



# PLANTING THE FUTURE

## THE CAMP MACK CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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This is a pivotal time in the life of Camp Alexander Mack. In the **93 years** of our ministry, generations of children and adults have had their **faith sparked**, their understanding of God reinforced, and their **spiritual lives renewed** and **refreshed** through the sanctuary experience created **here**.



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## News from the Director

If you were at the Annual Dinner on March 8<sup>th</sup>, you were in on the ground floor of our new capital campaign: *Planting the Future*. You also had a wonderful meal and an evening of great fellowship.

If you were not able to join us, I can't do anything about the meal, but I can make sure you hear about a new vision for Camp Mack – one that will take us far into the future, providing important ministry for people who need our sanctuary experience. Great fellowship can also be yours in this process.

The first opportunity you have is to attend one of our regional meetings. At each of these, you will meet with others in your area (or a different area if you are unable to attend your own). We will talk about experiences at Camp Mack and present a new vision that builds on the traditions we have established. We'll also share ways for you to participate in making that vision a reality. The regional meetings are listed below, and they all take place at a church near you. The meetings begin at 7:00 and the program ends by 8:30. Camp staff will be happy to stay longer to hear your suggestions and answer your questions if you wish to stay longer.

If you are not able to attend one of the regional meetings, or you want more information, we are available to come and visit with you as a family or in a small group. Just give Todd ([todd@campmack.org](mailto:todd@campmack.org)) or me ([gene@campmack.org](mailto:gene@campmack.org)) an email or call, and we'll get on the road.

We are also available to come to your church. We can come on a Sunday morning and use the Sunday school period, or we are available to share during the evening sometime in the week. This could make a wonderful pot luck or fellowship meal.

Tell us what you need, and we will help you find out what you need to know. Look carefully at this themed newsletter. We are so excited about the future of Camp Mack, and we want you to be part of our expanding ministry.

Gene Hollenberg, Executive Director

### Upcoming Community Meetings

Elkhart Valley Church of the Brethren,  
April 8th at 7pm

Lincolnshire Church of the Brethren,  
April 25th at 7pm

Crest Manor Church of the Brethren,  
April 30th at 7pm

Anderson Church of the Brethren, May  
2nd, at 7pm





**From the Annual Dinner:**

## **Balsamic and Honey Glazed Duck Breast**

### **Ingredients**

24 Duck Breasts	2 ¼ cup balsamic vinegar
¼ cup dried rosemary	1 ½ cup grape juice
¼ cup minced garlic	¾ cup honey
¾ cup lemon juice	2/14 cup extra virgin olive oil

Mix all ingredients except duck breast in a bowl. Divide in two containers.

Remove duck breast from package and pat dry with paper towel.

Score the skin in ¼ inch intervals, being careful not to cut into the breast meat. Rotate breast and score again, making a crisscross pattern.

Turn flat top onto a medium- low setting.

Dip breasts into 1 container of marinade. Discard any leftover marinade after all breasts have been dipped.

Place breasts skin side down on flat top for 8-12 minutes, or until fat is rendered and skin is crisp and brown. (Cook duck low and slow.)

Turn breast over and cook 1- 2 minutes.

\*If holding duck for another day, remove breast from flat top and chill on a cold sheet pan in the cooler. Wrap and store for 3-4 days in cooler. To finish, place duck in 2 inch hotel pan and pour second container of marinade over cooled duck and place in 350 degree (convection oven) for 10-15 minutes.

\*If serving immediately, Place duck in 2 inch hotel pan and pour second container of marinade over breasts. Place in 300 degree (convection oven) for 5-6 minutes or until internal temp. reaches 155. Let rest for 4-5 minutes before slicing.



