



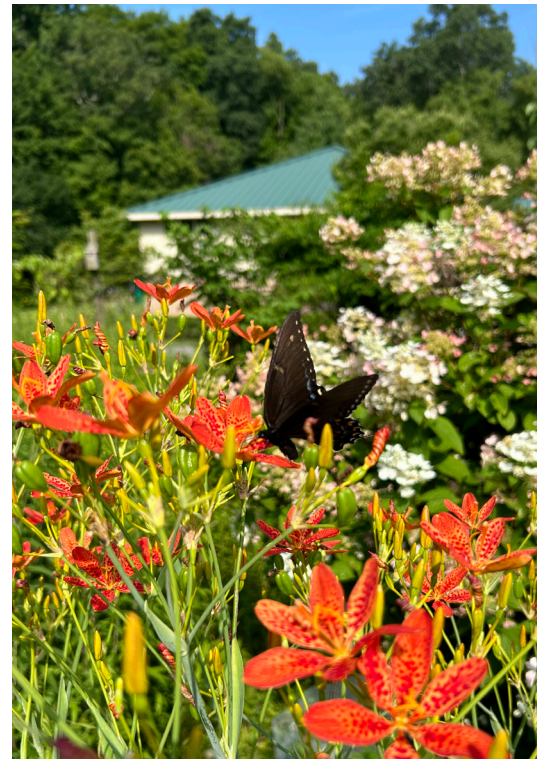
The snow was a win during Winter Fun Day – sledding down into Lower Meadow was perfect!

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let's look ahead 2026 Programs

Spring Fun Day/Open House	May 3	All Ages
Youth Leader Retreat	May 8-9	Adult
The Great Yurt Build	May 29-31	All Ages
Friends Day	Jul 11	All Ages
EPIC Weekend	Sep 26-27	Grades 4-5
Fall Fun Day	Oct 4	All Ages
Fall Women's Retreat	Oct 23-25	Adult
High School Retreat	Nov 20-22	Grades 9-12
Middle School Retreat	Dec 4-6	Grades 6-8



Our Mission : *Where all may gather, where all are welcome, where all are invited to share : gracious hospitality, joyful Christian community and the wonder of God's creation.*

a life rooted at camp I Was A Pike



integral part" of her life. She has been most thankful for the people at camp and working with other young adults at a time when we were "figuring it all out."

Owing who she is today to the people and place, a turning point came several times during her history with Johnsonburg. She remembers her CIT group working through turmoil and the follow up of being invited back to camp (or not) based on choices they had made. That was her first time dealing with conflict.

Lisa also recalls how Mark Duncan "made camp fun, but also made us take being on staff seriously." Sometimes the result was not what she expected. To this, she adds: "All the best people got fired from camp. My dad was on the Board and I didn't want special treatment." You can fill in the rest of the story here but suffice it to say that it was a good lesson in welcome and forgiveness.

Another huge turning point involved a career choice. Lisa had her heart set on being a physical therapist but after listening to internship presentations at Gettysburg College, her alma mater, and "knowing how much I enjoyed kids and working at camp," she decided to

become a physical education teacher (like her dad) instead.

"I use the skills [I learned being on staff at camp]: active listening, de-escalation skills, and how to live with people different than me with my kids, at school in my job– basically all the time," shares Lisa. "Being able to relate to other people" is very important.

Today, Lisa and Joe, (who she met at church and also has his own camp story as a youth group advisor on retreats as well as the person instrumental in the putting up and taking down of the Tent Cabins in Highpoints every summer!), are "grateful their kids have this place. The programs, the activities, the opportunity to volunteer during the pandemic taking care of the site – it is very important to us!" To that end, she has served as a volunteer, board member, and committee member multiple times.

Lisa knows her life is different because of camp, and now she is empowering a fourth generation to experience a place that is vital to building leadership skills, fostering an inclusive community and "being a place where I feel at peace."

When Lisa VanDeWeert was four years old, she came to Camp Johnsonburg for the first time. It was an all-church retreat with the Presbyterian Church of Leonia. Just like her parents, Lisa was baptized, confirmed and married at the church and part of the annual rhythm of community included retreats and summer camp.

She shares, "I brought my best friend to camp when I was 8 years old. She was homesick but I wasn't. I liked camp too much, so I came back alone." Today, Lisa's sons both attend camp for multiple weeks each summer and have been at Johnsonburg since they were less than two months old.

