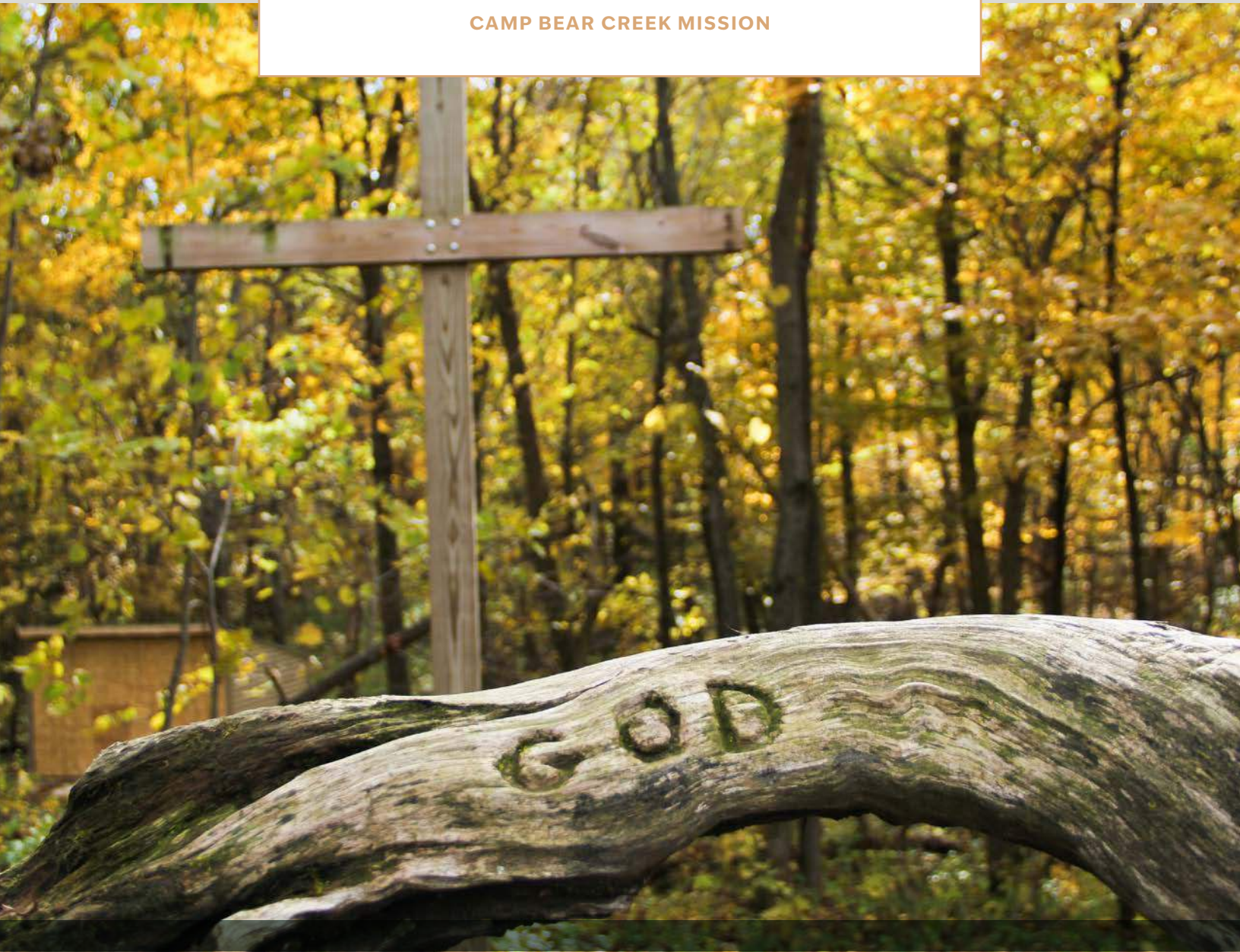


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**CAMP BEAR CREEK MISSION**



# FORWARD TOGETHER

A CAMPAIGN FOR CAMP BEAR CREEK



Dear friends,

## BEAR CREEK

Camp Bear Creek changes lives. Memories are made. Friendships - and even marriages - begin. People of all ages disconnect from electronics and reconnect with nature. Faith is nurtured.

