TROUT LAKE CAMPS PROJECT

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Friends of Trout,

I remember sitting in the chapel at Trout as a 10-year-old. As the camp speaker finished the message I knew I needed to make a change in my relationship with God. That's when I decided to rededicate my life to Jesus.

I hear these stories all the time—my own experience is the same one countless others have had: a life-changing transformation that happened at Trout Lake Camps. This location in the woods of central Minnesota has been called "a meeting place with God," and that's truly what happens here.

But it doesn't happen without the support and contributions of thousands of people. From the tireless efforts of the camp's founders in the 1940s, to the camp counselors serving every summer, to the men and women who have helped in recent years to build our newest facility, Timber Ridge—this is a meeting place with God that has been built by God's people.

In order to maintain and enhance that work we're launching Project 365. We want 365 people to give \$1 per day to the work at Trout Lake Camps, for a total of \$365 per year. It's a small contribution, but it would add up to more than \$130,000 per year, giving us the extra financial capacity to complete much of the needed work around Trout and ensure that stories like mine and the countless others like mine continue to happen each year.

This booklet explains the work of Trout Lake Camps, the people we impact, and the great need this campaign will meet. I hope you'll consider taking part in Project 365 and joining the generations of others who have helped make Trout Lake Camps a meeting place with God.

Jonathan Wicklund Executive Director of Camping



ABOUT / TROUT LAKE CAMPS

Trout Lake Camps officially opened in 1947 and since then more than 200,000 people have experienced this "meeting place with God." The camp sits on 180 acres north of Brainerd, Minn., and offers the historic summer camp The Point, the junior high camp Timber Ridge, the adult retreat center Shalom House, the wilderness camp Mink Lake located 15 minutes outside Grand Marais, Minn., and several secluded prayer cabins. These facilities are used for summer camps, family camps, retreats by various groups and renters.







Founding a Camp

In the 1940s more and more churches in Minnesota were using camping as a way to do ministry. Different districts within the Minnesota Baptist Conference would rent facilities for weeks at a time for their own individual camping programs. Church leaders saw a clear need for a permanent facility.

Ed Nelson, pastor of the former Wheelock Parkway Chapel, represented a group of Twin Cities pastors who presented a resolution to the Trustee Board in 1944 calling for the conference to establish a camp. A month later the trustees presented the resolution at the annual meeting and the Minnesota Baptist Conference accepted it. The search for a camp location began immediately.

for \$19,000.

Finding a Location

The Brainerd area was identified as a prime location, being within a few hours drive of most churches in the state. Vincent Tellgren, pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Brainerd, along with J.G. Johnson, pastor of Elim Baptist Church in Minneapolis, conducted the search to find a suitable site. The two of them drove nearly 700 miles considering different locations. All of the traveling aggravated a leg injury J.G. Johnson had suffered before the trip and while visiting a doctor in Brainerd they were told about Trout Lake Lodge.

On May 21, 1945 the Trustee Board and approximately 62 pastors and laypeople from across the state met in the tiny store on the grounds of the Trout Lake Lodge to discuss purchasing the property. After prayerful consideration they decided to purchase the facility



Campers hear the gospel message and a foundation for faith is laid in the chapel, a building dedicated in 1958 that includes a bell tower built by hand, one fieldstone at a time.





Launching a Camp

But a lakeside lodge doesn't make a camp. Modifications would have to be made in addition to the purchase price, so a total of \$35,000 would need to be raised in the next year. No one knew for sure where the money would come from. It equaled twice the total annual budget of the Minnesota Baptist Conference.

While visiting a doctor in Brainerd they were told about Trout Lake Lodge.

The early founders had an unofficial motto: "Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God." It helps explain how obstacles were overcome at every level:

- The 300 Club was established—a group of 300 people willing to give \$100 each. At one point the group raised \$10,000 in 30 days.
- Howard Skoogland, an architect for a St.
 Paul firm and a member of Payne Avenue Church in St. Paul, donated hours of his time to draw up plans for a new dining hall.

- A second plot of land was purchased for \$625 for logging, and two "logging bees" with volunteers yielded over 100,000 feet of lumber—several thousand dollars worth—which would enable the construction of new buildings.
- The Veterans Housing Authority issued a permit to build, a rarity since home construction came to a halt during World War II and priority went to building homes in the post-war years.
- One year later a total of \$36,959.36 of the needed \$35,000 was raised.