# WHO WE ARE

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Camp Mack provides a sanctuary where people connect with God, experience creation, and build Christian community





## INITIATIVE CHOOSING THE SEED:

### Provide a strong base for expanded programming through:

- Strategic Planning and Implementation
- Office Assistant to free management team from clerical duties
- Operational costs for increased marketing and materials
- Outdoor educator to build and coordinate outdoor education program

Nature Nut News 



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### Wonder and Awe

It was a cold and moonless night as I stood ankle deep in heavy snow with 25 campers and counselors from Detroit Public Schools while they attended a five day outdoor education class experience in Napoleon, MI. I was leading a night hike and we had stopped to do an activity called bat moth in the middle of a field. Every sound was amplified over the snowy field and the silence was deafening when everyone stood still.

As we started to move on to another location for the next activity, I noticed a child standing outside the group. I stopped the group and walked over to him. It took me a moment to get his attention even though he was standing beside me and I let him know we were ready to move on and asked him if he was ok since he was standing alone away from the group. His voice trembled as he thought he may be in trouble as he said, "I'm sorry Miss Jessie that I wandered away from the group, but I've never seen the stars before."

Wow, this was such an emotional moment washing over me as I realized not everyone has had the same experiences I take for granted. I thanked the young boy, and told him I was not upset and would bring the group back to him. So for the rest of the night, the initial plans were scrapped, and we took the time to gaze at the star filled heavens on a cold moonless night, telling star stories, and pointing out winter constellations.

This last week, I interviewed four finalists for the Outdoor Education Coordinator position at Camp Mack. They are currently working on their curriculum writing pieces as part of their interview. Common themes emerged behind the applicants passion for teaching. We talked about the needs for children to learn about nature. We discussed the modern disconnect from nature and life many children experience and the need to know information such as where our food comes from. To quote one applicant, "kids need to know food doesn't grow at Meijer."

That is where environmental education comes in. With this position, we will be working with schools in our local community to make those connections. We will work alongside teachers to provide pre and post camp activities in a kit they can use in the classroom with resources to extend learning.

Camp is a place where wonder and awe come alive and people experience the connection between creation and their Creator.

Jessie Kreider, Program Director

## PREPARING THE SOIL:

### Modernize Current facilities to meet the needs of the future

- Create a semi-private retreat center
- Explore options for staff housing
- Modernize other facilities and restrooms



### Sunny Camp Mack

I thought I would spend some time dreaming about how Capital Campaign funds might be spent on facility issues. The first project we will look at is the renovation of Ulrich. Ulrich is a very solid old building that does not meet the needs of our current retreatants. Last year we put in new windows, insulated and wrapped the outside, and then resided the building. This made a huge difference in our ability to heat the building this winter. We could set the thermostat at 70 and hold it there in spite of cold temperatures outside.

Now we need to look at the inside of the building. Our guests do not like bunk beds, walking up steep steps, and walking down the hallway to the restrooms. We would tear out most of the walls and restrooms and reconfigure the rooms with a restroom for each room or a restroom between two rooms. We would need to put an elevator in somewhere that would service all three floors so that the whole building would be accessible. We would also need a fire escape on both ends of the building.

On the main floor we would move the health office to somewhere else and this would allow us to reconfigure the entire main floor. There would be some program area, a kitchen, restrooms, and perhaps some leadership rooms. In the basement area we have a neat rock wall and with some creative thinking we would have another nice program room with access to the lower porch area. We would need a new cooling and heating system to replace the old boiler. There are many possibilities and with the aid of our good architect we can have a modern retreat center.

Another possibility for the Capital Campaign funds is a new staff house. With the remodeling of Ulrich we would need a new place for summer staff. When Becker burned we moved staff to Ulrich and it just does not work well. One thought is to purchase a log kit structure and we could put it up. It would house 12 to 15 on each side with a restroom and showers connecting at the back. Then you would have a program/living area between the two rooms. This structure would be used May through August for summer staff and then could be used by outdoor education groups in the fall and early spring. In the winter, youth groups might enjoy the facility.

The addition of these two projects would really help us to meet the needs of our retreat groups and our summer staff. It would help us to continue the process of creating a “sanctuary where people connect with God”.

