



Scale of Commitments to Secure \$1,000,000

NUMBER OF GIFTS	GIFT RANGE	TOTAL GIFTS IN THIS CATEGORY
(MAY BE SPREAD OVER THREE YEAR PERIOD)		
1	\$75,000	\$75,000
3	\$50,000-74,999	\$175,000
5	\$25,000-49,999	\$180,000
10	\$10,000-24,999	\$180,000
25	\$5,000-9,999	\$180,000
40	\$1,000-4,999	\$120,000
75	\$500-999	\$56,000
100	\$100-499	\$30,000
100	\$1-99	\$4,000
359		\$1,000,000

Current plan is for this campaign to continue through District Conference 2024. We hope donors will consider making a three year commitments to be given in installments, thus making it possible to maximize their total gift.

As you plan your contributions, consider these ways of providing your support:

- By check
- By a one time or periodic electronic transfer from your bank account
- By transfer of appreciated securities (check with us about electronic transfer)
- By transfer of other appreciated assets
- By direct transfer from your Individual Retirement Account (for people 70% or older)
- By transfer from a donor advised fund
- By arrangements that pay you income but also leave a future gift
- By creative fundraising events in your local congregation, proceeds of which go to **Campfires for Tomorrow**
- By encouraging your local congregation to make a multi-year budget allocation to the campaign (for three years or perhaps indefinitely)

We are happy to consult with you on the tax nuances of options listed above or on general charitable gift planning options.

We anticipate that the camps will be able to utilize volunteer help in some of their construction projects. If you have building trades skills or can do general labor, we want to talk with you about how you can make that additional gift toward **Campfires for Tomorrow**.

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Or call the District Office (620) 241-4240 and leave a callback message for the camp campaign

What are the Plans?

Over a several year period the boards of Camp Mt. Hermon and Camp Colorado have developed a series of priorities that reflect both **stewardship** of camp resources and **sustainability** of their properties and their missions. Each has assessed facility strengths and challenges, explored what enhancements would make them more attractive to Brethren groups, explored investments that would make them more attractive to outside renters, and established priorities for improvements, including preliminary cost estimates.

The camps’ priorities have been tested through a feasibility study conducted with a representative sample of potential donors to the project. Interviewees in the study strongly supported the direction of the priorities reflected on the inside panels of this brochure, although admitting that the \$1 million target for these priorities is indeed a stretch goal. Whether we can bring the camps’ dreams and priorities to reality depends on whether enthusiasm and engagement of district membership and camp constituents matures into financial commitments to provide needed support.

To the left of this column is shown scale of giving that suggests how financial support could unfold. Please note that the gift ranges are campaign total amounts that could be spread out over a three year period. Below that is a list of the various ways interested donors can make their best gift. Total costs will vary depending on how much of the proposed work may be done by volunteers. This is an element that camp supporters may consider as one part of their contribution to the **Campfires for Tomorrow** campaign.



Crawling out of the bunk to head to morning watch, and to feel God’s love in the crisp mountain air . . . staying at campfire after the last notes have been sung, holding on to the feeling of worship and community that exists for this week only . . . hiking, sharing our talents, making new friends, renewing the old, Bible studies, worshipping in God’s beautiful outdoors . . .

Who can forget those church camp memories? And the camp cooks’ fare -- Mary Little’s homemade rolls and buns or Rosalie Ullom’s cinnamon rolls. Hazel Lauver’s pizza night or manager Darrel Jones’ biscuits and gravy for breakfast.

Whatever our generation, the church camp experience has touched us in many ways. Your Western Plains District Outdoor Ministries Team has been exploring how we may build on this heritage. The vision and dreams for enhancements to our two camps were profiled at The Gathering in 2019 with the intention of starting a financial campaign in 2020. Then came COVID, which effectively canceled the 2020 camping season and other activities for

a yet undetermined time. ***Our dreams may be delayed but they are not dropped!***

On the back page of this brochure is a summary of the work your camp boards have been doing to enhance tomorrow’s ministry. On the inside pages are more details that have been updated by each of the camps since 2019.

We hope you will join the excitement with the prospect of these camp enhancements. We now plan for campaign activity to be restarted in stages beginning late fall 2021 and continue for 2-3 years depending on how soon free travel and open gatherings seem advisable.

Watch for update information about this initiative and consider what your best level of support can be for **Campfires for Tomorrow**.

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# 1

## Growing and Enhancing Hospitality

### Camp Colorado

#### New multipurpose building:

- Sleeping quarters for small groups (ADA compliant)
- Office for camp directors/leaders
- Nurse's station and improved infirmary
- Public restrooms near the Lodge (ADA compliant)
- Laundry facilities
- Station for water bottle filling, drinking fountain, and hand washing near the Lodge
- Camp Store
- Meeting Rooms

### Camp Mt. Hermon

- Upgrades to ADA standards:
- Access to dining hall
- Public restrooms in dining hall

#### Updates for current cabins:

- New adult beds
- Ceiling fans & air conditioning
- New windows, insulation, level & seal floors

#### One or two new cabins if funding permits:

- New larger beds
- Air conditioning
- Restrooms in cabin
- Kitchenette

# 2

## Improving Energy Efficiency and Infrastructure

### Camp Colorado

- New water well
- Solar power for at least one building (e.g., Rec Hall)
- Manager's cabin remodel
- Dedicated office for Camp Manager
- New windows
- Remodel bathroom



### Camp Mt. Hermon

- Camp-wide electrical infrastructure up to code
- Major upgrade of bath house (redesign of showers, sinks, dressing areas, stools, floors, windows/doors with ADA accessibility)
- New stove in kitchen; insulation in dining hall
- Medical/AED
- Solar power for selected locations

# 3

## Improving/Expanding Capacity and Amenities

### Camp Colorado

- Upgrade kitchen
- Improvements to Rec Hall
- Two basketball courts
- Disc golf course (meets PDGA standards)

### Camp Mt. Hermon

- Updates/upgrades in RV Park
- Recreation options
- disc golf course
- archery equipment
- walking & nature trails
- art supplies and equipment



# Campfires for Tomorrow:

ROOTED IN FAITH, GROWING TO SERVE



# 1890

Colorado Brethren held "outings" for youth as early as 1890's, but as a formalized denominational movement, the outdoor ministries idea developed in a series of youth conferences 1916-1925.



The first Church of the Brethren camp was Camp Harmony, Western Pennsylvania, 1923. By the end of the 1920's there were Brethren camps in Virginia (Bethel), Idaho (Stover), California (LaVerne), and Indiana (Mack).

In the 1930's the denominational Board of Religious Education sponsored "the Four Horsemen" to tour the country providing leadership for camps. Pictured to the left are three of the four – Chauncey Shamberger, Dan West, and Alvin Brightbill, along with *Messenger* editor Edward Frantz.



In Northeast Kansas, Raymond Flory and Hylton Harman held youth camps beginning in 1944, and negotiated purchase of Mt. Hermon in 1946.

Camp Colorado was acquired in 1950-51 through the work of a committee headed by Elvin Frantz.

Merging of Kansas, Nebraska, and Colorado districts in the 1960's sadly led to parting with Camp Schwarzenau in Nebraska but the retention of Mt. Hermon and Camp Colorado at opposite ends of the new district.

# 2021

For 75 years campers have experienced faith formation and spiritual discovery in the great outdoors of the plains districts' camps.

The challenges of dealing with aging structures at our two camps and the excitement and evolving expectations of next generations of campers leads to a new vision for outdoor ministry in the Western Plains.