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## **KEN O'KELLEY**

### **VICE PRESIDENT OF CAMPING SERVICES**

Ken O'Kelley is vice president of camping services with the YMCA of Metro Atlanta. He provides leadership for three overnight camps located on Lake Burton, Lake Allatoona and Lake Lanier. Camp High Harbour at Lake Burton and Lake Allatoona serve more than 6,000 young campers in the summer. Additionally, more than 8,000 individuals use the sites in the retreat season from September through May.



The Advanced Leadership Academy is a program under Ken's supervision. Its purpose is to instill and inspire civic leadership. This teen program is a strategic plan focus and currently serves thousands of young leaders.

After attending the Athens YMCA camp for many years, Ken began his Y career there as a camp counselor. In 1988 he became the executive director of YMCA Camp High Harbour and served for 27 years.

Born and raised in Gainesville, Georgia, Ken earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia and has a master's degree from the United States Sports Academy. In 1996, Ken was appointed as Olympic youth camp director for the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games. The camp served 458 young athletes from 152 countries.

Ken and his wife, Sonya, have two adult children, Brooke and Kip. Other than his family, Ken's real passion has always been camping. Ken and Sonya live in Flowery Branch, Georgia.