Galen Jay, Facility Director





## Be Our Guest

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“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not,” claimed the Lorax in Dr. Seuss’s famous book. Though the Lorax urgently claims this in a more somber situation, this came to my mind because we are really happy to know you care about camp! With your care and support, things here at Camp Mack will continually be better, and that brings hope and excitement.

The Camp Mack Capital Campaign, Planting the Future, has launched, and there is much to look forward to. As part of the funds raised in the campaign, Camp will be modernizing the inside of Ulrich House, one of the larger lodges at Camp Mack (as new siding and windows have already spruced up the aesthetic and provided more effective insulation for the outside)—note Galen’s article. We have current groups (both Church of the Brethren and rental groups) and other potential groups who have advocated for more ground level lodging and comfortable, semi-private space for retreats, as they have some concerns with mobility issues of the guests. These advancements in the building will allow these groups to be more comfortable, to have a nice, updated place to gather in, and will be more attractive and appealing to a wide variety of needs. And, if the groups who already visit Camp Mack are able to bring more people because of these changes, this improves the revenue for camp, too. Overall, it is mutually beneficial and will enhance the Camp Mack experience while keeping the integrity and heart of this beautiful sanctuary.

As Galen noted, because the changes in Ulrich will affect staff housing, a separate bunk house space will be constructed to provide lodging and gathering space for them during the summer months. Throughout the rest of the year, then, this space will provide opportunities for growth in our outdoor education program (another component to the campaign), as well as other groups that may want that type of setup. School groups, youth groups, large family groups, etc. could come and enjoy the new space.

These spaces are going to be wonderful, but we also had to consider other aspects of our business and ministry to continue to better Camp Mack. We are more efficiently and comprehensively chronicling inquiries to get a better feel for what groups are looking for and how we can better serve them. I am adventuring into a small marketing role where, as a team, we plan to develop a marketing plan and do further research for connecting with longtime friends of Camp, as well as new acquaintances. Contact Camp Mack for further information on what the capital campaign will provide for you or if you have questions on what has already been completed. Thank you for caring *a whole awful lot!* We hope to see you again soon.

Deanna Beckner, Guest Services Director

## INITIATIVE GROWING THE PROMISE:

### Providing for continued growth

- Future planning as needs arise

### Ensure Holy Hospitality is passed from Generation to Generation



### Another Way of Giving

In nearly 1 year here at Camp, I have had the opportunity to talk to so many of you. I have heard stories of all the people that have called Camp Mack home. Some of you came first as campers, as far back as the 30's and 40's. You worked with L.W. Shultz and painted rocks to sell in the gift shop. You had friends and family that poured their energy into literally building camp. You built this camp.

As we look toward these new visions, there are many ways to be involved. You could make a pledge or give a onetime gift. You can have a peer-to-peer campaign, where you reach out to your friends to help make our call become a reality. You could host a meeting similar to our community meetings. You could volunteer, because we will use volunteer labor in achieving these goals. An old adage in development is that people give their time, talent, and treasure. As much as I dislike phrases like that, it is often true! Do you have the time to modernize Camp Mack? Do you have the talent to gather people together? Can you make a transformation gift that will grow the promise of Camp for another generation?

We want to take the time to recognize those of you who are part of *Planting the Future*, or honor someone who made an impact on your life. We will be recognizing those who contributed to *Growing from the Ashes* that would have named spaces as part of that campaign. If you fall into this group, we will be connecting with you soon. There are many different options:

Bricks in a Prayer garden: \$500

Furniture with nameplates around Camp:

Rocking Chairs: \$1,000-\$2,499

Adirondack Chairs: \$2,500-\$4,999

Benches: \$5,000 or higher

A beautiful tree carving in John Kline with nameplates at the following levels:

Faith: \$5,000- \$14,999

Hope: \$15,000- \$24,999

Love: \$25,000 or higher

Gifts of \$5,000 may choose either a bench or a nameplate

When you are at Camp will you relax in rocking chairs that you made possible? Will people in line read your name and realize that you made this sanctuary possible? Will your grandkids always race to sit at Grandma and Grandpa's bench, even years after God calls us home? May we all grow the promise.

