



CAMP MACK IMPACT

Stories of the Difference Donors Make



LET YOUR TREASURE FOLLOW

By Gene Hollenberg

Your heart will always be where your treasure is.

-Matthew 6:21 (CEB)

This well-known verse from the Sermon on the Mount is the final statement after Jesus instructs us that treasure is what we choose it to be. Countless stories define treasure as economic wealth, but Jesus challenges us to invest in people, in God's vision, and in justice.

Over the years, Pam and I have given to many different causes. We have done so, because we believe in them, and we know that the money we give will make our community better. Giving is a privilege. It is a chance to participate with our neighbors in bringing God's vision into the world around us. We have been blessed, and from that blessing, we find ways to share.

There have certainly been times in our lives when there was far less available to give than what we have now, but it was important to participate in making the lives of people better, so we gave what we could, and the result is that we were invested in the ministries we supported.

In the last several years, we have identified the ministries we wish to continue supporting on a long-term basis. While we still give spontaneously to these and other causes at various times, we have found great joy in making monthly contributions to our church, Camp Mack, and others who have earned our trust and become a community for us. For some of these, our bank sends a check every month. For others, it is automatically taken from a credit card.

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Explore and Inspire: Learning From Creation

CAMP MACK ANNUAL DINNER

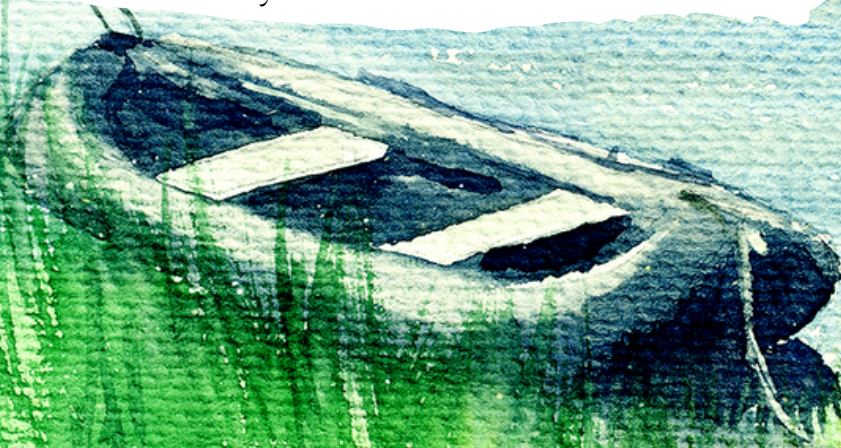
Saturday, November 4th

Hors d'Oeuvres- 5pm
Dinner and Program- 6pm

Keynote Presentation from

Dr. Nate Bosch
*Creighton Brothers Endowed Director
Lilly Center for Lakes and Streams*

RSVP to the Camp Mack Office
by October 27th



CAMP MACK RECEIVES MAJOR GRANT FOR OUTDOOR EDUCATION!



Read the full announcement at:
<https://www.campmack.org/news/#Lilly>

GRANT IMPACTS

The new programs made possible with the grant will enable Camp Mack to continue its mission of providing a sanctuary where all people are welcomed to connect with God, experience creation, and build Christian community. The grant specifically funds an after-school program, school break day camps, and related expenses.

While these new grant-supported programs will indirectly help the core operations of Camp Mack, they will not make up for the decrease in summer registrations over the past three years. Additionally, the grant does not provide any assistance to ongoing maintenance or construction projects.

Your generosity continues to provide vital support to Camp Mack. If you have any questions about the ongoing needs at Camp Mack, contact us at 574-658-4831 or email gene@campmack.org.

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We appreciate that it is automatic, and every month, as it is recorded in our budget and monthly statements, we give thanks that God has empowered us to financially support these ministries. What we have found is that this kind of automatic giving allows us to give even more, because it becomes part of our regular lives, not what is left at the end of the month. And the more we give, the more we grow to love and depend on the causes we are supporting.

If you are not already a monthly or quarterly giver, I would challenge you to consider making a monthly gift to the ministries, like Camp Mack, that you support. It is a wonderful gift for them, as they know they can count on support that continues throughout the year, and it is a gift for you as well. You will know the joy of that gift continuously throughout the year.

We are ready to help you begin sustained regular giving when you are ready. Please call Todd at 574-658-4831 or email todd@campmack.org. It's truly easy, and the benefit to Camp Mack is immeasurable.

Listen to your heart, and let your treasure follow it.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Be in prayer for Camp Mack Staff as they prepare new programs made possible from a major outdoor education grant

VOLUNTEER NEEDS

The fall and winter bring busy weekends with many guests. Consider volunteering in the kitchen to provide delicious meals to weddings, banquets, and retreats.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Camp Mack is a year-round operation and has expenses all year round. Consider making a monthly gift to sustain the sanctuary of Camp Mack in all seasons.

CAMP MACK FESTIVAL RECAP

For the past 24 years, the first Saturday in October has hosted the Camp Mack Festival. This year's festival featured over 30 booths with a variety of things to do, see, eat, and buy. Some new additions were taco soup from Nappanee Church of the Brethren, the Camp Mack History Museum, and Hot Drinks from Bremen Church of the Brethren. The festival was a great success raising over \$14,000 for the operations of Camp Mack. The auction brought in over \$4,000 of that amount across 28 items. Thank you to all who participated in this big day.



CAMP UPDATES

NEW SHEEP



Thanks to Phyllis Leininger for designating the memorial of her husband Verne Leininger to adding a sheep to Arky Parky. The sheep is based on the type that Phyllis and Verne raised. Pictured is Phyllis with volunteer Ben Brubaker who built the sheep.

DONOR RECOGNITION TREE



Camp Mack has completed the donor recognition tree in the John Kline Welcome Center. This tree recognizes donors who gave above \$5,000 to either the Planting the Future or Growing from the Ashes capital campaigns.