

# Camp Allendale

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# Merry Christmas

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## Memorial Gifts August 7, 2024 to December 15, 2024

### IN MEMORY OF **Barbara L Mitchell**

Community Church of Greenwood  
Alexandra Guzik  
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Glen & Terrie Ferguson  
Mutual Savings  
Nancy Gilliland  
Jean Childs  
Scott & Michelle Graham  
John & Sheila Heidenreich  
Paul & Cheryl Christen  
Bruce & Kimberley Mitchell  
Jerry & Mary Jane Rose

### IN MEMORY OF **John Dingman**

Bill & Mary Duke

### IN MEMORY OF **Judy A Lanham**

David Mark Lanham

### IN MEMORY OF **Tom Lewellyn**

Margaret Lewellyn

### IN MEMORY OF **Travis Bullock**

Carol Bullock

## Needs List

We had an incredible year fulfilling items from our needs list! From chainsaws and security cameras to canoes and sandbox toys—each item, no matter how small, makes a big impact on the experience of our campers and guests at Camp Allendale.

Here's a look at what we checked off our list this year.

- ✓ **Chainsaw**
- ✓ **8x Blink security cameras**
- ✓ **New sandbox toys**
- ✓ **4x New 60" round tables**

If you'd like to help us accomplish even more goals, here are our needs going into 2025:

**Lake "blob" bladder**  
\$2,100

**2x staff kayaks**  
\$800 EACH

**4x canoes**  
\$800 EACH

**Disc Golf discs**  
\$40 EACH



## Zipline Update

In the Old Testament, God repeatedly commands Joshua to "Be strong and courageous." He says, "Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." These words echo deeply in the heart of Camp Allendale and resonate in the lives of campers and retreat guests every year.

Our "Leap of Faith" zipline has embodied this message for over two decades, helping thousands of participants overcome fears, build confidence, and experience what it means to trust in the Lord's presence. From the exhilarating leap off the platform to the wind rushing through the treetops, this zipline has become an iconic and transformative part of the Allendale experience.

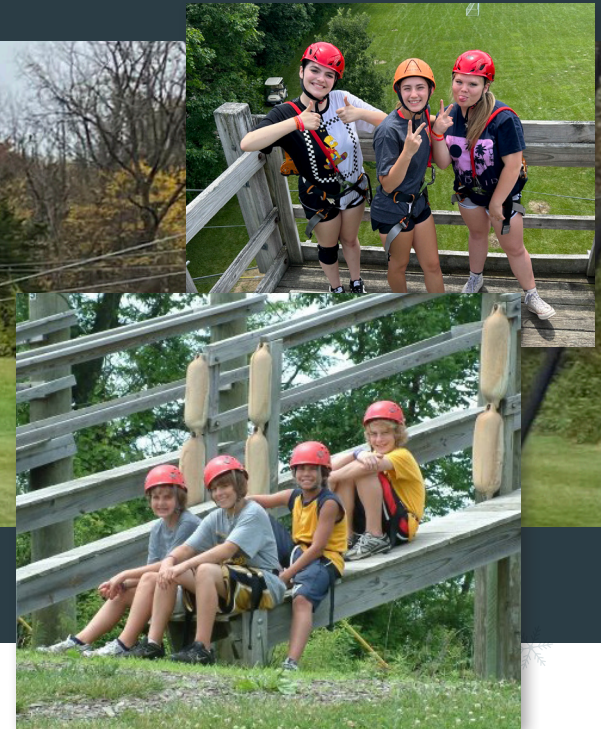
However, with age comes the need for renewal. Installed in 2002, the zipline's structure shows 22 years of service. During a recent inspection, our technician noted critical areas requiring attention to keep this experience safe and accessible. Without significant renovations, we cannot operate the zipline for the 2025 camping season. The cost of repairs and modifications is estimated at \$75,000. This includes replacing the staircase leading to the top deck, renovating the platform where countless campers have been "strong and courageous," and making other necessary updates. These repairs will preserve the zipline and expand its accessibility, enabling younger riders to join in the adventure for years to come.

Over the past three years, our "Refresh, Renew, Restore" capital campaign has focused on updating Camp Allendale's facilities to better serve our mission. Thanks to the generous support of 194 families and individuals,

we've invested \$377,000 in improvements, including new carpet, paint, beds, windows, and the replacement of the east Dining Hall deck. The zipline is the final project in this campaign, and completing it would be a significant milestone. We've already raised nearly \$30,000 for this project, and now we invite you to help us close the gap. Your contribution—whether as a group or individual—would allow us to restore and enhance this beloved feature, ensuring future generations can continue to conquer their fears and grow in faith at Camp Allendale.

