

# CAMP SMOKY

CHRISTIAN RETREAT CENTER

Dear Friends,

Imagine a place where lives are transformed, where laughter echoes through the trees, and where hearts are drawn closer to Christ. That's Camp Smoky—a ministry that has been a beacon of hope, a place of renewal, and a source of joy for countless people in our community.

Every summer, children experience the love of Jesus for the first time. Families find rest and restoration. Churches grow closer together in their mission to serve. And yet, the potential for Camp Smoky is far greater than what we've already seen. To give you some perspective: we have served over 52,700 people over the last decade and we've seen 577 salvations, 109 baptisms, 549 rededications, and 44 called to ministry since 2016.

We believe that with your partnership, we can create a space that not only serves this generation but also sets the stage for decades of life-changing ministry. From updated facilities that provide comfort and safety to spaces that inspire connection and growth, these improvements are not just about buildings—they're about the people who walk through our doors.

Camp Smoky has always been more than just a camp. It's a place where memories are made, relationships are strengthened, and God's presence is felt. But none of this is possible without the love, prayers, and generosity of people like you.

## Dream with us!

We are excited about the potential to make Camp Smoky even more impactful for our community! Below are the improvements and needs we are working toward. Your support—whether through donations, sponsorships, or volunteering—will help turn these dreams into a reality.

#### **Facilities & Comfort Enhancements**

- Trim Work & Bathroom Repairs: Complete trim work, fix bathroom tiles, add wall paneling, replace toilets, and install additional electrical outlets in various rooms around campus (*Estimated \$2,500*)
- Weather Stripping: Improve door insulation with weather stripping around campus (*Estimated \$250*)
- New Furnishings:
  - Mattresses, mattress covers, pillows, and area rugs (Estimated \$2,000)
  - Updated washer and dryer units (*Estimated \$4,000*)
  - New couches and ceiling fans for common areas (*Estimated \$2,000*)
  - Countertops and drawers for the Atchley building (Estimated \$5,000)
  - Mini fridges (6 single rooms) (Estimated \$1,100)
- Floor Buffer: A tool for maintaining clean and polished floors (Estimated \$2,500)
- Amphitheater: Transform a vacant space into a vibrant venue for concerts, revivals, and conferences, creating a hub where communities can gather and be inspired (*Estimated* \$75,000)
- New Camp Store: (Estimated \$3,000 \$6,000)
  - Shelving and décor for a welcoming shopping space
  - A register and counter for transactions
  - Items to sale (*Estimated* \$3,500)
- **Glamping Tents:** Luxury canvas tents equipped with comfortable bedding and furnishings to provide a unique and upscale camping experience (*Estimated \$3,000 per unit*)
- **On-Site Food Trucks or Café:** Mobile food options or a small café offering local delicacies, providing convenient and exciting dining experiences for campers *(Estimated \$1,000 per month Summer only)*

#### Lawn & Maintenance Equipment

- Additional tools for lawn care such as mowers, weed eaters, blowers, etc. (Estimated \$5,000)
- A pressure washer for deep cleaning (*Estimated* \$750)

## **Recreational Spaces & Equipment**

- Hiking Trails: Expand and enhance well-marked trails for guests to explore the beauty of the Smoky Mountains (*Estimated \$1,200*)
- Archery Equipment: Replace worn-out gear (Estimated \$1,500)
- Game Supplies: Purchase new game balls for group activities (Estimated \$200)
- **Pool Improvements:** Install a large pavilion cover and upgrade to a heated pool for year-round use (*Estimated \$34,000*)
- New Game Room Equipment: Foosball table, Ping Pong table, Air Hockey, etc. (Estimated \$800)
- **Outdoor Movie Nights:** A designated area with a large screen and projector for hosting movie nights under the stars, creating memorable evening activities for campers (*Estimated \$4,500*)
- Update Disc Golf Course: Repaint, repair, & add new signage to our disc golf course, including clearing out the trails (*Estimated \$1,000*)

## Technology & Operational Support

- Office Needs: A new printer/copier for administrative efficiency (Estimated \$300)
- Solar Panels: Help reduce our electric bills and promote sustainability (Estimated \$30,000)
- Emergency Preparedness: Add at least 2 AED machines to ensure camper safety (Estimated \$3,200)
- LED Lighting: Update the lighting around campus with LED bulbs & fixtures (Estimated \$2,000)

## **Aesthetic Updates**

- Landscaping: Beautify campus areas with fresh mulch, flowers, and greenery (*Estimated \$3,000*)
- **Signage:** Update directional and informational signs across the grounds (*Estimated \$2,500*)
- **Room Décor:** Add wall decorations to enhance the ambiance of rooms and common spaces (*Estimated \$1,200*)
- **Staff Shirts:** Provide shirts for staff and stock a variety of sizes for purchase in the camp store (*Estimated \$2,500*)

## **Kitchen Upgrades**

- **Dining Essentials:** Replace and update silverware, plates, cups, pots, pans, and coffee machines (*Estimated \$2,500*)
- **Commercial Dishwasher:** Replace commercial dishwasher (*Estimated* \$7,600)

## **Educational Programs**

- Astronomy Nights: Stargazing events with telescopes and guides to educate guests about the night sky and enhance their appreciation of nature & the cosmos (Estimated \$1,250)
- Environmental Workshops: Programs focused on sustainability and conservation, encouraging eco-friendly practices and inspiring guests to care for God's creation (Estimated \$1,500)

#### **Infrastructure Improvements**

- **Primitive Campsites:** Build simple, primitive campsites around our campus; about 24 sites (*Estimated \$7,500*)
- New Sign: And updated sign at the entrance with new logo & light fixtures (*Estimated \$2,000*)
- Harris Building Remodel: Completely gut & remodel the Harris building to become our third lodging space, handicap accessible (*Estimated \$250,000*)

#### **Community Engagement**

- Scholarships: Sponsor local children to attend summer camp, creating life-changing experiences (\$200 per child)
- **Promotional Needs:** Support advertising efforts tax-deductible donations (*Estimated \$1,800*)

#### **Future Funds**

• Endowment Fund: Establish an emergency fund to ensure the future of Camp Smoky. We'd love to name it in honor of someone special in our community (Estimated \$10,000 - \$25,000)

**Ephesians 3:20-21** says, "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen."

**Proverbs 11:25** says, "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." We stand at the threshold of something incredible, and we're inviting you to be part of this journey. Every donation, every sponsorship, every prayer moves us closer to a vision of a camp that welcomes all with open arms and provides a sanctuary where lives are changed forever.

Whether it's providing scholarships for children to experience the wonder of camp, helping to create a safe and welcoming space for all who visit, or investing in the future through an endowment fund, your partnership will have a ripple effect far beyond anything we can dream.

Imagine the joy of knowing that your generosity helped a child hear about Jesus for the first time, gave a family a place to reconnect, or allowed a church to grow stronger in its mission. That's the impact of your support for Camp Smoky.

We can't do this without you. Together, we can take this ministry to new heights and ensure that Camp Smoky continues to shine as a light in our community for years to come. Thank you for considering how you might be a part of this vision. Your gift matters, your prayer makes a difference, and we are grateful beyond words for your partnership in this life-changing endeavor.

With hope and gratitude,

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