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**WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN
A PLACE FOR YOU!**

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Dear Lakeview Family,

What an exciting time to be part of Lakeview Ministries! Another amazing camping season is on the horizon. We've added some fantastic members to our leadership team. And we're gearing up for an incredible future through a renewed focus on Lakeview's "A Place for You" campaign.

If you've been following our posts on social media or in our E-Newsletter, you already know that this has been a record-breaking year for camp. With 1931 registrations and counting, we've already surpassed last year's total registration numbers by over 130 campers. That's 130 more people who will hear God's message of love and forgiveness—plus have a ridiculous amount of crazy fun—this summer.

(We also still have openings in a few camp sessions, so if you want to make Lakeview part of your summer this year, head over to our website to see which camps have room. We want to make Lakeview a place for as many campers as possible this summer and hope that you are able to be one of them!)

None of this would be possible without an amazing team of dedicated individuals, those who are committed to their faith in Jesus and to sharing that faith with others. In addition to openings with our college-age summer staff, we're still looking to fill some junior staff spots as well, so be sure to encourage your college- and high school-age contacts to apply soon if they feel God is calling them to camp ministry this summer.

Looking past the summer, I'm thrilled to say that we're finally in a position to be able to renew our "A Place for You" capital campaign that was launched in 2019. When the pandemic hit and we canceled our 2020 summer camps, our immediate focus shifted from planning for the future to surviving the present.

While we had options available to prevent camp from closing down entirely, many of those would have set us back significantly for the future. To help camp avoid significant setbacks to the future of this place, we needed the camp family to step up with contributions, not just to ensure we made it through the pandemic, but to allow us to reach the other side and continue where we left off without missing a beat.

The support we have received over the last two years is overwhelming, and we're now at the point where we can look to the future again. In this newsletter, you'll be able to read about some of the projects we've already completed through our "A Place for You" campaign, and I hope you'll join me in praying about ways you can help us with future projects as well.

In all of this excitement, let's remember the One who holds our future in His hands. I pray that we would continue to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. It is God's faithfulness that has carried us through a remarkable time in camp's history, and it is God who will bring us into the future He has planned.

Thank you for all you do to make Lakeview Ministries possible!

David Vandercar, Executive Director

**THERE'S STILL TIME TO
SIGN-UP FOR CAMP!**

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SUMMER 2022: JOIN IN AT YOUR PLACE



Summer News

We are looking forward to another life-giving summer for thousands of people here at camp. Below is a snapshot of where we sit as we head into Summer 2022:

- **1931 campers signed up for an overnight program**
- **40 (out of 49) Summer Staff hired**
- **89 (out of 125) Junior Staff volunteers ready to serve**
- **Less than 40 days until the start of summer**

This is a GREAT start, but we need your help to make it the rest of the way before summer begins. Read on to see how you can join in with the rest of the Lakeview family to strengthen the ministry that will happen this summer at YOUR place.

Help Us Find Summer Staff

We have all these campers signed up for camp...but what if there wasn't a counselor there to lead them? Or a wrangler to show them how to ride their horse? Or a cook to make their food?

We really need your help. We have NINE open positions to fill before staff training begins in May. That's a lot. And these are important positions—ones that will allow life-changing experiences to happen at camp this summer.

Please tell college-age people in your life about the opportunity to work at camp and join us in praying that God will raise up leaders for this summer! All the information to apply (including open positions) can be found at lakeview.camp/summerstaff.

Join Us for Work Weekend (May 6-8) - FREE

Work Weekend is where people of all ages and ability levels come together in service to help get camp ready for the summer, so no matter who you are, we'd love to have you join us! Whether you can come for the entire weekend or just one day, your presence will truly make a difference to camp. Sign up at lakeview.camp/workweekend.

Fill Camp This Summer

While the high number of campers signed up for camp already does mean that many of our overnight youth camps are full, we still have openings in these programs:

- Classic 1 + Village A (May 29 – June 3)
- Classic 2 + Village B Boys (June 5 – 10)
- Village C Boys (June 12 – 17)
- Explorer 1 Girls (June 19 – 21)
- Classic 5 + Senior High (July 3 – 8)

Or what about bringing your family out to camp? Nearly all of our Family Programs still have space! You can bring your family to one of our Family Fun Days, camp out overnight with your K-3rd grader at a Tiny Tykes retreat, or join us at the end of August for one of our Family Weekends. Check it all out at lakeview.camp/family.