Big Trout Lake Bible Camp officially opened on July 4, 1947 as 350 people attended the grand opening Bible Conference.



365 FACT

TROUT / PERSONAL STORY

Mike Olson

A 3.5-acre marsh greeted visitors when Trout Lake Camps first opened. From the beginning camp leaders wanted to improve this first impression. In 1946 a dredging operation began to dredge sand from the lake to fill in the marsh. Burton "Burt" Berry recruited volunteers to help, including Ray Olson and the initially reluctant Mike Olson.

"I felt that I couldn't quit my good paying job at Ford," Mike says. "So without giving it any serious thought I told them no." But then Mike received a job offer at a hatchery in Aitkin, Minn. After work one night he drove over to Trout to see Burt and his wife Millie. Ray and Burt showed Mike the fledgling dredging operation, which they were still setting up without the needed help of a third recruit.

"I decided I would quit my job at the hatchery and help them out," says Mike.

He served that first year with Burt and Ray and then oversaw the operation himself the next three years until it was completed in the fall of 1949.

Every 365 days Trout Lake Camps mops, sweeps or vacuums 900,000 square feet of floor.



Approximately 20,000 cubic yards of sand were dredged from the lake to create a 3.5-acre athletic field.





Bob Swanson

"Over 50 years ago my brother Cal accepted Christ at the age of 4 at Trout," says Bob Swanson. "He then went on to Bethel College and Fuller Seminary to become a Baptist General Conference church planter and missionary in Argentina for 16 years."

Bob Swanson and his family moved into Big Trout Lake Bible Camp in 1951. His father, Robert Swanson, served as the second full-time resident caretaker. The family of eight lived in the small Chickadee cabin that still stands today. Bob worked around the camp cleaning, painting and caring for the 16-foot Larson rowboats.

In the winter of 1951 skunks overran the Chickadee cabin, forcing Bob and his family to go on vacation. A neighbor smoked the house while the Swansons were gone and found four skunks and five housecats living under the cabin. In 1952 the Swansons moved into the newly completed Brown House, which Bob describes as a "much better space for our family."

Every 365 days more than 115,000 meals are served at Trout Lake Camps.



All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth.

Colossians 1:6



TIMELINE / TROUT LAKE CAMPS



\$58

1980 One week of camp costs \$58.

1980

1976

Mid 1970s

The donated King's

Ranch facility near

Cambridge, Minn., is sold

to provide funds to build

Shalom House.

An organizational chart is developed, introducing lead counselors and promoting better communication and accountability among the staff.

1976

A 35-page counselortraining correspondence course, "Help... I'm a Camp Counselor," is developed.

1978

Trout Lake Camps' adult retreat center. Shalom House, opens.



CONTIN

TIMELINE / TROUT LAKE CAMPS

1984 The women of the Minnesota Baptist Conference donate a Commodore 64 computer and printer to the camp.	1985 As the charity song "We Are the World" is released, the theme at Mink Lake Camp focuses on a Christian response to world hunger. 1985 One thousand bales of hay are donated to Trout's horse program.	1987 The 40 More fund drive officially kicks off, raising money for a list of 40 capital improvements.	Late 1980s Trout goes coed as boys and girls begin attending camp at the same time.	1991 Tree House opens with a full-service kitchen, meeting space and room for a nursery during family camp. 1991 A 300-seat amphitheater opens near the dining hall.	1994 The camp coupon program begins, where churches that support trout Lake Camps in their missions budget receive \$10-off coupons to distribute to their families.	1995 Primary camp for first- and second-graders launches with over 200 in attendance—more than double the projections.	1997 Trout Lake Camps celebrates 50 years of camping with the Next Step campaign, which raises over \$1 million, providing seed money for timber Ridge, renovating the dining hall, winterizing cabins, replacing the septic system, building permanent staff housing and more.	Ecos Poos ProutLakeCamp.org goes live.	200: Karin Lar donates \$1 m launch Timbo Camp—the single donati history of Lake Can
980				1990			2000		
1982 A new ropes course at Mink Lake Camp opens.	1985 The 6,400-square-foot gym floor of Lake Johanna Middle School in Roseville, Minn., is disassembled and installed in the Trout recreation hall.	1988 A group of 21 supporters bikes 135 miles from Cambridge, Minn., to Trout Lake Camps, raising over \$9,000 in scholarships.	1989 The summer camping schedule shifts from kids coming on Saturday and leaving the next Saturday to kids coming on Sunday and leaving the next Saturday. The change gives summer staff a needed day off. 1989 For the first time summer staff raises their own support.	1990 One week of camp. costs \$118.	1990–1992 Trout begins hiring full-time paid summer staff. Having the consistent, trained staff makes more financial sense with the introduction of coed camping.		2000 One week of camp costs \$200. \$200	2002 An inflatable water apparatus called the "iceberg" is purchased. You climb it and jump or slide off—it's loads of new-fangled fun.	2004 A tree falls Balsam cabin, c destroying it. Th later the cabin with the he voluntee