Todd Eastis, Development Communication Specialist





## Kitchen News

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Even when things don't go as planned, God gives us the strength and clarity to persevere. A few days before the Annual Dinner I got an early morning text from my kitchen supervisor, Anna. She was sick and wouldn't be in to help start prepping for the dinner. A few hours later, I got a call from our other full time kitchen staff, Dave. He was also under the weather and wasn't going to be able to make it in. Two days later, on the night of the dinner, they were both still out of action. Without my two helping hands, I wasn't sure how I was going to make the evening run smoothly, but the rest of the camp staff stepped in and helped to make the dinner a great success. Facility members helped prep, part time kitchen workers came in early and helped set tables. Deb took time out of her busy schedule to help set up, taste test, and prep appetizers with me. Program Director, Jessie, stopped by the kitchen to talk through back up plans and what if's, just in case the sickness struck me next. Thank goodness it didn't.

Our staff is a wonderful blessing, and I am so thankful for each and everyone of their helping hands during a very stressful week. The dinner ended on a high note: the public launch of camp's new capital campaign. This new campaign is causing great excitement throughout the staff. We can't wait to see what God has in store for this amazing sanctuary place that we call both our workplace and our home away from home. Join us in *Planting the Future*!

Vanessa Bohannon, Food Services Director



# PEACE WORKS

## *Empowering Peacemakers*

SUMMER CAMP 2019

Samplers	June 5-7	Samplers	July 7-9
Beginners	June 9-11	Followers	July 7-12
Archery	June 9-13	<del>Splash</del>	<del>July 7-12</del> <b>Full</b>
Seekers	June 9-14	Samplers	July 10-12
Finders	June 9-14	Seekers	July 14-19
Grand Camp	June 13-15	Finders	July 14-19
Dadirri	June 16-22	Creative Arts	July 14-19
Eco Adventure	June 23-28	<del>Culinary</del>	<del>July 14-19</del> <b>Full</b>
Seekers	June 30-July 5	Survivor	July 21-27
Youth	June 30- July 6	Grand Camp	July 28-30

### Now Hiring!



Apply now for summer staff at Camp Mack. Spend a summer living in community. You will work in the areas of housekeeping, kitchen, and facility as well as opportunities in program areas that include lifeguarding, belaying at the climbing tower, leading night hikes, recreation, campfires, crafts, and more. Benefits include on site housing, camp meals, training, and college scholarship. Apply now for a summer you won't soon forget.

Applications are available at [www.campmack.org/employment](http://www.campmack.org/employment) or stop by the camp office.

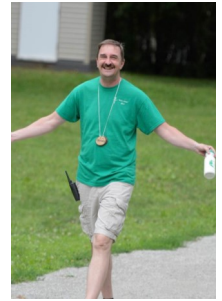


# Camp Mack Wish List

We are now recruiting team leaders, counselors, counselors in training, and summer healthcare personal.

## Followers Camp— July 7-12: 1 leaders

All other volunteer needs are at [campmack.org/volunteer-opportunities](http://campmack.org/volunteer-opportunities). Please contact Jessica Kreider at [jessk@campmack.org](mailto:jessk@campmack.org) if you are interested in joining!



Camp	Date	Counselor Male	Counselor Female	CIT Male	CIT Female
<b>Week 1: June 5-7</b>					
<b>Samplers</b>	June 5-7	2	3	3	4
<b>Week 2: June 9-14</b>					
<b>Beginners</b>	June 9-11	1	3	4	4
<b>Archery</b>	June 9-13	3	1	n/a	n/a
<b>Seekers</b>	June 9-14	1	2	3	3
<b>Finders</b>	June 9-14	3	5	3	5
<b>Week 3: June 16-22</b>					
<b>Dadirri</b>	June 16-22	THANK YOU!	1	n/a	n/a
<b>Week 4: June 23-28</b>					
<b>Eco Adventure</b>	June 23-28	1	1	1	1
<b>Week 5: June 30- July 6</b>					
<b>Seekers</b>	June 30- July 5	3	1	4	3
<b>Week 6: July 7-12</b>					
<b>Samplers</b>	July 7-9	1	THANK YOU!	2	3
<b>Followers</b>	July 7-12	3	5	n/a	n/a
<b>Splash</b>	July 7-12	THANK YOU!	THANK YOU!	1	1
<b>Samplers</b>	July 10-12	1	3	2	2
<b>Week 7: July 14-19</b>					
<b>Seekers</b>	July 14-19	3	1	2	2
<b>Finders</b>	July 14-19	3	2	2	4
<b>Creative Arts</b>	July 14-19	THANK YOU!	2	n/a	n/a
<b>Culinary</b>	July 14-19	1	2	n/a	n/a
<b>Week 8: July 21-27</b>					
<b>Survivor</b>	July 21-27	2	THANK YOU!	apprentice	apprentice



