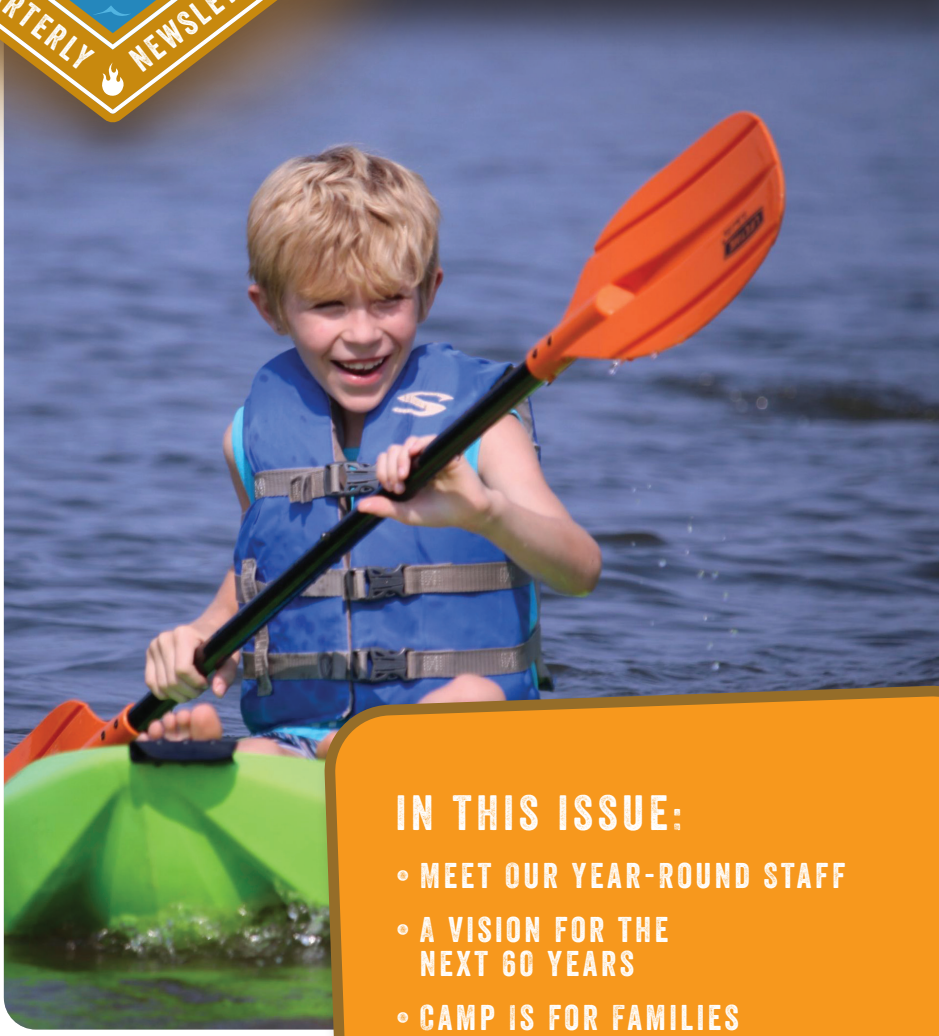


"The relationships I made here have lasted me a lifetime. I have never found a community so immersed and inspired by God."
- "DRENCH," SUMMER STAFFER



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Dear Lakeview Family,

As I look back on the story of Lakeview, I'm often reminded of the faithfulness of the camp family that went before us. They were the people who worked together, supported this ministry, and cast a vision for what Lakeview could become, even as they were struggling to come up with the money for a 20 x 20 foot cabin.

I wonder what they would think if they could see us now. They had a grand vision, and I am so thankful for all challenges they faced—and overcame—to bring us to this point in our ministry.

Next year, we'll be celebrating our 60th anniversary, which leads me to ask some important questions: What's next? Where do we go from here? More specifically, what should we be doing today to lay the groundwork for the next 60 years for Lakeview?

I invite you to join me in this process. In this issue, you'll read about some upcoming town hall-style forums we'll be holding, where we'll be asking you to share your thoughts and ideas for the future at Lakeview Ministries. How can we best fulfill our mission moving forward?

As we enter the process of creating a vision for our future, my hope is that we would never fall into the trap of limiting God or not thinking big enough. God can do so much more than we could think or even imagine, and I know that God will provide for this ministry today, just as he did 60 years ago.

Please join me in praying that God would lead the way as we plan for our future. And make plans now to attend one of our forums this summer! I look forward to dreaming together as we make plans now to provide for everyone who will benefit from Lakeview in the years to come.

In Christ's love,
David Vandercar, Executive Director

David Vandercar



"NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DO IMMEASURABLY MORE THAN ALL WE ASK OR IMAGINE, ACCORDING TO HIS POWER THAT IS AT WORK WITHIN US, TO HIM BE GLORY IN THE CHURCH AND IN CHRIST JESUS THROUGHOUT ALL GENERATIONS, FOR EVER AND EVER! AMEN."

- EPHESIANS 3:20 - 21

MEET THE LAKEVIEW YEAR-ROUND STAFF



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HELP US SET THE VISION FOR LAKEVIEW'S NEXT 60 YEARS!

Something we've always valued here at Lakeview Ministries is the strong ties we've been able to develop with a wide range of individuals, families, churches, and organizations. The Lakeview family is a large one! Our goal moving forward is to grow and deepen our programs and ministry for each of these groups—and for the people yet to come.