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2007

Roger Sorenson of Ely, Minn., contributes another dozen handmade pine beds to Trout Lake Camps. Roger has outfitted both Timber Ridge Camp and Mink Lake Camp with handmade furniture.

BIOMOX CHE

2007 Trout Lakes Camps celebrates 60 years of camping with the dedication of the Timber Ridge Camp and the Buddy Check event.

Into the Future

Trout Lake Camps' future looks bright, thanks to the faithfulness of God working through campers, volunteers and supporters—all being impacted by this "meeting place with God."

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2005

Because Trout has multiple locations and camps, the name is officially changed to Trout Lake Camps (plural) to better communicate the various ministries.







In the summer of 2006, one in seven campers at Trout Lake Camps made a significant spiritual decision. They accepted Christ for the first time, decided to rededicate their lives to Christ or committed their lives to full-time Christian service. Over 60 years at Trout more than 25,000 people have made a significant spiritual decision—nearly 7,500 of them a first-time decision to accept Jesus Christ.

Summer Campers

"Best week of my summer!" It's a common exclamation among the students between the ages of 8 and 18 who come to Trout Lake Camps for a week at a time. During any given week in the summer Trout has 300 students asking for more chicken strips in the dining hall, leaping off the inflatable "iceberg" water apparatus and hearing about God during chapel sessions. The 300 students are split into cabins of 8-10 students based on age and led

by two camp counselors who literally show them the ropes on the high ropes course and lead them into the woods for morning devotions under the trees.

Summer camp is a place where fun is mandatory, but at Trout Lake Camps it's more than just campfires and kayaking. It's a meeting place with God. Campers are exposed to the message of Jesus and the impact is palpable. Campers get solid biblical teaching, begin to



More than campfires and kayaking, Trout Lake Camps is a meeting place with God for campers of all ages.



memorize scripture and have the chance to interact with spiritual mentors who model the Christian life. A week at camp changes the lives of students who take their newfound or rejuvenated faith home and the impact spreads to others.

Families

Several times a year Trout Lake Camps offer a family camp, a four to five day experience when entire families come to relax, refresh and recharge. Families can plan their own experience or participate in group offerings, including sessions for parents and age-appropriate programs for children. Each family gets their own personal babysitter each evening and one afternoon so parents can have time alone.

It's a chance for families to do what they need to do to recharge spiritually and reconnect with one another, whether that's a family bike trip or a challenging chapel session.

Retreat Groups

Throughout the year all kinds of groups retreat to Trout Lake Camps for a weekend away. Trout hosts retreats for every imaginable group, including men, women, junior high, senior high, pastors, missionaries, seniors, prayer groups, quilting groups and more. Each program is planned by the Trout staff and tailored to each group, including team-building activities and dynamic speakers.

These weekend retreats are short, but high impact. Bonds develop over the course of a weekend and people often end up sharing personal issues that they would rarely share back home in their everyday life.

Renters

The facilities at Trout Lake Camps are available for rent and many groups take advantage of that option and plan their own retreats or events. Renters include churches from many different denominations and even a few nonchurch groups. Trout staff provides meals and staffing for activities, including the zip line, water front, climbing tower, winter tubing hill or whatever activity is needed. The love of Christ is definitely felt through the interactions and conversations with visiting groups.



TROUT / PERSONAL STORY

Carla (Grover) Barnhill

"I grew up going to church and I never knew life without God," says Carla (Grover) Barnhill. "But when I was 15 I discovered that there is a huge difference between knowing God and living with God."

