

Fund for Camp

Supporting the Ministries of
Presbyterian Camps and
Conference Centers



Perhaps your life or the life of a family member was touched by an experience at one of the 156 camps or conference centers across the United States and Canada.

You understand the importance of these ministries and want to learn more about what is being done to support them now and for future generations.

The Fund for Camp seeks to support these “sacred spaces” by helping the organizations that undergird the ministries of Presbyterian camps and conference centers.



Calvin Crest
Oakhurst, California



Highlands
Allenspark, Colorado



Hanover
Mechanicsville, Virginia

Camps and conference centers change lives...



Holmes
Holmes, New York



Ghost Ranch
Abiquiu, New Mexico



Heartland
Parkville, Missouri



Clearwater Forest
Deerwood, Minnesota



Gracefield
Gracefield, Quebec



Mo-Ranch
Hunt, Texas



Mound Ridge
Cook Station, Missouri

at Summer Camp

Each summer, children and youth gather for fun camping experiences that bring them closer to one another and to the Creator of the natural world that surrounds them. They are led by a summer staff who are learning what it means to help others and to share one's faith.

at Conferences

During these same summer weeks, conference centers offer programs that bring together participants to sing, to worship and to learn with others from across the country. The site serves as neutral ground as the church comes together to struggle with the issues of society and faith.

at Retreats

Throughout the year, hundreds of thousands of church members find a special place at these same locations for meaningful weekend retreats. In these camp, conference and retreat experiences, individuals are able to concentrate on their relationship with Jesus Christ while in a safe environment away from the distractions of everyday life.

Camps and conferences centers support the church...

Camps and conference centers are institutions within our church that cross all mission and programmatic lines— they are places for leadership development, evangelism, education, disaster relief, missionary training, vocational discernment and so much more. They are nimble resources that serve to support all of the goals of the church.

Presbyterian surveys have repeatedly and conclusively demonstrated the importance of camp and conference ministries to the faith formation of the denomination's leaders. The majority of Presbyterian pastors who reported having a significant spiritual experience claim that this happened at a camp, conference or retreat center.

What is the Fund for Camp?

The **Fund for Camp** aids Presbyterian camp and conference centers by providing financial support to the resources that strengthen them. As we look back on the 100 years of Presbyterian camp and conference ministry on this continent, it is important for us to remember the key people who sustained these ministries for the first century of our history.

Who will step forward to support these camps and conference centers for the next 100 years?

How can we strengthen all of these ministries with one effort?

A \$3.3 million capital campaign has been launched in order to raise funds for the organizations that help Presbyterian camps and conference centers. The **Fund for Camp** (or Hostetter Fund) was created in memory of Donald Allen Hostetter (1929-2007). Don was a mentor, visionary and friend to camp and conference professionals. He served as the Director of the Holmes Presbyterian Center (Holmes, NY) and was the founder of the Consultants Network. Just as the life and service this man touched the ministries of so many of the camps and conference centers, the **Fund for Camp** seeks to sustain these ministries by funding the organizations which support them.

What does the Fund for Camp support?

Camps and conference centers do not stand alone. There are organizations that support these sites, their boards/committees and the staff members that work in these places each day. Gifts to the **Fund for Camp** will support three vital resources for Presbyterian camps and conference centers:

Your Gift Supports a New Position with the PC(USA)

The position of Associate for Camps and Conference Centers has now been established in the Louisville, Kentucky office of the Presbyterian Church (USA). This full-time staff person works in consultation with the General Assembly staff to create a long-term vision for the use of camps and conference centers to further the mission priorities of the denomination. This individual will create effective communication tools that will seek to share the stories and messages of how camps and conference centers impact lives and play a positive role in the future of the Presbyterian Church (USA) by providing places for conversations on faith development, theological discussions and environment-related issues.

A total of \$2,500,000 will be raised to endow this position.

Your Gift Supports PCCCA

Since 1964, a group of camp and conference professionals have gathered for fellowship, education and the mutual support of their ministries. This group is called the Presbyterian Church Camp and Conference Association (PCCCA). This association is a close-knit group that brings together people who represent camps and conference centers of all shapes and sizes from the United States and Canada. The programs and fellowship of PCCCA allow these individuals to hone their skills and to bring knowledge back to their ministries. Many find the PCCCA "family" to be an incredible source of professional and personal support.



PCCCA, which no longer receives funding from a denomination, is now solely supported through the annual dues contributed by the Presbyterian camps and conference centers that are members of the association. Your gift will help sustain this group as they look to a new future for the organization. In 2007, they hired an Executive Director for the association. It is now their goal to do even more to support the camps and conference centers of the Presbyterian Church.

A total of \$600,000 will be raised for the support of PCCCA.

Your Gift Supports the Consultants Network

When Presbyterian camps and conference centers are considering changes in their ministry, they have a team of consultants on hand to help during these times of transition. Whether it is issues like mission planning, staffing structures or building design, this group is available to consult with ministries over the phone, by email or through on-site visits. The fees for these services are very economical and scholarship funds are available. The Network also makes "house calls" through a yearly itineration. A team travels to a different part of the country and offers free consultation services to the camps and conference centers in that region. The work of the Consultants Network is an important ministry to the camps and conference centers of the denomination as governing bodies struggle to support these ministries with dwindling subsidy dollars. Your gift to the fund supports this group as they offer programs and services that make our camps and conference centers stronger for the future ministry ahead.

A total of \$200,000 will be raised for the support of the Consultants Network.



Montreat
Montreat, North Carolina



Bethelwoods
York, South Carolina



Pyoca
Brownstown, Indiana



Ferncliff
Little Rock, Arkansas



Menucha
Corbett, Oregon



Wyoming
Wyoming, Iowa



Lackawanna
Tunkhannock, Pennsylvania

How can I contribute to the Fund for Camp?

Your support of the **Fund for Camp** is important and will be truly appreciated. There are a variety of ways to make a gift from an outright donation of any size to a large gift. The gift can be spread across several years or done as an investment that will produce income for the donor or designee. Please let us know if we can be helpful in determining how to ensure that a gift supports your interests, and the tax advantages that might be realized for both you and your heirs.

Making an Outright Gift

You may wish to make a gift now and realize tax benefits immediately. Gifts of any size are welcome, and larger gifts may be spread over a 2-3 year period. You may choose to send this gift by mail using the included pledge card or by making an online donation with a credit card at www.fundforcamp.org.

Making a Gift That Provides Income to You or to Your Designee

You may wish to make a gift to the **Fund for Camp** that will produce income that will go to you or your designee for rest of your life. With a minimum gift of \$500, this will provide some immediate as well as estate tax benefits.

Making a Gift That Will Pass Money to Your Heirs

You may wish to make a gift that will make a gift of interest to the **Fund for Camp** during your lifetime (or for a set period of time) and then pass the bulk of the gift (plus interest) to your heir or heirs. You will receive gift credit now as well as tax benefits. This kind of trust requires a minimum gift of \$30,000.

Making a Bequest in Your Will

You may wish to make a lasting gift to the **Fund for Camp** but need all of your assets during your lifetime. By making a bequest now as a part of your estate plan, you reduce the size of your taxable estate and, potentially, your federal and state tax.

For more information about making an immediate or planned gift to the Fund for Camp, please contact:

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The Presbyterian Church Camp and Conference Association serves the camps and conference centers of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

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Dwight Mission
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Kirkmont
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