoga)

- Cancer Respite Program (Free respite for local cancer patients)

- Military R and R Program (Free getaway for recently deployed veterans and their families)

- Brookside Trinity Ministry (Free respite and sabbatical getaways for clergy)

- Vacations Made Possible (Free getaways for local underprivileged families)

Our MISSION: To foster relationships, strengthen communities and nurture spirit, mind and body for all.

Our IMPACT: Because of Silver Bay YMCA, connections between people and family are stronger. People are more connected, respectful and caring. They have the confidence to develop to their full potential and to positively impact the communities in which they work and live. As a result, communities are more dynamic, inclusive and diverse. As stewards of Lake George, we inspire people to be stewards of the environment while they are visiting our magnificent campus and in their home communities.

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