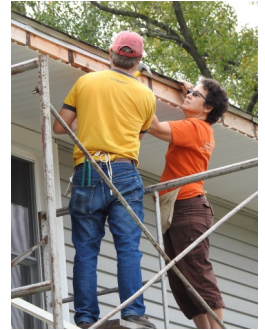
# Upcoming Events at Camp Mack:

## Camp Mack Calendar

April 1 - 3	Volunteer Work Days	May 5	5K and Kid's Fun Run
April 24 - 28	Quilt Retreat	May 6-9	Seasoned Citizens
April 30- May 1	Pastor's Sabbath	May 10-11	Counselor Training
May 3-5	Birdwatcher's Retreat	May 30-June 6	South Central Women's Camp

## Volunteer Work Days

Volunteers will work with the Camp Mack staff as we make preparation for the summer camp season and work on other projects. We have planned work tasks for all skill levels and ages. Monday, March 11– Wednesday, March 13. and April 1 – 3 Come for a few hours or all three days. Meals and lodging are available during this event. Please contact our office for reservations.



## Quilt Retreat



This is a unique opportunity for quilters of all ages to gather and share their expertise and love of quilting while enjoying the tranquil scenery of Camp Mack. Bring your sewing machine, UFO's (unfinished objects), and quilting supplies. April 24-28, 6p Wednesday (early arrival) to 3p Sunday. Cost: \$122 per quilter arriving Friday night, \$137 for Friday morning arrival, \$166 for Thursday evening early arrival, and \$190 for Wednesday evening early arrival.

## Pastor's Sabbath

The Sabbath experience at Camp Mack is a time of reflection, fellowship, personal meditation, and recreation for Church of the Brethren pastors. Plenty of time for fellowship with a balance of structured and free time! Guest leadership for April is Chris Bowman. April 30 –May 1. Cost: \$20 (Includes CEUs for the event, meals, and lodging). Please encourage your pastor(s) to attend.



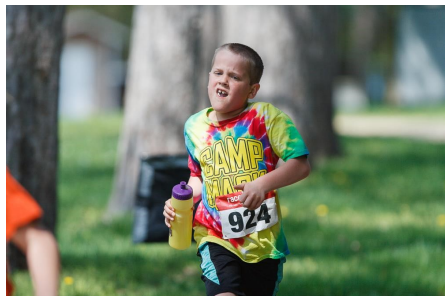
## Birdwatcher's Retreat



Enjoy the spring migration with birdwatchers of all ages. New and experienced birdwatchers will experience the various habitats and birds at camp. We will also travel to other locations to see birds not usually found at camp. May 3–5, 6:30p Thursday to 2p Saturday. Cost: \$116 for 2 nights and 5 meals or \$73 for 1 night and 2 meals.