We cannot wait to see how God uses this summer at camp for His glory and to grow His kingdom. Together we can make this the greatest summer yet!

See you at camp!



THIS'LL BE THE BEST SUMMER YET!



A PLACE FOR YOU

SNAPSHOT OF COMPLETED PROJECTS

As we get ready to revamp and relaunch the “A Place for You” capital campaign, we’d like to take a moment to thank everyone for all the contributions we’ve received so far. Here’s a quick look at all the projects we were able to complete before hitting “pause” on this campaign during COVID:



NEW STAFF RESIDENCE

WELCOME CENTER

What we did: Renovated a house at the entrance to camp, converting it from a staff residence to our main office space complete with staff offices, reception area, meeting space, and storage rooms. As part of the renovations, we added a new parking area as well.

How it benefits camp: This new Welcome Center offers a much better space for our expanding staff and provides a central location to welcome visitors and guests before they gain access to the rest of the property.

ENTRY GATES

What we did: Installed hi-tech gates at both the Camp Lakeview and Lakeview Villages entrances. The connected software allows us to incorporate gate operation into our existing phone system. We can also operate the gates remotely, with individual codes for staff access.

How it benefits camp: The gates add an extra layer of security and traffic control, which is especially important for camper safety in the summer. Now, we have even greater control over who is around our campers in addition to eliminating unnecessary traffic through the heart of camp. (This project was funded by a designated gift to the campaign from Harold and Harriett Meyer.)

OUTBACK VILLAGE CLUSTER

What we did: Completed our fifth village cluster at Lakeview Villages.

How it benefits camp: This new village increases the capacity of our Villages program from 80 campers per week to 100 campers per week, resulting in 160 more kids experiencing all that camp has to offer during the summer. It also creates additional rental opportunities throughout our retreat season, generating even greater ministry opportunities all year long.

RETIRED LOANS

What we did: Paid off loans for the construction of Lakeview Villages and the purchase of Lakeview Springs.

How it benefits camp: We incurred a loan to complete the Village Lodge as part of the "Let the Children Come" campaign, along with a separate loan to purchase Camp Cedarbrook (now Lakeview Springs). Retiring those debts frees up funds for other projects and provides more flexibility inside our operating expenses.

