

CAMP MACK IMPACT

Stories of the Difference Donors Make



SHOUTS AND LAUGHTER

By Gene Hollenberg

When the builders laid the foundation of the Lord's temple, the priests clothed in their vests and carrying their trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, arose to praise the Lord according to the directions of Israel's King David. They praised and gave thanks to the Lord, singing responsively, "He is good, his graciousness for Israel lasts forever." All of the people shouted with praise to the Lord because the foundation of the Lord's house had been laid.

Ezra 3:10-11

There are shouts from the swimming area, boats skimming Lake Waubee, and laughter in the midst of play all over camp. There are also moments of prayer and worship, deep conversations about God, and communities built with love and peace. That's summer camp at Camp Mack.

The Book of Ezra records the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem. There was great celebration in the laying of the foundation, because, although it would not be seen in the beauty of the finished temple, it supported walls, the furnishings, and the ministry that was yet to come.

Camp Mack's ministry counts on donors, like you, who share generously in making certain the foundation is laid for the lives changed each year here. These gifts keep our equipment repaired and running. They provide clean accommodations. They support the programs that allow us to meet our mission of sanctuary, connection with God, experiencing creation, and building Christian community.

Thank you for your continued support of Camp Mack and the many people whose lives have been changed.



You are invited to
**ULRICH
 LODGE**



*Ribbon
 Cutting*

4:00pm

August 20th, 2023

On August 20th, join Camp Mack in celebrating the completion of Ulrich Lodge renovations!

Since the fall of 2022, Ulrich House has transformed into Ulrich Lodge with renovated rooms, new furniture, central heating and air conditioning, ADA restrooms, a new roof, and an elevator.

You need to come and see in person this beautiful new retreat space!

BEARING NEW FRUIT

This year's summer camp theme is "Fruitful Faith" all about the fruit of the spirit in Galatians 5:22-23. Each day features a Bible story helping campers to learn how to live out love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Over the last few years, donors have shown not just their love of Camp Mack, but also their faithfulness. Numerous donors have given to Camp Mack's Copeland Endowment at the Community Foundation of Elkhart County that provides financial assistance for campers. These donors do more than just love Camp Mack, they have faith that Camp Mack will continue to provide a sanctuary space into the future.

Now the Copeland Endowment is bearing even more fruit. Because of the generosity of donors like you, Camp Mack was able to offer 2 full ride camp scholarships to each elementary school in Warsaw and Wawasee school districts. This means over 20 campers will have the opportunity to experience Camp Mack this summer.

If you have ever donated to the Copeland Endowment or to camperships at Camp Mack, know that your support is bearing fruit.



THE BLESSINGS OF A SUMMER AT CAMP MACK

By Nic Craig



Hi there everyone! My name is Nic and I have the continual pleasure of serving on the summer staff team during the 2023 season. This is my seventh summer working in Christian Camping, but my first with Camp Mack. I have served in every way imaginable at camps, from serving in the kitchen, counseling, counselor support (similar to team leading), maintenance, to running a gap-year program year-round. If you could not tell, I love and believe in Christian Camping!

This summer I have had the privilege to serve as a summer staffer working in Program, Facility, and Housekeeping. If you are like me, that many different departments seemed overwhelming at first, but when you break it down, it makes more sense. First of all, I fill in at all the different program activities that Camp offers campers. From lifeguarding swimming and boating, leading low ropes, belaying at the climbing tower, sending kids down the zipline, to staying up late to lead a night hike, I get to offer the campers a safe space to enjoy God's creation! When all of the programming is covered, I then move over to Housekeeping. There are plenty of toilets to be cleaned and floors to be swept! Once we have several workers on housekeeping or all the daily cleaning is done, then I get to hop on over to Facilities. Facilities is a magical place of painting and weed-whacking with the occasional bigger project. It takes a lot to keep Camp looking and feeling like a sanctuary.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Be in prayer for volunteers and Camp Mack staff to have a great last few weeks of summer camp season.

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

The Camp Mack Festival committee still has openings if you are interested in planning this marquee event. Contact the Camp Office to learn more

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

The Camp Mack staff has created Amazon wish lists for your favorite parts of Camp, even the fish tank. Check out the wish lists at campmack.org/support/#wish

My experience this summer has been quite a blessing. Everywhere you go around camp, you are confronted with "thin places" where heaven meets earth. In the giant auditorium, you can feel the historic saints worshipping our God in the murals and stained glass. At Shultz Chapel, you are confronted with the blending of the timeless worship of nature and the temporal worship of us humans. When you set out on the countless trails found around the grounds, the forest can't help but worship the King of Kings. At Camp, you are confronted with all sorts of worship moments, if only you look for them. Being continually surrounded by so many places that cry out to the Lord of the Universe has been quite a sacred experience.

That is what keeps me coming back to Christian Camping year after year. You are invited to come and experience a place away from the daily distractions of our time. Instead of the countless distractions life gives us, you are invited to experience a place of Holy distractions. You have the opportunity to experience the presence of God in every place around camp if only you seek it. I hope and pray that you take some time out of your life and seek his presence right where you are at. The Lord of the Universe is present everywhere if only you cast away the distractions. And when the distractions become overwhelming, come and be with the Lord of the Universe here at Camp!

NEW SWINGS



Thanks to the Liberty Mills Church of the Brethren and gifts in memory of Marcy Showalter

CAMP UPDATES

ELECTRICAL GENERATOR



Thank you to our donors who supported Camp Mack Giving Day in helping Camp Mack purchase a generator to keep water running during power outages.