At Camp Bear Creek we create intentional space for children, youth, and families to engage with God's creation and experience programming that strengthens our faith. Camp Bear Creek inspires people to respond to God's call in their lives.

Still, the needs and preferences of today's campers are different than in the past. Some resources, like the swimming pool, are past their lifespan. Buildings that have functioned well as multi-use spaces are now limiting our ability to operate with the level of hospitality we desire.

Through a strategic planning process, several facility projects were identified that will strengthen and expand our shared ministry for the decades to come. These plans cast a big vision for camp and may take 25 years to complete. But I believe these are dreams worth having - dreams worth sharing - as we consider what God may do through this ministry in years to come.

I'm excited about the plan we're sharing here with you. I'm even more energized by the impact on the lives who come to Camp Bear Creek. Whether coming as a summer camper, participating in a school field trip, or attending a retreat, people experience God's presence here.



Thank you for being part of Camp Bear Creek's journey, during our first six decades and many decades to come.

With Gratitude,

**KEVIN CULLUM,**  
*Executive Director*



# Our Future

Camp Bear Creek is committed to our mission: We serve Christ by providing a place of sanctuary and inspiration. This does not change. The world around us, however, does change.

Our current facilities limit our ability to meet the needs and expectations of these times. To attract and welcome more campers and guests, we will update and modernize our facilities. This includes a pool with zero-degree entry, improved housing for staff and volunteers, dedicated space allowing for simultaneous gatherings and year-round programming, and much more.

We know camp is a blessing for campers and guests. It is also a gift to volunteers and staff. In this place relationships are formed that can last a lifetime. Working as a counselor for a single season is a life changing experience for young people, giving them space to grow, practice leadership, and deepen their faith.

As we look to the future ministry of Camp Bear Creek, we know improving our site with modern upgrades and increased accessibility will make camp and retreats possible for more people of all ages. Even as we plan for changes to our facilities, we remain committed to preserving the best part of our heritage: programs and space that shape our Christian faith, care for God's creation, and provide hospitality for sanctuary and inspiration.





# The Plans for Camp Bear Creek

Spending time in nature is a gift. The diverse landscape of Camp Bear Creek offers space for exploring and learning. We want to share this gift of space with others seeking sanctuary from life's demands and inspiration to live out God's call for them.



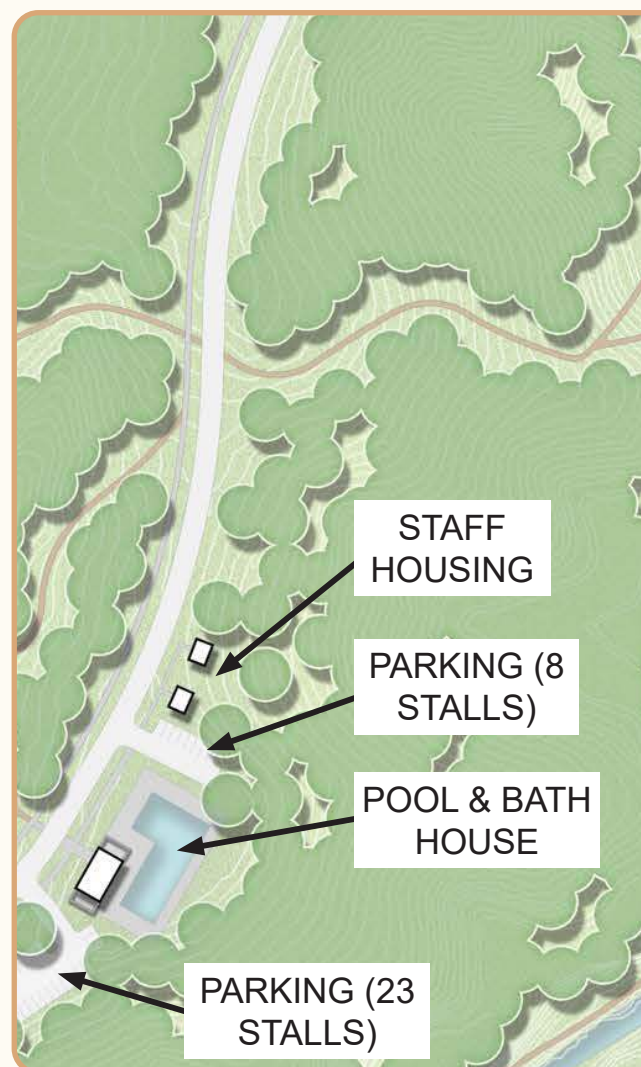
## New Swimming Pool & Bathhouse - \$1,125,000