CAMPAIGN FINANCES AT-A-GLANCE

Money Pledged

\$1,298,123.76

Money Received

\$1,240,202.94

Money Spent

\$1,013,763.99

Money Committed Towards Upcoming Projects

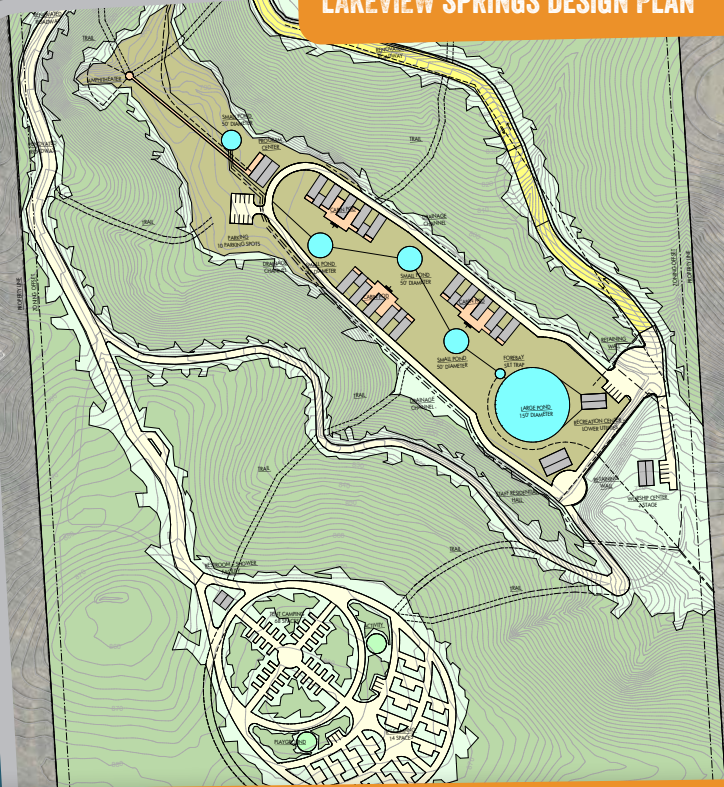
\$285,000

DESIGN PLANS FOR LAKEVIEW SPRINGS

What we did: Completed strategic master site planning and sewer connection designs at Lakeview Springs. Throughout this process, we obtained zoning compliance with the county and obtained state permits and easement access for the sewer connection project.

How it benefits camp: This professionally designed master plan will be instrumental in allowing us to develop the property with great intention and thought towards future ministry. Gaining sewer access will be vital for future overnight programming at Lakeview Springs. These projects are a huge step forward in our long-term plans of growth at the Springs.

LAKEVIEW SPRINGS DESIGN PLAN



STAFF RESIDENCE

What we did: Acquired an additional house with five acres of land adjacent to Camp Lakeview.

How it benefits camp: This house has already been put to use as the residence of one of our full-time staff members. It also significantly increases our road frontage along W. Lake Road.

To everyone who made these projects a reality, **THANK YOU.** Your generosity has created a richer, better "Place for You" here at camp and allowed even more people to experience the mission of Lakeview Ministries. We celebrate and give thanks for all that God has done already and invite you to continue to journey with us as we prepare to relaunch "A Place for You!"

SAME VISION, SAME CAMP, DIFFERENT WORLD

"A PLACE FOR YOU" RESUMES

So what's next for the "A Place For You" capital campaign?

We plan to relaunch the campaign this summer. While we have accomplished much already, there is more to do to fully realize our vision of ENHANCING this place you love and EXPANDING to reach all who need camp. Before we relaunch, however, we need to reevaluate our original campaign projects, costs, and goals.

The world is a different place than it was three years ago. The post-pandemic world is impacting the costs of the projects we had envisioned, and supply chain issues will not be disappearing anytime soon.

That's why our campaign committee is **reevaluating before relaunching**.

As careful stewards of the money you have entrusted to us, we plan to take a close look at the projects, costs, and overall goals we brought to you three years ago, evaluating how they compare to current costs, goals, and camp needs.

In the meantime, here are a few projects we'll be moving forward with in the near future:

Project number one is **completing the sewer connection at Lakeview Springs**. Since we've already paid for the design and permits, and it will be required before any additional development can happen on the property, this is a necessary next step before any further development can happen at the Springs.

Project number two is **conducting a LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) survey at Lakeview Springs**. This will give us a three-dimensional picture of the topographical lines and features at the property, and help us develop a plan for effective drainage and control of the water flow from the natural spring that runs through the property.

This project goes hand in hand with the first one in preparing Lakeview Springs for future use, laying the necessary groundwork for future construction of family cabins,

natural swimming pools, and other construction along the natural spring.

We're so excited to continue to move closer to our goal of developing Lakeview Springs into a family-focused ministry site. We are also so thankful to be in a place to relaunch the "A Place For You" campaign after two eventful years.

Please be on the lookout for communication about the campaign in the near future, and keep us in your prayers as we seek to honor God in all of our plans. If there's one thing the last few years has taught us, it's that together we can ensure that Lakeview Ministries remains "A Place for You" well into the future.

Looking back with gratefulness and forward with anticipation,

-The Capital Campaign Committee





The most fun my kids have ever had over summer break has been at Lakeview. The counselors go above and beyond to make it the best week of summer for the kiddos. My kids have always felt loved and cared for while away at camp.





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

“See, I am sending an angel before you, to keep you on your way and to be your guide into the place which I have made ready for you.”

Exodus 23:30



Since the 1960s, God has been creating a place for you at Lakeview Ministries. Today, we have three camps but one mission. We will always be **“A Place for You.”**

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