



# DOOR POSTS

from Camp Zion - Door County's Christian Camp

## Time, Talent & Treasure

Volunteers and donors have always been the life-blood of Camp Zion. Workers built camp out of nothing, often using money out of their own pockets. It would be impossible to calculate the value of all the donated labor and gifts we've received over the past 72 years. We love our volunteers and donors!

As one generation of donors and volunteers pass on or move away, the challenge is clear; Camp Zion needs a new wave of alumni, staff, parents, and friends to take up the mantle. We are grateful for some who are already stepping up to invest in the ministry, but need to continue expanding that base. Please partner with us in this amazing adventure!



## Happy Campers

*"I grew up attending Camp Zion every year, and it had a major impact on my spiritual life. I was saved at camp. A significant reason my wife and I moved back to Wisconsin was proximity to camp. We want our kids to have the same experience!" - Alum*

*"I appreciate the good work you are doing with kids, and I'd like to give a gift now while I can enjoy seeing how God uses it, rather than waiting till I'm gone." -Donor*

*"Camp Zion has always held a special place in my heart. I feel closer to God when I am there and love the family feel. Everyone cares about you and makes sure you know that God loves you and that you are an important person in this world." -Camper*

## Strong Camp = Strong Church (& Vice Versa)

Camp Zion serves churches and organizations "...In order that His kingdom may grow and be strengthened." We love everything about camp; It has the power to change lives like nothing else. Our desire is that for the rest of their lives, campers and staff participate in and contribute to the life of the Church.

When churches are healthy and strong, camp benefits. In the same way, when camp is strong, churches benefit. As you consider your year-end giving plans, **please invest** in ways that will help both camp and church continue to be powerful tools for the Gospel that will impact generations to come. **Thank you!**



## Dining Hall Progress: On Course

We firmly believe that a new dining hall/meeting facility is still God's plan for Camp Zion. We are getting closer to the day when we will be ready to present plans that will be good for camp, good for the community, and acceptable to zoning officials.

The **Dining Hall Fund** is steadily increasing; we currently have over \$1.3MM in cash and committed assets. We plan to apply for a new Conditional Use Permit as soon as possible, and when approved, will proceed with architectural drawings, bids, and then apply for a building permit. Initial cost estimates are in the \$1.5-2MM range.

The new facility will allow us to better serve our campers and staff, provide us with desperately needed meeting spaces for activities like Bible study and worship times, and give us additional indoor recreation and casual spaces for our guests.

We hope you will be inspired to **be generous** in your giving, and will **invite and encourage others** to do the same. We covet your prayers not only for God's direction, but for His intervention with possible obstacles and opposition regarding this much-needed facility. Thank you for your patience and faithful giving.

## Growing Pains!

Looking back on 2018, all we can say is WOW! God is doing a work in and through Camp Zion, and it is exciting to be a part of that.

Once again, our summer youth camps had record attendance. Our staff do an amazing job of creating a fun, safe, and God-honoring environment, giving kids some of their best memories ever, and paving the way for the Holy Spirit to change lives with the Gospel.

## “You’re Open in the Winter?”

People are sometimes surprised to find out that Camp Zion is open year-round. Truth is, we have always had year-round youth and adult retreats.

Winter retreats are a favorite for many. It’s hard to beat sledding and tubing at Hill #17, cross country skiing, and a nice fire in the fireplace as we ponder the truths God has for our lives.

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



## Tentative 2019 Dates

January 1 - Summer registration begins

January 25-27 - Jr. High Winter

February 15-18 - Sr. High Winter

March 2 - Spaghetti Supper (in Zion)

April, TBA - Quilt & Craft Weekend

May 2-5- Lumberjacks

May 13-19 - Spring Quilt Camp

June 23-27 - Primary Camp

June 28-30 - Campamento de Familias

**July 4 - Open House 7-10AM**

July 7-13 - Jr. Girls Camp

July 14-20 - Jr. High Camp

July 21-27 - Jr. Boys Camp

July 28-Aug. 3 - Sr. High Camp

Aug. 4-8 - HS 2.0

Aug. 9-12 - Pre-Camp

Aug. 16-18 - Fish Camp (Tent.)

Aug. 18 - Camp Reflections in Zion

Aug. 30-Sep. 2 - Family Camp

Sep. 13-15 - Women’s Fall Retreat

Sep. 16-22 - Quilt Camp I

Sep. 25-Oct. 2 - Quilt Camp II

Oct. 11-14 - Sr. High Fall Retreat

Oct. 18-20 - Men’s Retreat

Oct. 25-27 - Jr. High Fall Retreat

All 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. Contributions are solicited with the understanding that Camp Zion has complete control over the use of all donated funds. Gifts must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2018 for 2018 tax credit.

## Camp – What Better Investment?

Our world needs the ministry of camp more than ever before! Our buildings, facilities, vehicles, and programs continually need upgrades and improvements. Camper fees cover 75% of our operations budget, the remainder comes from donors.

God honors gifts of all sizes. Here are a few examples of recent or pending camp expenses that your donations help pay for:

- ◆ Kitchen mats - \$90 each
- ◆ Snow tubes - \$95 each
- ◆ New log splitter - \$1,000
- ◆ Snowshoes - \$75 per pair
- ◆ Replacement ski sets - \$150 each
- ◆ Replacement life jackets - \$40 each
- ◆ Stand-up paddle board - \$300 each
- ◆ Plow for Ranger work vehicle- \$1,300
- ◆ Trailer for snowmaking machine - \$650
- ◆ Replacement commercial gas grill - \$450
- ◆ Fluorescent to LED light conversion \$2,000
- ◆ Storage Shed for archery equipment - \$750
- ◆ Epi-Pens (emergency medical supply) - \$700
- ◆ Additional dock rip-rap (protection boulders) - \$17,000
- ◆ Possible additional chip sealing of roads to control dust - \$18,000
- ◆ Kitchen consultant for new dining hall commercial kitchen
- ◆ Architectural and engineering work for dining hall project
- ◆ Salaries of 3 year round staff members, 4 summer staff members



## All Good Stories Begin at Camp

Last summer, during a Jr. Boys Bible Study, the chaplain referenced 1936 Olympic champion and Japanese POW Louis Zamperini, who was later saved at a Billy Graham crusade. The chaplain realized that the kids might not know what a crusade was, or who Billy Graham was, so he showed a brief video clip of Billy giving his famous invitation at a crusade. As Billy invited audience to pray about seeking forgiveness of their sins, about 30 of our boys began praying that prayer out loud with him!

A Jr. High camp counselor was observed from a distance doing what looked like a “happy dance”, while several campers were standing nearby. When the counselor was asked later what was going on, he replied, “One of the boys just found Christ!”

We would love to hear **your** Camp Zion story! Please drop us a note.

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