Lisa admitted that she doesn't know life without Johnsonburg. It is "such an

a look at a few
Updates From Camp



Renovated private restrooms now include two showers, baby changing area, and an accessible restroom just steps away from the main dining room.



New ceiling clouds include LED lighting and fans in the main dining room as well as the conference room.



Join the 63 recurring donors who tagged in to the Donor Buddy Board, which was dedicated during Winter Fun Day, Feb. 1, 2026. Tag in today!



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a word from
The Board President

Dear Friends of Camp Johnsonburg,

Greetings on behalf of the Board of Trustees. I trust that Johnsonburg is a special place to every one of you. We are all connected by a powerful and special work of God. Our camp has made a great impact on so many lives over so many years. As you read through this report, you will see statistics and data from the last year.

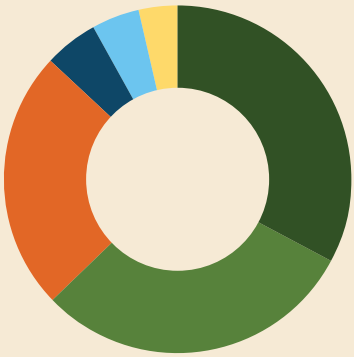
You will see a snapshot of some of our new movements and developments. We are grateful to every person who has given themselves to this ministry in so many expressions of love. We pray that your heart for Johnsonburg will continue to grow even warmer. Thank you for giving us even more confidence that God will continue this great work for many years to come.

Sincerely,
Rev. Joe Chu, Board President



by the numbers
Annual Report

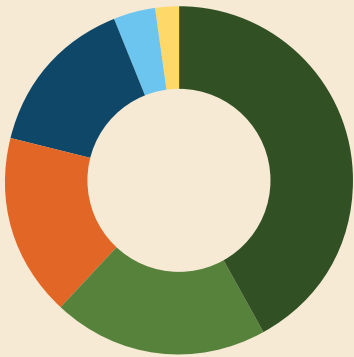
2025 Income



- Donations — 33%
- Guest Groups — 30%
- Summer Camp — 24%
- Flourish Nature Preschool — 5%
- Camp Sponsored Programs — 4.5%
- Miscellaneous — 3.5%

TOTAL — \$1,842,611

2025 Expenses



- Management/Ops — 42%
- Guest Services — 20%
- Facilities — 17%
- Program — 15%
- Flourish Nature Preschool — 4%
- Other — 2%

TOTAL — \$1,659,271

97% of parents agreed, “it is clear that camp had a **positive impact** on my child.”

How many campers?



- Elementary Campers — 156
- Middle School Campers — 198
- High School Campers — 183
- Preschool Day Campers — 23

She had a great time! We appreciate the structure, training of staff, inclusivity, variation/choice of activities, and Christ centeredness. She appreciated the outdoors, campfires and worship. Loved no electronics. From her perspective everything was great.
— Summer 2025 Parent

90

**Amazing
Volunteers**

9133

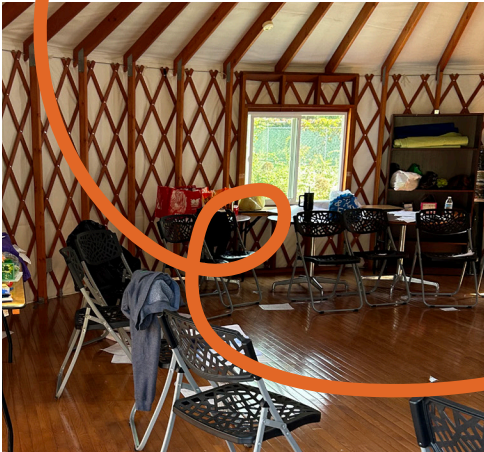
**Total Guest
Experiences**

51

**Flourish
Students**

What's next?

Remaining projects of the Marked for the Future capital campaign: new covered deck with access ramp on front of Dining Hall; meeting yurt; renovations to the gymnasium including floor, HVAC, post mats, climbing wall upgrade and paint; upgraded walkway to the Office entrance. Join the Great Yurt Build—May 29-31! Volunteers are needed—sign up online to be a part of this free and fun event.



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legacy be?**

Consider making a lasting impact by including Johnsonburg in your will and joining **The Cedars**—a community of supporters committed to sustaining this special place for generations to come.

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