

This place is not just a summer
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Dear Lakeview Family,

As I think about the year behind us and look to the year ahead, the phrase “back to the future” comes to mind. Throughout 2021, our focus was on the here and now. With staffing changes, a postponed capital campaign, and—of course—COVID, we concentrated our efforts on figuring out how best to serve you during this time, and to be honest, how simply to survive.

Thanks to God’s faithfulness and your continued support, we have been able to weather all those changes in ways beyond anything I could have ever imagined. Take our staffing situation, for example. This last year has seen several transitions as we focused on moving key people into open positions. We transitioned Frisbee to a new role as the Retreat Program Director. We filled her previous role as the Camp Lakeview Program Director with Brandon Hall, who dove headlong into summer 2021 with renewed energy as a new staff member. And now, I’m especially excited about Danny stepping into the Director of Operations role. His passion for Lakeview, coupled with his track record of staff development, made him an ideal candidate, and I’m thrilled for us to be firing on all cylinders with our staff in the coming year.

But God’s faithfulness didn’t end there. Our supporters in 2021 stepped up in a big way. Heading into our annual auction, we had already exceeded our normal giving, making up for shortfalls we incurred with limited camp enrollment last summer. With 275 people at the event and 75 people who participated remotely, we met our special donation goal of \$40,000, with overall receipts from ticket purchases and item sales reaching nearly \$80,000. Beyond the exceptional giving, however, it was simply wonderful to be in fellowship again, celebrating all that happened throughout the year. (Please make plans now to come back for another fun evening on November 19, 2022!)

Now, because of that support and God’s faithfulness, we are able to look to the future, knowing that we are able to step into 2022 on a solid financial footing. We are so excited for another summer of camp, especially as we plan on returning to full capacity this year. Registration opens February 1, 2022, so be sure to get online and reserve your spot for what I know will be a wonderful experience this year!

Finally, as we transition into 2022, I’m thrilled to get back to our next steps for Lakeview. We’re re-launching our capital campaign, A Place for You, ensuring that Lakeview will remain a place where we see lives transformed and faith in our Lord Jesus strengthened and renewed. For those who supported us and prayed for us through all these transitions, thank you! I can’t wait to get back to the future with you!

In Christ’s Love,
David Vandercar, Executive Director



Don't Forget...

**CAMP REGISTRATION
OPENS FEBRUARY 1ST.**

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MEET THE NEW DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS!



Danny Frastaci is no stranger to Lakeview Ministries, having worked as the Lakeview Villages Program Director since 2013. Those years of experience, along with his strong ties at Lakeview, make Danny the ideal choice as camp's next Director of Operations. His love for Jesus, passion to grow campers and staff, and proven leadership will continue to serve Lakeview and its guests as he steps into this new role.

Ironically, Danny's first experience in Christian camping occurred—not as a camper—but as a summer camp counselor at Camp Perkins, Idaho. Born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, Danny thought a job as a summer camp counselor would be fun. Little did he know that one experience would change the trajectory of his entire life.

"I was born and raised in the Lutheran church," he said, "but I had never been to camp. I showed up without any experience whatsoever. I saw these people dancing and singing around a campfire and wondered what this was all about. Once I got to know them and see them live out their faith daily," he continued, "I knew that was who I wanted to be. It was a pivotal moment for me."

In fact, camp changed Danny's views on faith entirely. "Thanks to camp, faith was no longer just a part of me that happened on Sunday mornings or when I was reading my Bible before going to bed. Faith became something I lived out each and every day and each and every moment."

That's why creating opportunities for people to step away from their everyday lives and grow in their faith is so important to Danny in his job. "I love getting to see people laugh and be rejuvenated by their time here," he said. "There's something new and different every day."

In his new position, Danny hopes to spend time investing in staff, guiding them as they take on new responsibilities, build programs, and grow in their own leadership roles. "I'm looking forward to working with our team to focus on overall staff development," he said.

According to Danny, one of the biggest impacts he sees happen at camp is the relationships staff build with campers. "We really encourage our staff to be open and vulnerable with the kids," he said. "Our staff isn't perfect. They're broken and sinful, just like everybody else. We want the campers to know that a Christian is someone who recognizes their brokenness but also knows they have a Savior who died to redeem us from our failings. We want them to know that they're not perfect. That's why we have Jesus Christ."

