

“Everything we do at camp starts with that key concept of Christ centeredness, and it’s in everything we do from top to bottom.”  
-JOSE BEATON,  
LAKEVIEW SPRINGS DIRECTOR



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FOR GENERATIONS  
TO COME  
JOEL  
1:3

TELL YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT IT IN THE YEARS TO COME  
AND LET YOUR CHILDREN TELL THEIR CHILDREN.  
PASS THE STORY DOWN FROM  
**GENERATION TO GENERATION.**

JOEL 1:3



**LAKEVIEW**  
MINISTRIES

Dear Lakeview Family,

As I reflect on this passage from Psalm 78, I'm struck by how perfectly it captures the story of Lakeview Ministries. For 60 years, generation after generation has faithfully passed down the story of God's love through the power of outdoor ministry. They prayed. They gave. They served. And through their dedication, they built a place where hearts both young and old could encounter the truth of the Gospel in unforgettable ways.

The first step is often the hardest. And thanks to the many people and organizations who stepped up in faith, that first step was taken decades ago. Since then, Lakeview has grown into a ministry that continues to change lives for Christ through year-round ministry.

And now, it's our turn.

We are being called to take our place in the story, to build on what was started 60 years ago, and to invest in what God is doing for the next 60 years—and beyond. The "For Generations to Come" campaign is about taking the steps today – right here, right now – to ensure that the next generation will continue to tell of God's grace and power and love experienced through camp.

As it describes further on in the psalm, the actions we take today are "so the next generation might know [these truths] - even the children not yet born - and they in turn will teach their own children. So each generation should set its hope anew on God..."

The history of camp is long and deep. We have a wonderful legacy to look back on. And I can't wait to build on that legacy for generations yet to come!

Continue to pray for this ministry and its future. And please, prayerfully consider how you may be a part of the "For Generations to Come" campaign to help spread the hope of Jesus to future children and generations at camp.

In Christ's Love,

David Vandercar

Executive Director, Lakeview Ministries

**"WE WILL NOT HIDE THESE TRUTHS FROM OUR CHILDREN; WE WILL TELL THE NEXT GENERATION ABOUT THE GLORIOUS DEEDS OF THE LORD, ABOUT HIS POWER AND HIS MIGHTY WONDERS.." – PSALM 78:4**

## CAMP: THEN AND NOW

As we welcome another exciting season of summer camp here at Lakeview Ministries, we thought you'd enjoy a look back at our first summer camp 60 years ago and see how camp has changed in the decades since.

	1965	TODAY
Number of Week Long Campers	120	1,625
Number of Summer Staff	10	55
Number of Full-Time Staff	0	13
Buildings on Campus	8	63

In those early days, our main activities at camp included horseback riding, hiking, and crafts. Today, of course, we offer a full range of outdoor opportunities, including ziplining, high ropes adventures, and the waterfront blob!

And while we've grown in so many ways, we've never lost sight of our vision to serve churches and children far and wide through outdoor ministry, bringing campers of all ages closer to God through faith in Jesus Christ. We can't wait to see you this summer and watch you add your own experiences to the rich and deep history of summer camp at Lakeview Ministries!



# ORIGIN STORY-NO HANDS SPAGHETTI

Ever wonder how the campers favorite meal, No Hands Spaghetti, became a Lakeview tradition? Wonder no more! We tracked down the source of this wacky and wonderful moment in Lakeview history. Enjoy!

It was the summer of 2006 (I think), and I was in my second year as a counselor of Ottawa. Sunday afternoon brought a new group of girls who seemed to have arrived with one mission: stay pristine. If you know camp, you know that's a hard goal with swimming, horses, running, creek stomping, and of course- mud pit! By the first night they were asking to wake up around two hours early to straighten their hair, skip the lake, and avoid any activity that risked getting messy.

Sensing a tough week ahead, I sat with them to chat. We struck a deal: they'd lean into the full camp experience—and eat one meal of their choosing without utensils. They agreed and chose at random which happened to be... spaghetti night.