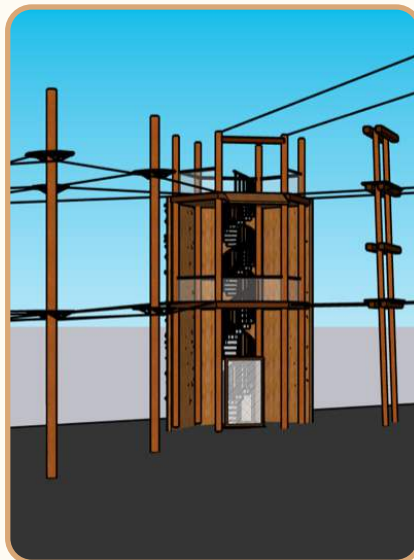
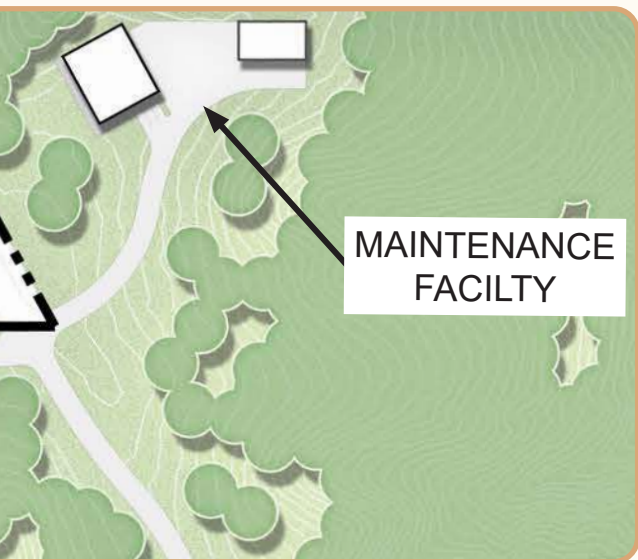
Our 1970s era swimming pool is one of the most well-used, well-loved features of summer camp. Unfortunately, it is beyond its years. We will install a new pool which will include a zero-degree entry to improve accessibility for guests. This new pool, with an adjacent bathhouse and parking, will be built at the current maintenance building space.

The new bathhouse will include bathrooms and individual changing areas to serve swimmers. Parking will be included in this area for campers, guests, and access for pool maintenance.

## Staff and Volunteer Housing - \$280,000

Camp programming benefits greatly from many adults who join the Camp Bear Creek community during the summer camp season. These adults serve as camp leadership staff, nurses, chaplains, or retreat hosts. Current lodging options to house these people do not reflect Camp Bear Creek's aim for hospitality and appreciation for their partnership. A new duplex-style cabin will better serve these adults.





### **Site Preparation and New Maintenance Shop - \$500,000**

To make way for the new swimming pool and bathhouse, we will remove the Gate House, Rogers Lodge, and the current Maintenance Shop. A new road leading to the new maintenance shop will be built across from the Welcome Center, away from the flow of camp and guest activities, to provide ample space for machinery and supplies. We will also widen the road to Deer Center to accommodate 2-way traffic and eliminate traffic backups.