As we plan for the future, we want you to be part of the conversation. Camp is your place! To facilitate that process, we'll be holding **a series of townhall-style forums** this summer designed specifically to hear from you as we begin to plan for our upcoming capital campaign. These forums will be held in five different locations to ensure everyone is able to attend.

So if you'd like to be part of the conversation that speaks into Lakeview's future, or want to hear some of the future possibilities for camp, plan on joining us at one of these forums. (See below for more details.) We're so excited about where camp is headed and can't wait to talk with you as we plan and dream!

TOWNHALL-STYLE FORUMS FAQ:

Who should come to the forums?

Everybody who loves Lakeview and wants to speak to the future. That means church leaders, parents who send their kids to camp, adult donors, older teens, JCs and Summer Staff, and current and former staff members. Anyone who loves camp should come!

Where and when will the forums take place?

- July 9: Indianapolis area
- July 11: Cincinnati area
- July 13-14: Columbus/Seymour area
- July 16: New Albany/Louisville area
- July 18: Evansville area

What should I expect?

Toward the end of May, watch your email for an electronic survey designed to get your feedback about the future direction for Lakeview. Then,

at the two-hour forum, you'll get to enjoy some light refreshments as we come together to discuss the best way to implement our mission into programs and facilities for the future.

What if I can't make it to the forums but still want to have a voice? Be sure to complete the electronic survey coming via email. That way, even if you can't make it to the in-person forum, we'll be able to include your comments in all of the feedback we receive.

We can't wait to hear from you as we plan for the next 60 years of ministry here at camp! Get excited!



ALL IN THE FAMILY



Here at Lakeview, our goal is to support kids but also families in ways that strengthen their relationships with God and with each other. Looking back over the history of camp, one of the incredible things is seeing how the impact of God can reverberate through generations. Here, two different camp families share the ways Lakeview has supported and challenged them over the years.

THE OTTE FAMILY

Told by Katie Otte:

I started going to camp in Illinois as a preteen. Years later, my dream of becoming a camp counselor was fulfilled, and I ended up meeting my husband that summer. He introduced me to Lakeview, where he grew up attending camp.

One of the sweetest things to see when working there were the families who came to camp together. I love hearing stories of children who came as Tiny Tikes, then campers, then Junior Counselors, and went on to be summer staff. Our family is in the process of running the full cycle with our kiddos.

I think all four of our babies spent a weekend at camp before they were six months old. Last summer, our oldest two did their first overnights without us. I knew my dear kiddos were safe and set up to have a great experience, learning and growing in faith and life, but it was hard to walk back to the van without them. They both loved it, of course!

Somehow, whenever we go to camp, we come out of it a little better, a little braver, a little tougher, a little more responsible, and hopefully a lot closer to Jesus through His Word, fellowship, and time in His creation. My time at camp did SO much to prepare me for my vocations, especially as a mother. I received a pretty stellar life education hanging out in cabins in the woods.

I wouldn't be who I am without camp, and I keep going back, because I need it just as much as the kiddos do. I love sharing in their joy, excitement, and courage as they face new camp adventures, too!

THE EBERT FAMILY

Told by Sarah Ebert:

The first time our family came to Lakeview was when our daughters were entering first grade. We had the most amazing weekend growing in our faith through devotions, songs, campfires, and just being a family. We were hooked! Our daughters say camp is their favorite week of the year. It is the first thing that goes on our calendars every year, and we work everything else around that week.

We have attended Family Camp, summer camp sessions, mother/daughter weekends, work weekends and countless retreats at Camp Lakeview. (Did I mention we love this place?). This is one thing that sets Camp Lakeview apart from any other place. You can literally go 3 -4 times in one year and have a different experience each time.

The staff does a wonderful job making sure every time you step foot at camp you are able to relax, enjoy yourself, and learn more about God. It is truly an amazing place, and we are blessed to be able to experience every part of it.

We still have openings in all of our summer Family programs, including:

Tiny Tykes: an overnight retreat for a K-3rd child + Parent/Grandparent.

Fun Days: a Saturday excursion for the whole family to camp.

Family Camps: a weekend retreat for the entire family.

Sign your family up at LAKEVIEW.CAMP/FAMILY.

UPDATE FROM THE SPRINGS

As we wrap up work on our pre Civil War-era lodge-turned-welcome center at the Springs, we are excited to look forward to the next major project: a campground!

In so many ways, Lakeview Springs is the realization of the major visioning that took place in the 1990s which resulted in adding the words "to people of all ages" to our mission statement. Those five words opened the door for expanded ministry in ways we never could have imagined.

Through Lakeview Springs, we have the opportunity to grow our ministry to families and serve them in a greater and higher quality capacity. Different groups have different needs, and we are so excited to increase our capacity of sharing the love of Jesus and providing a camp experience for families and adults in the years to come.





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BOB SAYS "HELP SEND A CHILD TO CAMP"

When we go on chapel visits, we tell the kids that we have camperships available to help pay for the cost of camp, because "If you want to come to camp, we want you here!" With inflation increasing costs everywhere, we have seen a higher number of people requesting financial assistance for camp this summer. Already this year, we have received requests totalling over \$20,000! Can you help us meet this need?

If you'd like to help families in need of assistance by giving a donation to our Campership fund, simply visit our website and select the "Give to Camp" tab on our homepage. Be sure to select the "Campership" drop down option in the "I Want to Support" section of our giving page. With your help, we can make camp possible for every child who wants to come to Lakeview!

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