In addition to investing in the staff's physical, social, emotional, and spiritual health, Danny will be working with executive director Dave Vandercar on vision casting for camp and rebooting the capital campaign that was launched in 2019, then put on hold during COVID. "We've been blessed to have had many pledges come in," he said. "I'm so thankful for everyone who is generously partnering with us in making a difference in the next generation. We're excited to start moving forward with some of those projects."

Please join us in welcoming Danny and pray for him as he transitions into his new responsibilities.



NOW THAT'S A GOOD LOOKIN' CREW!

LAKEVIEW LEADERSHIP

(Back Row)

David Vandercar
Executive Director

Danny Frastaci
Director of Operations

Parker "Rupert" Ehmen
Program Assistant

John Dobrinski
Director of Facilities

Brandon Hall
Camp Lakeview Program Director

Ben Rust
Maintenance Assistant

(Front Row)

Kim Wright
Housekeeping

Ellie "Frisbee" Lutz
Retreat Program Director

Kodi Clipp
Administrative Assistant

(Not Pictured)

Jose Beaton
Lakeview Springs
Director of Operations

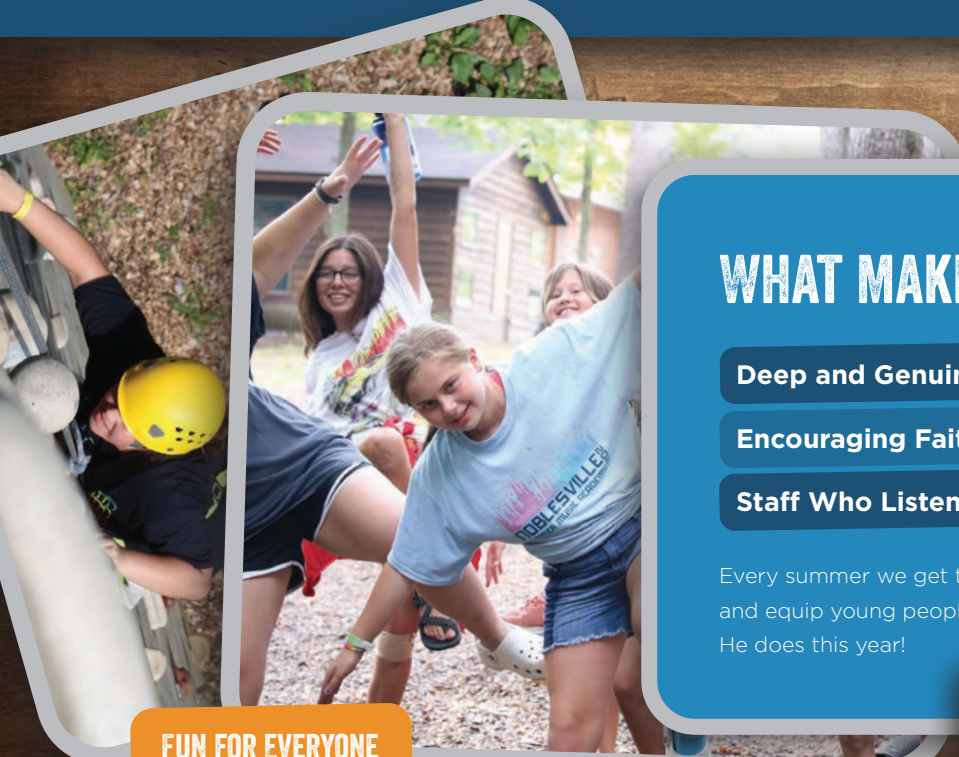


YOU BELONG AT CAMP!

Every summer we get to serve thousands of kids and families at camp. It is a HUGE undertaking, but one we do gladly each year, because we firmly believe time at camp is one of the biggest investments you can make in people's lives and faith. Read on for more details about the excitement that is happening for Summer 2022, and we hope you will join us in encouraging the kids and families in your life to check out camp this summer!



LASTING FRIENDSHIPS



FUN FOR EVERYONE

WHAT MAKES CAMP SO SPECIAL?

Deep and Genuine Friendships

Life-Changing Fun

Encouraging Faith Experiences

Mud Pit! :)

Staff Who Listen and Care

Every summer we get to see God use camp to share hope and love and equip young people for his Kingdom. We can't wait to see what He does this year!

