



DOOR POSTS

from Camp Zion - Door County's Christian Camp

Adult Retreats Growing

Youth camps make up about 70% of what we do here at Camp Zion, and we love the ministry opportunities we have with our kids. 2019 was another full summer of excitement, adventure, and spiritual growth.

But, why should kids get to have all the fun?!

Adults are increasingly recognizing their need to get away to refresh and renew their relationship with God, and take advantage of all that camp has to offer. Happy to report that attendance is up at our men's, women's, and guest group retreats.

How about you? Reconnect with God, make and renew meaningful friendships at an adult retreat.



Happy Campers

"It was the most meaningful week of my entire life." -High School Camper

"I have been going to camp for nearly 20 years both as staff and as a camper. This place has absolutely shaped my life in the best ways possible! I have made my best friends at camp and I have learned so much!" - Staff Member

"Anyone that has spent time at Camp Zion would call it their "Happy Place" -Alum

"Another camp would not make us feel as welcome as you do. We hope you know how we look forward to our time spent at Camp Zion." -Quilter

Why We Do What We Do

Why are Christian camps important to the Church today?

- ✦ Life-change happens at camp. The Gospel message is amazingly effective at camps nationwide, bringing countless people to Christ.
- ✦ Meaningful conversations happen at camp. Fewer of life's distractions, unstructured time, people who genuinely care; all are contributing factors to some of the best discussions ever.
- ✦ Even Jesus knew that he needed to "get away to a quiet place" once in awhile. We could learn from his example.

As you consider your **year-end giving** plans, we would be grateful if you would consider making a generous investment that will help Camp Zion continue to be one of the most life-changing experiences anywhere, and to be a positive force in the world for Christ's Kingdom, for generations to come.

Dining Hall Update

We are excited for the day when we can better serve our campers and staff with a wonderful new dining room and kitchen, meeting spaces for Bible study and worship times, indoor recreation area, and casual spaces! The road to a new dining hall has been a long one, with more than a few bumps along the way. We know that God has been leading every step of the way (even in getting denied a permit 4 years ago), and His good plan is coming together.

In consultation with an outstanding team of architects, engineers, and attorneys, we are making progress on building design, site plan, septic system design, and zoning issues. We are confident that the zoning ordinance allows for the building to be built on our property. We have been focused on reducing as many potential issues and concerns as possible, and in God's time, will file for a new Conditional Use Permit for a building that will be a win for camp and the local community.

The Dining Hall Fund continues to grow. We have incurred some design and legal expenses, but the fund continues to grow at just over 1.5 million in cash and committed assets. Construction costs continue to rise, which will affect the final cost. We anticipate that camp friends will step up contributions for the estimated \$700,000 needed to complete the project.



We are thankful for partners like you who understand the value and impact this building will have on camp for years to come. We ask for your prayers for the permit process, funding, God's intervention with any potential obstacles, and for the hearts of those who oppose us.

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Love Our Groups!

We are blessed to partner with churches and groups for God-honoring camps and retreats. Our guest groups love, take care of, and even donate to camp. Some of our guest groups have been coming every year for the past 20 years.

Please **help spread the word** to friends, churches, or organizations about having their own memorable, purposeful, life-changing retreat here, any time of year! Let us know if you would like us to connect with someone you know.



Tentative 2020 Dates

- January 2 - Summer registration begins
- January 17-19 - Jr. High Winter
- February 14-17 - Sr. High Winter
- March 7 - Spaghetti Supper (in Zion)
- [April 16-19 - Quilt & Craft Weekend](#)
- [May 1-3 - Lumberjack Work Weekend](#)
- [May 11-17 - Spring Quilt Camp](#)
- June 21-25 - Primary Camp
- [June 26-28 - Campamento de Familias](#)
- July 4 - Open House 7-10AM**
- July 5-11 - Jr. Girls Camp
- July 12-18 - Jr. High Camp
- July 19-25 - Jr. Boys Camp
- July 26-Aug. 1 - Sr. High Camp
- Aug. 2-6 - HS 2.0
- Aug. 7-10 - Pre-Camp
- Aug. 16 - Camp Reflections in Zion
- [Sep. 4-7 - Family Camp](#)
- [Sep. 18-20 - Women's Fall Retreat](#)
- [Sep. 21-27 - Quilt Camp I](#)
- [Sep. 28-Oct. 4 - Quilt Camp II](#)
- Oct. 9-12 - Sr. High Fall Retreat
- [Oct. 16-18 - Men's Retreat](#)
- Oct. 23-25 - Jr. High Fall Retreat

ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Gifts-In-Kind. People sometimes have useful items in good shape that camp can utilize. Gifts -In-kind may be used at camp, or sold so camp receives the proceeds. Vehicles, camping trailers, boats, etc. are acceptable, but must be in good usable or saleable condition. Sorry, we cannot accept TVs, monitors, computers. Call for more information.

Gifts are tax-deductible to the full extent allowed by law. We honor gifts given to our giving categories, unless that need has already been met. Camp Zion has complete control over the use of all donated funds. Gifts must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2019 for 2019 tax credit.

Why CZ Donors Do What They Do

Camp Zion donors are the kind of people who manage their money carefully, prepare for the unexpected, give sacrificially and joyfully, and care about the future. Donation amounts vary greatly from one person to the next, but all gifts and givers matter. Camp donors trust the staff to carefully steward and not waste financial resources. Most importantly, donors know that their gifts to camp are making a difference for eternity.

Camper fees cover 75% of our operations budget, the remainder comes from donors. We are so grateful to those that participate in the ministry by giving of their resources!

Most Wanted List

We take care of our facilities, buildings, and vehicles, but eventually, things wear out and need to be upgraded and improved. Here are a few upcoming needs:

- ◆ Replace water softener-Fireside Lodge - \$4,000
- ◆ Driveway rainwater washout grading -\$3,500
- ◆ Trailer for snowmaking machine - \$650 est.
- ◆ New canoe/kayak trailer - \$1,500 est.
- ◆ Finish chip sealing of drive (2nd coat) - \$7,200
- ◆ Used 15-18' travel trailer for occasional staff housing needs
- ◆ Architectural, engineering, & legal work for dining hall project
- ◆ Salaries of 3 year round staff members, 4 summer staff
- ◆ Someone with skills to restore the '67 Dodge pickup?

Did You Know?

- ◆ Lake Michigan is at its highest level ever, causing problems on our waterfront, including loss of beach area, inability to use the south pier, and daily piles of debris washing ashore.



- ◆ Camp Zion is officially incorporated in Wisconsin. Separate incorporation allows us to take better advantage of matching gift programs, grants, and helps in compliance with tax exempt rules and regulations. Ownership by church remains the same.
- ◆ Matthew Gillmore, our Operations Manager has completed 2 years with us, and Carol Stewart, our Administrative Assistant & Food Service Director has been on paid staff for 18 years. So glad they are part of the team!
- ◆ All of our lighting has been converted to energy efficient LED.
- ◆ A September lightning strike took out our well control panel, phone system, video projector & sound system.
- ◆ Installed a Town-mandated grease trap in Dining Hall - \$4,006
- ◆ We replaced Dining Hall entry steps - \$5,062; paid for in part, with a generous donation from Country Acres Bobcat Services!
- ◆ We chip-sealed our main entry roads and one parking area, to reduce dust. - \$10,063. Thank you to the people of The Orchard Church and Country Acres Bobcat Services for contributing to a portion of this project!