



Greg Keresztury

Age: 34

Residence: Evesham

Profession: Director of Operations, YMCA Camp Ockanickon, Inc.

The boyhood joy of time at summer camp never left the heart of Greg Keresztury. After years of practicing law, he decided to come back to a place that connected with his spirit. He assumed the role of Director of Operations at YMCA Camp Ockanickon last winter.

On a proud accomplishment: I am proud of the successful career change that I made from a practicing attorney to director of operations at

YMCA Camp Ockanickon, Inc. My new line of work more closely aligns with my values and interests, but also brings new and different challenges beyond what I faced as an attorney. Nonetheless I am grateful for the opportunity, and enjoy the challenge.

On characteristics of a leader: Transparent communication. If you're not honest with the people you're working with, you won't get very far.

Something that others might not know: My wife, Carolyn, and I operate a real estate investment business purchasing and renting residential properties.

Source of motivation: I enjoy planning, building and working toward an intended outcome, and then getting to watch as those efforts play out – for better or worse. I then enjoy the process of adjusting and then continuing to plan, build and work to reach the intended outcome.

Personal motto: “Change is invigorating! If you don't accept new challenges, you become complacent and lazy! Your life atrophies!” – Calvin and Hobbes

From nominator, co-worker Susan Miller: Since joining camp, Greg has taken the initiative to make

improvements to all program areas and to help modernize the 111-year-old camp located on 800 acres in the Pines. He has also organized focus groups to gather feedback and has gotten involved in school and community activities in order to promote the positive impact of the camp experience. He makes an effort to reach out and get to know all of the summer seasonal staff members and to be a resource to his co-workers. He's doing his best to make Ockanickon, Matollionequay and Stockwell household names in the Burlington County area.