VISIT LAKEVIEW.CAMP
TO LEARN MORE ABOUT SIGNING UP FOR CAMP

FROM THE PARENTS

My kids always come home stronger in their faith and they feel like it's one place they can be surrounded by others who share their values.

Lakeview Ministries is by far the best thing about my child's summer!

It is ALWAYS my son's absolute favorite week of the summer, and he has made some great friendships.

SAFETY FIRST



We're so excited to return to full capacity this year! You can stay up-to-date on our safety plan and learn more about what to expect for summer 2022 by visiting lakeview.camp/summer.

One More Thing

Whether this is your tenth summer or your first, coming to camp makes you part of our camp family. Each year, campers gain friendships that last far beyond the summer. Camp relationships also create an even deeper impact, because they connect us into an even larger family—the Church—with Christ as the glue that holds us all together. And when the family of Christ comes to together, God does amazing things! We can't wait to welcome you into the camp family—and an even greater family through Christ—this year.

2022 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

DATE	CAMP LAKEVIEW	VILLAGES
5/6-8	Family Work Weekend	No Programs
5/29-6/3	Classic Camp 1 (2-5)	Village A (6-8)
6/4-5	Tiny Tykes A (K-3)	Family Day 1
6/5-10	Classic Camp 2 (2-5)	Village B (6-8)
6/11-12	Mother/Daughter (K-3)	No Programs
6/12-17	Classic Camp 3 (3-6)	Village C (7-10)
6/18-19	Tiny Tykes B (K-3)	Family Day 2
6/19-24	Explorer Camp 1+2 (1-4)	Night Owl (7-10)
6/25-26	No Programs	No Programs
6/26-7/1	Classic Camp 4 (2-5)	Village D (6-8)
7/2-3	No Programs	No Programs
7/3-8	Classic Camp 5 (2-5)	Senior High (9-12)
7/9-10	Tiny Tykes C (K-3)	No Programs
7/10-15	Classic Camp 6 (2-5)	Village E (6-9)
7/16-17	Father/Son (K-3)	Family Day 3
7/17-22	Classic Camp 7 (2-5)	Village F (6-8)
7/23-24	No Programs	No Programs
7/24-29	Classic Camp 8 (2-6)	No Programs
8/26-28	Family Weekend Retreat 1	No Programs
9/2-4	Family Weekend Retreat 2	No Programs
9/5	5K & Community Day	No Programs
9/30-10/2	Women's Retreat	No Programs
11/19	Dinner Auction	No Programs

*All grade listed are for the 2021-2022 school year.

*Family days and retreats are for ALL AGES.

CHOOSE YOUR CAMP PROGRAM

Classic Camp

Designed exclusively for kids in **grades 2 – 6**, Classic Camp is just what the name implies. Campers experience everything camp has to offer in one incredible week.

Village Camp

Kids in **grades 6 – 10** will enjoy the next step in their camp adventures. Geared specifically for older campers, Village Camp offers incredible new activities.

Night Owl Camp

For one exclusive week, we took Village Camp and raised the bar, and the bedtime. After all, we all know that everything is better **AT NIGHT**.

Senior High Camp

A week specifically designed for high schoolers to get away from stress, be encouraged in their faith, find real friendships, and experience ridiculous summer fun that is truly a culmination of the Lakeview experience.

Explorer Camp

If you have kids hoping to explore camp on their own for the first time, Explorer Camp is just what you're looking for! Explorer Camp offers kids in grades 1 – 4 a fun, safe, adventure-filled camp packed into a three-day session.

FAMILY CAMPS

Tiny Tikes, Mother/Daughter & Father/Son Camps

Experience camp through the eyes of your child. These weekend retreats allow a significant adult (parent, grandparent, aunt/uncle, etc.) to bring their K-3rd grader to camp to create life-long memories.

Family Days + Family Weekend Retreats

Bring the entire family out to camp to reconnect and spend quality time together in God's creation. Whether you come for the single day program or the entire weekend, you will be thankful for your time at camp!

HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE SUMMER SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Real friends. Real faith. Real impact. Real fun. Welcome to life in the summer at Lakeview. When you join the staff at Lakeview Ministries, you become part of a tight-knit community of friends. You'll also grow as a leader, make wonderful memories, and strengthen your own faith while sharing the Gospel with others through your words and service. Whether you're in high school and want to serve as a Junior Staff volunteer, or are in college and hope to work on Summer Staff, joining the Lakeview Ministries family will bless you in ways you can't even begin to imagine!

JUNIOR STAFF

Do you know a 10th, 11th, or 12th grader who loves the Lord, loves camp, and is ready to invest in others? Please encourage them to volunteer on Junior Staff this summer!

Applications are coming in slowly this year, so we need your help to recruit mature young leaders to work alongside our counselors in 2022.

Our goal at camp is for the Junior Staff program to raise up leaders in the church. We want to give high school students the chance to dive deep into ministry and Christian community. We would love for every single high school student in our churches to get the opportunity to serve on Junior Staff at least once before they graduate high school, because we firmly believe it is a life-changing experience that can serve as a catalyst for long-term discipleship and faith.

Applicants don't have to be perfect. We provide training for them and help them grow along the way. We're looking for young leaders who are eager to learn and ready to serve as a Christian role model to our campers.

You can find more details and an application link at lakeview.camp/juniorstaff
Applications are due by February 1.

I had never been to camp in general, so it was all new to me. I wasn't sure how I was going to like it—or if I would enjoy it at all. After spending two weeks at camp, I enjoyed it so much that I signed up to come to the Senior High Week last-minute. I made so many friendships that will last a lifetime. This place is not just a summer camp; it's a welcoming family. I cannot wait to come back next summer! My second group of campers even want me to be their Junior Counselor again. I made friends with all the staff and close friends with my fellow JC's, along with my counselor, Juice. I cannot thank God enough for bringing me to camp.

NLOMA ADVANTAGE

Fun fact. Lakeview Ministries is a partner camp of the National Lutheran Outdoors Ministry Association (NLOMA), an organization made up of 20+ LCMS camps across the country.

We share a common application with other NLOMA camps. When staff apply to work at Lakeview Ministries, their applications can also be seen by other NLOMA camps. If we aren't able to offer a position here, second and third choice camps have an opportunity to hire.

Work experience at Lakeview can lead to a career in the NLOMA network. We've helped train many life-long leaders in Lutheran camp ministry. You can explore the many different camps that make up NLOMA by visiting <https://nloma.org/camp-directory>.



SUMMER STAFF

We're recruiting young leaders! Help us spread the word!

Every summer we build a team of 50 college-age young adults who love Jesus, love kids, and want to spend a summer impacting lives, living in Christian community, and having an absolute blast.

Summer staff also become a part of the rich and deep legacy at Lakeview Ministries. They gain a camp family that lasts a lifetime.

Our staff are consistently rated as one of the best parts of camp, but it takes a team effort to find these awesome leaders.

If you know a young leader who is at least a year out of high school, is seeking a summer job that pays well above industry standards, and is ready to accept the challenge of camp ministry, please encourage them to apply. Applications are available at <https://lakeview.camp/summerstaff> and are due by February 1, 2022.

Questions? Referrals? Call us at **812-342-4815**.

We're eager to talk to you about this remarkable opportunity.

Working at camp is one of the best decisions I have ever made. Yeah, it may be tiring and difficult at times, but the relationships you build and the memories you make with the staff and campers last a lifetime. Not only that, but you are in a faith-centered environment, not only teaching campers about Jesus, but working on your relationship with Him as well. You can't even describe camp until you experience it for yourself.





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

BOB THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thanks to consistent support from our Lakeview family, Lakeview Ministries is kicking off 2022 in a big way. Not only did you give above and beyond throughout the year, but some special donations from our dinner auction have helped us tackle a few big-ticket maintenance items at camp. These include foundation repairs to staff housing, along with concrete and sewer repairs at Village Lodge. While not glamorous, these repairs are necessary to maintain our facilities, and we're so blessed with a camp family who helps us continue to minister from a place of excellence with our facilities.

As we head into 2022, we're also thrilled to report that we're returning to full capacity, both for our summer camp season and for retreat programming. If you're interested in renting a camp facility this year, note that some of our policies and rates have changed, so be sure to reach out to us for current information. And don't forget that we're relaunching our capital campaign, "A Place for You," so be sure to keep an eye out for more information soon!

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