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# THE DOCK

Cedar Lake Ministries' Quarterly Newsletter



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## DIRECTOR'S UPDATE



We had a great summer with numerous young campers creating unforgettable memories. However, attendance at program events and guest groups utilizing our facilities for their events has been low. We have started making progress in completing necessary repairs, but there is still much more to be done.

The relationships we have with the residents are exceptional, and they often volunteer in various roles throughout the camp. It is rare to find a community as close-knit as the one here at Cedar Lake Ministries. If we, as the ministry staff and the resident community, continue to live in harmony and reflect the light of our Creator, Cedar Lake Ministries can once again be a beacon of spiritual guidance on Cedar Lake. I am confident that we are moving in the right direction.

It is a pleasure serving with everyone on these hallowed grounds. – Mike

## TOP 10 NEEDS

# DONORS & VOLUNTEERS

We have been fortunate this year due to the great generosity of our donors, who have supported several vital projects at our camp.

One such project involved the replacement of two decks on Hickory Lodging, which our residents recognized as a necessary improvement. Moreover, our donors have helped fund crucial repairs on the camp's roads, and we are currently reviewing bids to complete this work. As a ministry, we are also delighted to have witnessed a significant increase in volunteers, who are invaluable to us. Without the support of our donors and volunteers, we would be unable to accomplish our mission, and we express our deepest gratitude to them for all the blessings they have bestowed upon this ministry.

Pickleball Set - \$90

Archery Targets - \$482

Mattress Covers - \$3,000

Campfire Skewers - \$200

New Carpet Runners - \$560

Plumbing Fixes in Oaks - \$5,000

Epi Pen for Nurse's Station - \$350

Golf Cart for Guest Services - \$6,000

Acoustic Panels for Rec Room - \$600

Heating and A/C Units (PTAC Units) for Cedars 1-5 - \$5,000



**MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE  
- VOLUNTEER  
AT CLM!**

## WHAT'S THE IMPACT?

Investing in CLM results in changed lives and Kingdom impact! Here's what just a few parents of campers had to say:

- "Amazing Bible teaching ministry that I trust to protect my kids and educate them in the Truth. Super fun - my kids' favorite summer memories!"
- "CLM is amazing! Faith and friendship are critical in child development and this is a way where children can grow in their faith with God and make friends. Amazing counselors and the activities keep kids engaged and make it fun!"



# SUMMER 2023 REFLECTION

Wow, what a whirlwind of a summer – we saw God do some amazing things this year. From the friendships formed, to the laughter shared, to the lives changed by hearing the Gospel; God was at work in so many ways. We had the privilege of seeing 7 teen campers choose to be baptized in front of their parents and their peers – it was a beautiful thing!

This year, we started up our Leaders in Training (LIT) program where kids who have aged out of Day Camp could come volunteer for a week at a time and learn what it means to be a servant leader. They worked under the direction of Emma, our new program coordinator, who also led them through a Bible study each day they were here. We're looking forward to seeing this program grow throughout the years! Who knows - maybe your camper will one day be an LIT!

To top it off, we had a great staff this summer - If you were present for any of our ending ceremonies, you could hear them sing a blessing over all the campers for the week. It gave me the Holy Spirit goosebumps every week!

We are looking forward to next summer as we continue to share God's truth with the next generation.



## SUMMER BY THE NUMBERS



**7 campers  
baptized**



**459 campers  
ministered to**



**almost 4000  
guests hosted**



## WHY ATTEND A RETREAT?

Peaceful – that's the word most often used to describe the grounds of Cedar Lake Ministries. Our mission is to provide an environment for evangelism and spiritual growth. One of the ways that we accomplish that mission is through our weekend retreats and events throughout the year. Spending a

weekend at Cedar Lake Ministries allows you to slow down, connect with fellow believers, and allow God to push the "refresh button" on your spiritual life. We would love to have you join us for a weekend or two throughout the year and bring a friend! We promise, you won't regret it.

# UPCOMING WAYS TO ENGAGE



## COTTAGES

- Cottage 5 – For Sale, \$66,000
- Cottage 6 – For Sale, \$229,000
- Cottage 2 – For Sale, \$99,900



## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Our growing ministry team and staff transitions
- Growth and refreshing of guests who came to Man Camp and will be attending Fall Ladies' Retreat
- Developing deeper relationships with new and returning donors
- Our maintenance team, especially the recovery of a team member from hip surgery

More information, including ticket pricing and purchasing, is available on our website, [cedarlakeministries.org](http://cedarlakeministries.org).

## MAKE AN IMPACT

We invite you to prayerfully consider being a part of the work of Cedar Lake Ministries through giving. Our Make an Impact partnership is a simple, hassle-free method that allows you to support the ministry and its life-changing work on a monthly basis. You can opt for automatic transfers from your bank account or credit card for easy management of your contribution. Even \$10 a month makes a big difference. Your giving correlates to direct influence on hearts and lives as campers and guests of all ages are enabled to encounter their Savior – a true Kingdom impact!

