

November 2022

BEAR TRACKS



Bear Lake Camp – 1948-2023 – 75 Years On Mission

Bear Lake Camp was founded to be a place set apart for “the Christian education and instruction of youth.”

A LOT of changes have happened over the past 75 years in our world, our culture and even our camping facilities (aka – no more Army Barracks). But let me assure you that the Staff and Board of BLC are as committed as ever to our mission to help students “KNOW CHRIST!” In a culture where His reality and message are being diluted and confused, we continue to help our campers to understand the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ . Our focus will continue to be encouraging & equipping campers to value, embrace, and engage the God of Scripture – and the new reality created by the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ — as their lens through which to interpret the world around them as well as their foundation to a life with Christ.

Bear Lake Camp will press on to partner with the Holy Spirit and the local church in building God’s Kingdom through the unique attributes of Christian Camping; embracing and utilizing the advantages and teachable moments of community, concentrated time, God’s creation, unplugging, mentoring, teaching, worship, God’s Word, recreation and fun! As kids are encouraged to step out of their routines, and a safe space is provided, they begin to ask questions and ponder the deeper things of life that form our identities and shape who we become.

Thank you for your partnership with us in the Gospel. We invite you to stay on mission with us; impacting lives for Christ’s kingdom for another 75 years!!!!

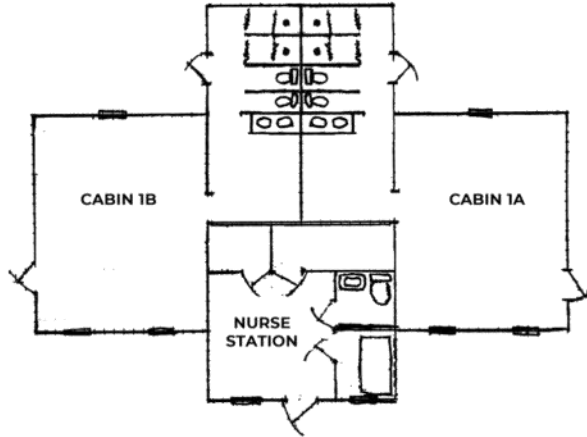
That They May Know Him!

Monty Harlan
Executive Director



Cabin 1 Update

The time has **FINALLY** come! Our last unrenovated cabin is getting waaaaaaay more than a face-lift. Phase 1 started this past spring with the cabin sides in Cabin 1 getting reconfigured and adding new entrances to the cabins. This offseason, Phase 2 will completely overhaul the bathrooms, nurse's station, and utilities. Phase 2 is projected to cost ~\$23,500. We have raised \$10,000 but are looking for generous donors to partner with this exciting project!



If you are being called to partner financially with this project, another project or become a regular donor to the ministry of BLC: mail checks made out to BLC or give online at donorbox.org/donate-to-blc

SUMMER 2022

74
CHURCHES
REPRESENTED



5
"I AM"
BIBLE STUDIES



529
TOTAL CAMPERS



173
1ST TIME CAMPERS



8
CAMP
SESSIONS

WISHLIST

- Those unused Nerf guns your kids don't play with anymore.
- Leaf rakes
- Kickballs/Playground Balls
- Spikeball nets (2x)
- New 48/60 piece puzzles (10x)
- Cleaning Supplies (pump hand soap, bleach wipes, toilet cleaner)
- New iPad



The ministry at BLC happens in partnership with so many churches and individuals. Through your prayers, service, and gifts, campers are experiencing rich community, asking hard questions about what it means to follow Jesus, and are being equipped to engage Scripture so they can know the Living God for themselves.

If you want to continue your partnership or start partnering today, the first thing to do is PRAY that "They may know Him." Maybe you are called to serve by volunteering at camp— from volunteer workdays to building projects to camp nurses. Or maybe your partnership looks like giving items from the Wishlist, joining in on the "Twelve Days of Campmas" in December, or making the camp part of your regular giving.

WAYS TO GIVE

"The best part of a day at BLC is being able to open God's Word and make a safe space for learning and curiosity when it comes to Christ." — Sadie (Counselor)

QUOTABLES



"I have been here 9 summers and not once has it failed to change and challenge me."

- Jr. High Camper

"The most meaningful part of being Summer Staff is being surrounded by other Christians that are helping teach campers about the Lord and then seeing these kids be prepared and have such a good grasp on their faith." — Ethan (Counselor)

"I only got to spend 2 summers here, but I wish I had known and come long ago and be a 13yr camper. This is an amazing and Spiritually encouraging place. Thank you for giving that to me."

- Sr. High Camper



"I really want to just say Thank You to everyone who made this happen. I am very grateful to all of you guys. I'm a first time camper who really enjoyed my first time here."

- Sr. High Camper



"You should do Suburban Commando more nights and for longer."

- Jr. High Camper



BEAR LAKE CAMP

I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.
Philippians 3:10

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