## 5K Run/ Walk and Kids' Fun Run

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Grab your friends, form a team, and participate in the Annual 5K Run/Walk. The 5K course is mostly flat with a finish lap around the Camp Mack property. Kids' Fun Run will be on Camp Mack property. Prize categories for all ages. A traveling trophy goes to the church with the most registrations. Race t-shirts for early registrations only. Sunday, May 5, 2:30p Fun Run, 3p 5K. Cost: \$20 for 5K, \$10 for Kids' Fun Run, \$75 per family. Family fee only available

## Seasoned Citizens Retreat

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Join this group of life-experience people who gather twice a year to meet old friends and make new ones. Special programs, crafts, vespers, and Bible studies will be offered along with plenty of free time for fellowship, "joke time", indoors and outdoor games, hiking, puzzles, and naps too! Our facility offers handicap-accessible sleeping and meeting rooms, as well as dining options for those on special diets. Bring your special talent, humor, Bible, bedding, and games... and be refreshed at Camp Mack. May 6–9, 3p Monday to 1p Thursday. Age: Older Adults. Cost: \$171 per person or \$115 if not staying overnight; please contact camp for shorter lengths of stay.



## Counselor/ CIT Training

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Leadership training is for all Team Leaders, Counselors, and Counselors in Training. It is a packed weekend that covers emergency procedures, schedules, Bible Study, age group dynamics, program ideas, and time to network with other leaders. Binders will be passed out at this time. Come and prepare yourself to make a difference in the life of a camper today. May 10–11, 7p Friday to 4p Saturday. Cost: FREE! Overnight lodging provided.

## South Central Indiana Women's

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Gather with Church of the Brethren from South Central Indiana for a time of worship, reflection, and fellowship. Guest speakers, swimming and boating, campfires, night hikes, and time spent in fellowship are all part of this retreat. For registration information, contact the South/Central District office at 260-982-8805. May 30–June 1, 4p Thursday to 1:30p Saturday.





## Wish List:

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Prayers for:

- Getting the right summer staff and volunteers
- A safe and spirit filled summer of fun for campers
- Resources to empower our vision
- 3 4qt. Stock pots
- Materials and volunteers to complete the lower roof of Quinter-Miller
- Community Campers from every church in our districts

## Upcoming Get-A-Way Days

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*\*Please sign up for Get-a-Way Days 1–2 weeks in advance.*

### April 27—Container Gardening



Want the benefits of homegrown produce but are lacking the space? If you have an extra kiddie pool, 5 gallon bucket, 2 liter bottle, or even old gutters laying around, they you have the goods to make your own container garden. Come and learn which vegetables are best suited for your containers and walk away with the beginning of your first container garden. Saturday 9a–3p. Cost: \$20 (Lunch included)

### April 27—Target Sports

Improve your aim and accuracy with a day of target sports. Let it fly, whether it be with a bow an arrow, slingshot and paintballs, atlats and darts, or throwing rocks at hanging pots and pans. No experience needed. Saturday 9a–3p. Cost: \$15 (Lunch included)



### April 28—Wildflower Walk



Experience the changes in the wilderness area as spring puts on a beautiful show of wildflowers and blooming shrubs. Appreciate the Trillium, Blood Root, Spring Beauties, Hepatica, and others in bloom. Sunday 2p–4p. Cost: FREE (Bring a snack to share)

### May 4— Canoe the St Joe River

Canoe the St. Joe River from Mottville to Bristol on this relaxed, beginner level canoe trip. Watch as Blue Herons fly overhead, Smallmouth Bass swim below, and keeping with tradition, do a turtle count— some trips we have seen over 1000! We recommend brining an extra set of clothes, shoes that can get wet, and sunscreen. We will meet at camp in the John Kline Welcome Center before going offsite. Saturday 9a–4p. Cost: \$20 (Sack lunch included)



### May 4— Dutch Oven Cooking



From appetizers to desserts, you'd be amazed at what you can cook in a Dutch Oven. Food cooked over the coals always tastes better. Explore a variety of recipes and techniques for cooking in a Dutch Oven. We bet you won't leave her hungry. We will meet in the Northwest Shelter by Wampler Lodge at Camp Mack. Saturday 3p–7p. Cost: \$15 (Dinner included)

-For more information, check out Get-a-Way Days at [www.campmack.org/get-a-way-days](http://www.campmack.org/get-a-way-days) or by emailing [info@campmack.org](mailto:info@campmack.org).