As you consider this opportunity, we are reminded that the Lord is with us wherever we go, including as we embark on this restoration project. If giving isn't possible right now, please know we sincerely appreciate your past support, which has helped us provide a unique environment for people to engage the living God.

If you'd like to learn more or discuss the zipline project, please contact Max at the Camp Office. I would be delighted to answer your questions or help you book your next retreat at Allendale. Together, let's keep creating a space where people can leap into faith, courage, and God's unchanging presence.



# Warm Winter Greetings

from the Camp Allendale staff



From my family to yours, I want to wish you a joyful and blessed Christmas season. As we reflect on the year, I want to share gratitude from the full-time Camp Allendale staff. As 2024 comes to a close, I'm incredibly thankful for your unwavering support and involvement in this unique ministry. This year brought many changes for my family, including the incredible blessing of welcoming our third child, Calvin Aper, in November. Kellie and I couldn't be more excited, and I hope you'll have the chance to meet him here at camp someday soon. Thank you for being integral to what God is doing at Camp Allendale. Your partnership means the world to us, and we look forward to what God has in store for 2025!

*- Max Aper* EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



As I reflect on 2024, it's been a year full of adventure and unforgettable moments. One of the highlights was exploring the stunning landscapes of Canada, hiking through the woods, and simply soaking in the breathtaking views. I also had an exhilarating experience ziplining over the awe-inspiring Niagara Falls, feeling the rush of adrenaline as the mist of the falls hit my face. This year, I took a step of faith by beginning a micro-church with a small group, and it has been a fulfilling season of growth and community. To top it all off, I was overjoyed to add a niece to the Aunt Marley gang. As I look towards 2025, I'm filled with gratitude for the blessings of 2024 and excitement for what's to come—wishing you all peace, love, and laughter this holiday season!

*- Marley Butler* GUEST SERVICES DIRECTOR



As I look back at 2024, I have been truly blessed with my family and to serve another year as the Bookkeeper at Camp Allendale. My husband and I celebrated 32 years of marriage with several camping trips throughout spring and fall. We took a trip to Florida in January with our oldest son, Jacob, my daughter-in-law, Jessi, and our 18-month-old granddaughter, Addi. Then, in March, we were back in Florida with our youngest son, Jarred, daughter-in-law Courtney, and our 6-year-old grandson, Colton.

As I look to 2025, we anticipate the birth of our third grandchild in June and many more family adventures. With lots of changes at camp over the last year, I look forward to a great camp season this summer. God will bless me no matter what comes my way, as he always does. Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday and blessings for a great 2025!

*- Coreliss Graves* BOOKKEEPER & OFFICE MANAGER



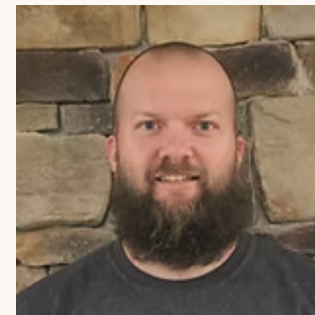
It's hard to believe that 23 years ago, Meredith and I moved here from Illinois, and we could never have imagined how God would bless us in this wonderful place! Our oldest daughter, Hannah, was married this past September at camp, and she is in her junior year at Ozark Christian College. Our middle daughter Alli went to West Africa this summer to be a nanny for some families serving with Pioneer Bible Translators, and she is back in Missouri in her second year of college. Our youngest daughter, Carrie, is finishing her senior year of high school and plans to serve as a program staff member at Allendale for her fourth year this summer. We look forward to having them all home for Christmas!

*- Mike Proctor* MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR



Hillside Dining has gone through some significant improvements this past year. These changes have helped serve meals to campers and retreat guests. A brand new walk in cooler and freezer that were installed with interior access doors but are located outside the building. This arrangement affords the camp an enormous walk-in freezer and more floor space in the bakery and store room. Many thanks to those who made these upgrades possible.

*- Linda Rice* FOOD SERVICE MANAGER



In June, I completed my 11th year of service at Camp Allendale. When I look at the past year and what God has taught me, it's a little overwhelming. 2024 started with its challenges as I tried to help my siblings comfort and guide my mother through her new normal after the unexpected death of my father at the end of Dec 2023. My wife, Amber, and I were still in our first year as first-time parents. Our beautiful daughter turned one at the end of April. God has taught me time and time again this year how much I need Him and the community he has put around me. As we approach 2025, I'm not only excited to see how God will move in my life, but I also can't wait to see how God will move through the Allendale community's lives to show Christ's unmeasurable love.

*- Paul Burton* FACILITY COORDINATOR