Carla was attending Niner's camp when she received a call that her 13-year-old cousin, Laurie, had died. Her counselor asked if she wanted to skip Bible study and take a walk. The two walked, talked, cried and sometimes just remained quiet.

"I didn't know what I needed that day," Carla says. "But she did." The rest of that week others kept coming up to Carla with a hug, a kind word or a prayer.

"I knew that week that this was what it looked like to be a Christian," Carla says. "More than any chapel message, more than any Bible class or cabin devotion, it was the living, breathing love of God embodied in the people at Trout that showed me what it means to follow Jesus."

Carla went on to join the Trout staff and today works as a freelance writer and editor. Her daughter, Emily, attended Trout Lake Camps for the first time in 2007.

"It's no exaggeration to say that my years camping and working at Trout were the most important, formative years of my life," says Carla.

Marilyn Wallberg

"I made my commitment to follow Jesus just below the dining hall at the lake's edge over 50 years ago," says Marilyn Wallberg, who attended Trout in the late 1950s. "At the age of 10 when I was a little mischievous girl and then some, God planted a seed of compassion for non-believers."

After working as a flight attendant for Northwest Airlines for decades, Marilyn Wallberg now travels the world as an international evangelist.

"But I continue my commitment to Trout by sending my grandkids to summer camp. The generational impact is alive and well." says Marilyn, whose grandson Chris accepted Jesus at Trout Lake Camps, just below the dining hall at the lake's edge. "It was only 50 feet from where I made my decision to follow Jesus!"

Every 365 days more than 2,000 square feet of wood flooring needs refinishing at Trout Lake Camps.



Volunteers

Every year hundreds of volunteers serve at Trout Lake Camps. They range in age from junior high students to 90-year-old retirees. Sixty years of camping has happened thanks to donations of time, skill and sweat. Every one of those volunteers has joined a legacy that goes back to the sacrifices and contributions of the very first volunteers who made this camp a reality.

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Below is a brief overview of some of the ways volunteer groups have contributed-though it would be impossible to give a complete accounting for every dollar given or minute volunteered or prayer spoken for Trout

> The men from Berean Baptist Church in Burnsville, Minn., have made Timber Ridge Camp a priority in the past few years, showing up with 10-20 men for work weeks. They work from morning until supper laying brick, doing electrical, roofing, sheetrock, siding, laying floors and finishing interiors. In the evenings they relax and play games.

- > It takes a lot of work to get Trout Lake Camps ready for the camping season each spring. The Serve Team-typically Trout alumni-shows up in April to clean, paint, wash windows, rake lawns and do office work.
- The Ministry Apprenticeship Team (MATs) are junior high and high school volunteers who come to Trout Lake Camps for anywhere from a week to the entire summer. Any given week 40 MATs supplement the summer staff, learning leadership skills and growing in their faith.
- > The SOWER Group (Servants On Wheels Ever Ready) travels around the country in their RVs and pulls into Trout Lake Camps for several weeks at a time to work on various projects around camp.
- Every year two to four retired volunteers spend their entire summer at Trout Lake Camps helping with odd jobs no one else has time to do. These retired volunteers make trips to Brainerd for supplies, fix screens, replace headlights on camp vehicles, install shelving, repair steps, build props and whatever else needs to be done.



 Every month an average of 30 people call Trout Lake Camps and want to volunteer. These 'phone call volunteers' usually stay two to four days and work on a prearranged project, enjoying Trout food and lodging while they stay.

 In the past few years church youth groups have volunteered, tackling major projects like raking, painting, clearing a ball field for seeding and even relocating the maintenance shed across camp.

\mathbf{Staff}

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There are 14 year-round staff members and over 90 summer staff at Trout Lake Camps who work in every area of the camp, including counselors, lifeguards, grounds crew, kitchen staff, event coordinators and more. Staff members are effectively missionaries, sharing their faith and mentoring campers. Christian community develops as staff members help and support one another.

Beyond Trout Lake

While all of these different groups of people come to Trout Lake Camps for different reasons, they all meet with God here. But then they return home.