I'd asked the kitchen ahead of time to withhold forks for our table, and despite pleas to eat on the porch to avoid embarrassment, we dove in—face-first. Hesitant at first, the girls quickly embraced the chaos, laughing through sauce-covered cheeks. By the end of the week, they were asking to eat more meals utensil-free and were fully immersed in camp life despite, and perhaps because of the messiness.

Word spread. Other cabins joined in the following week when spaghetti night showed up on the menu, and just like that, a tradition was born. In later years, campers brought syrup to our table for a "Buddy the Elf" twist, and even my dad joined on his stop after a conference.

By 2009, I was on staff as the Ministry Impact Person, and I'll never forget walking into our first full-time staff meeting to see "No-Hands Spaghetti Policy" on the agenda. I believe Tina or Karen pointed and grinned—I had cemented a (no hands) Lakeview legacy.

-Sarah "Spurt" Wait



## HAVE YOUR OWN LAKEVIEW STORY TO TELL?

Head over to our website at [lakeview.camp/memory/](http://lakeview.camp/memory/) and click on the "Add Your Memory" button to share. During the summer, we'll display these memories for all to enjoy. Whether it's short and simple, or long and deep, we want to hear from you!



# ECT-EXPERIENCE CAMP TOGETHER TIME

To help celebrate our 60th anniversary, we are adding something new to the camp program. We will be ending camp earlier on Friday afternoon so that we can welcome the campers' families out to camp. This will give them the opportunity to check out their campers' favorite activities and places on camp, hear their stories from the week, meet other staff and campers they got to know, and eat a meal together before departing for home.

We are excited to introduce this experience to the week of camp and look forward to celebrating camp with everyone. We hope every family has a blast during their ECT time and that it is an awesome way to end the week. We believe it will allow parents to get a meaningful glimpse into the memories and stories from their child's time at camp!

### CAMP LAKEVIEW SIDE

2:00-2:35PM	Closing Campfire (Amphitheater)
2:35-3:00PM	Sign-Out Camper
3:00-5:30PM	Experience Camp Together (E.C.T) Time
4:00-5:00PM	Meal available to eat at Dining Hall

### LAKEVIEW VILLAGES SIDE

3:00-3:35PM	Closing Campfire (Village Lodge Point)
3:35-4:00PM	Sign-Out Camper
4:00-5:30PM	Experience Camp Together (E.C.T) Time
4:30-5:30PM	Meal available to eat at Village Lodge



# FOR GENERATIONS TO COME!

Leaving a legacy for our children's children

This summer marks the beginning of something truly special at Lakeview Ministries—our new For Generations to Come capital campaign!



At camp, we see firsthand how God works through moments of joy, faith, and friendship. Now, we're laying the foundation for even more of those moments by investing in the future of our ministry and the next generation of campers and families.

Earlier this spring, we hosted our first commitment banquet and are excited to launch the campaign publicly with a strong foundation of pledged support already in place. The momentum is building - and we'd love for you to be a part of it.

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To learn more about the vision behind the campaign and see the official campaign video, scan the QR code on this page or visit the campaign website:

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## DON'T MISS DATES FOR FALL!

Get ready for a season of joy, connection, and spiritual renewal at Lakeview Ministries! This fall, we invite you to get away, grow in faith, and make memories that last. Family Camp Weekend offers the perfect chance to relax, laugh, and play together with camp favorites such as zip-lining, stargazing, and beach time.

At the Women's Retreat, you'll enjoy a weekend of encouragement, adventure, and soul-refreshing rest as you surround yourself with a vibrant community of women. And the Fall Men's Gathering brings guys of all ages together for worship, fellowship, and really good food. Learn more and register at [lakeview.camp](http://lakeview.camp)!

### FAMILY CAMP WEEKENDS

August 22nd-24th  
August 29th-31st

### WOMEN'S RETREAT

Sept. 26-28

### MEN'S GATHERING

Sept. 19-21

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