### **New Ropes Courses and Pavilion - \$325,000**

We recently completed a new climbing tower and zip line. The campers love it! Now we will expand this area to include new high ropes courses for individual challenges and team building. For instruction and group building time as well as coverage from the sun, a pavilion will be built in this area with space for storing climbing and ropes course equipment.

### **Updated Facilities and More - \$350,000**

Many of our well-used spaces are getting refreshed. These include:

- Replacing the Swinging Bridge
- Establishing a new water well to provide a reliable water source for the north side of camp
- Renovating bathrooms at Owl's Nest
- Replacing the tables, chairs, and windows at Deer Center, Hickory, and Whippoorwill
- Upgrading Deer Center with a new refrigerator, freezer, and sound system

### **Renewed Visibility - \$150,000**

We're raising our profile onsite and online with a new website so people will know there are good changes happening at Camp Bear Creek. Beginning at the entrance gate and continuing throughout the property, improved signage will welcome new visitors and guests. Growing our online presence will better support camper recruitment and enrollment, user groups, and various camp events.

### **Architectural Fees, Permits, and Contingency \$270,000**





## Forward Together Campaign: \$3 Million Goal

In all, the Forward Together projects are estimated to cost \$3 Million. These are foundational improvements that will sustain Camp Bear Creek's ministry excellence. To achieve this goal, gifts of cash, appreciated securities, and other assets readily converted to cash will be received. Gifts may be given over a three-year period on a schedule chosen by the donor.

These projects are just the beginning of our commitment to invest deeply in the ministry and space of Camp Bear Creek. As givers join us with generous contributions, we will continue to invest in improving our site to welcome people of all ages. To keep the momentum building, we'll adopt a stretch goal of an additional \$1 Million. Gifts contributed in excess of the Forward Together initiatives will lay the groundwork for our next big project: new cabins.

## Standard of Gifts

To fully reach the \$3 million campaign goal, and our stretch goal of an additional \$1 million, the following gifts listed will need to be received from individuals, families, churches, and foundations. Your gifts will transform Camp Bear Creek and position the camp to be a place of faith growth long into the future.

	\$3 MILLION BASE GOAL		\$4 MILLION STRETCH GOAL	
SIZE OF GIFT	NUMBER NEEDED	TOWARD GOAL	NUMBER NEEDED	TOWARD GOAL
\$300,000.00	1	\$300,000.00	2	\$600,000.00
\$200,000.00	2	\$700,000.00	3	\$1,200,000.00
\$100,000.00	2	\$900,000.00	4	\$1,600,000.00
\$75,000.00	4	\$1,200,000.00	5	\$1,975,000.00
\$50,000.00	7	\$1,550,000.00	8	\$2,375,000.00
\$35,000.00	10	\$1,900,000.00	12	\$2,795,000.00
\$20,000.00	15	\$2,200,000.00	18	\$3,155,000.00
\$15,000.00	20	\$2,500,000.00	20	\$3,455,000.00
\$10,000.00	25	\$2,750,000.00	25	\$3,705,000.00
\$5,000.00	29	\$2,895,000.00	35	\$3,880,000.00
\$3,000.00	35	\$3,000,000.00	40	\$4,000,000.00





## Impact Beyond Our Lifetimes

Whether designated to the Camp Bear Creek Endowment, this campaign, or given without restriction, donors who include Camp Bear Creek in their estate leave a lasting legacy in this ministry. These gifts ensure not only the future of Camp Bear Creek, but also the impact of this ministry, rippling across the church and the world for decades to come.

During this appeal, our goal is to have 25 new families indicate that they have, or they will provide a new gift through their estate plans (will, trust, beneficiary designation, life insurance, or other means). These planned gifts will be used for the purpose designated by the donor or in conjunction with the policies of Camp Bear Creek, if there is no designation, at the time of their receipt.





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