A life changing transformation at Trout Lake Camps isn't a one time thing, an anecdote in a student's "what I did this summer" essay. The spiritual impact doesn't end at the main gate. It follows campers home and is seen in their families, among their friends and at their churches and schools as they share what they've learned and how their life has changed. Their Christian journey continues as they move on to college or jobs or the mission field. Children and even grandchildren

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may hear about God or even come to Trout thanks to the efforts of a former camper. The spiritual impact at Trout Lake Camps goes on for generations—and stretches on into eternity.

TROUT / PERSONAL STORY

Susan Mulligan

"I remember having a deep desire in my heart to spend the summers working at camp," says Susan Mulligan, who attended Trout Lake Camps as a child. But she was encouraged to work elsewhere to earn money for college and never had a chance to serve as a camp counselor. "Making that decision not to be at Trout was very difficult because I wanted to follow my heart and teach at Trout."

But years later Susan would have the opportunity to come back with her husband and children and serve as staff chaplain, camp pastor and preschool director. The opportunities gave her the chance to use her gifts of creativity, compassion and vulnerability. Susan remembers many open conversations with campers and staff and considers night devotions with campers and counselors to be a highlight.

"Being a staff chaplain was truly fulfilling and I knew I was doing what God called me to do," says Susan. Today Susan works at Bethel University as an adjunct professor and serves in Adult Education and the Student Services Department.

365 FACT

Every 365 days approximately 7,500 Bible versus are memorized at Trout.

SICAL REALITIES

/ AT TROUT LAKE CAMPS

Running a camp is no easy task. There are over 180 acres, 77 buildings, four miles of roads, four miles of trails and two miles of retaining walls. Some of these buildings and facilities date back to the very beginning while others are more recent, but they all need maintenance and repair. As the camp grows and expands to impact more lives, updating buildings, roads, trails and facilities are critical.



Since the very beginning Trout Lake Camps have offered reasonable camper and rental fees, ensuring that the camp is available to everyone. Those camper and rental fees cover 85 percent of the operating budget. The remaining 15 percent needed to run the daily operations of the camp comes through fund raising events, individual donors and the 48 different Minnesota Baptist Conference churches that contribute directly to Trout.

But running the day-to-day operations of Trout Lake Camps doesn't cover everything. There are major maintenance and capital improvement projects that need to happen to repair, replace or maintain the invaluable assets of the ministry. These significant improvements and maintenance projects are not covered in the operating budget and must come from outside donors.

Projects at Trout Lake Camps

The following is a list of just some of the projects needing funding at Trout Lake Camps:

Cabin Modifications on The Point

Description: This project includes roofing, siding, window and door replacement, carpet replacement, insulation, electrical upgrades and erosion control.

Estimated Costs: 30 cabins at \$10,000 each totaling \$300,000

Shalom House Overhaul

Description: Exterior work includes siding, window replacement, entrance improvements and parking lot. Interior work includes painting, bathroom remodeling and a water purification system.

Estimated Costs: \$200,000

Restroom Upgrades on The Point

Description: Three major restroom facilities would be upgraded which includes roofing, siding and a complete interior overhaul with advanced ventilation systems. Estimated Costs: 3 restrooms at \$75,000 each totaling \$225,000



TROUT / PERSONAL STORY

Jim and Arlene Ledin

"I remember watching Mark Grindahl and John Dekkenga slide off a maintenance roof," says volunteer Jim Ledin. "They each fell 15 feet and by God's grace each of them survived. God has been faithful to his volunteers at Trout."

Jim and his wife Arlene have been involved at Trout Lake Camps since 1970. Almost every year they've returned to volunteer at camp, bringing their family along—four children and eight grandchildren. For years the family would spend their Memorial Day working at camp and when they attended family camp they would work all day and then go to the evening worship time as a family.

"I love building at Trout because Trout is a meeting place with God, and if I can make the place a little better—I love that!" says Jim.

Jim's favorite memory at Trout Lake Camps is watching his son-in-law accept Jesus at a men's retreat. The memory still brings tears to his eyes and is why Trout has a special place in Jim's heart.

Every 365 days more than 2,500 square feet of roofing needs to be replaced at Trout Lake Camps.

Kenny Elg Construction

"Each of us has different gifts—for some it's teaching, for some it's leading, for some it's administrating—and for me it's moving earth!" says Kenny Elg, owner of Kenneth Elg Construction.

Kenny's first encounter with Trout Lake Camps came at a men's retreat in 1989. A few years later Roger Camerer asked him about leveling ground for a new horse area. Kenny was hooked. Every building area at Timber Ridge Camp was leveled by Kenny and he's built over a mile of new roads throughout Trout. "My mission field is Trout," says Kenny. "It takes all of us to do this job, and my part is mov-

ing the earth."

Every 365 days 30 counselors and 90 summer staff (paid and volunteer) are needed to make camp happen.



Vehicle Replacement Program

ing campers and maintenance trucks. totaling \$150,000

Dining Hall Upgrades

Description: Currently the dining hall closes early November and reopens in mid-May. Insulation, floor and window replacement, siding and winterization would lengthen the season increasing rental capacity. Estimated Costs: \$350.000

Camper and rental fees cover only 85 percent of the operating budget at Trout Lake Camps.

Environmental Sustainability Project

Description: Replace and repair over two miles of timber and cement retaining walls Significant low-maintenance enhancements to existing landscaping would be made to areas that accent the north woods environment. Safety and accent lighting upgraded and installed on The Point and Shalom House. Estimated Costs: \$200,000

Description: Gently used vehicles would be added to the camp's fleet. Vehicle priorities are: fuel-efficient five passenger vehicles, 11 passenger vans, shuttle vehicles for transport-

Estimated Costs: 30 vehicles at \$5,000 each

Activity Area Improvements on The Point

Description: Each activity area requires modification and upgrades to maintain functionality. Areas of improvement include: boat docks and equipment, beach area and swimming supplies, mini golf, ball field, craft shack, archery and many more.

Estimated Costs: \$100.000

Rifle Range Enhancements

Description: Re-orient rifle range and structure from existing location to across County 134. Features include trap shoot, short and long rifle range.

Estimated Costs: \$5.000

General Parking at The Point

Description: Designated parking spaces for approximately 125 cars would reduce high traffic volume in designated pedestrian areas. This lot is located adjacent to the craft shack. Estimated Costs: \$35,000

Equestrian Center Enhancements

Description: Crushed stone drive and parking lot, lighting updates and commercial fence line. Estimated Costs: \$35,000 🗟



J THE CAMPAIGN

\$1 A DAY / 365 DAYS

Project 365 is about enabling the spiritual impact of Trout Lake Camps to continue into the future. For 60 years this camp has been a meeting place with God. For that to continue, Trout needs your support.

Trout Lake Camps needs 365 people willing to donate \$1 per day. It adds up to \$365 per year from each person, but a total of more than \$130,000 per year from all 365 contributors. That's enough to begin to tackle the lengthy list of improvement projects here and continue the legacy of spiritual impact that has seen over 25,000 significant spiritual decisions in 60 years.





Dan and Jackie Ogren

"You can't put a dollar figure on the Trout experience," says Dan Ogren. He attended Trout Lake Camps as a camper and came back to serve on staff from 1969-1971. His two daughters were campers, retreat attendees and one worked on the summer staff.

"A huge part of ministry is building and maintaining the foundations," says Dan, who supports Project 365. "We are being a good steward by investing \$1 a day—where can you get that kind of return on \$1 a day?"

"By the way," Dan adds with a smile, "I met my wife at Trout."

> Every 365 days financial partners give over \$20,000 to support summer staff at Trout Lake Camps.

CONSIDER JOINING PROJECT 365 AND GIVING \$1 PER DAY.

How to Donate

There's a card on the inside back cover of this booklet that you can fill out and send in. The card will ask for your preferred method of payment and give you the option to start an automatic withdrawal from your bank account. Please fill out and return the card and support the work of Trout Lake Camps.

Automatic Withdrawal

While donations in any format are accepted, automatic withdrawal is the preferred method for Trout Lake Camps because it reduces administrative costs and enables a greater percentage of your donation to go directly to the projects where it's needed most.

Other Donations

There are always other ways to support Trout Lake Camps besides cash donations, including volunteering, donating materials and other financial gifts like stock, trusts, annuities and more. If you'd like to talk to someone about making these types of donations, please contact Executive Director of Camping Jon Wicklund at 651.278.8077. 🔀





The grass withers and flowers fall, but the word of our God stand forever.

Isaiah 40





In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

Philippians 1:4-5

