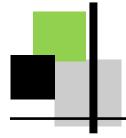
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## PINE SPRINGS CAMP



# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

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#### "TOGETHER" EPHESIANS 3:23





### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The 2020 Summer will be my 14th summer of serving as the Executive Director of Pine Springs Camp. I continue to discover more rich and beautiful details of the history of camp. I love reading all about the "camp saints" who played a vital role in the establishment of the ministry. That first summer of camp in 1948 was the result of churches and individuals coming together around the shared vision of providing a place where young people could grow in their relationship with Christ.



Reading through a historical document about camp is a reminder that the ministry was in fact built on the dreams, vision, and hard work of all these saints working together. The document states on October 12, 1947, that "20,000 Presbyterians in the Presbytery marked the opening of the fund drive to build camp. Dinners were held throughout the area to promote the vision and raise money for the eventual opening of camp one year later.. An estimated 500 people attended the dedication of camp which consisted of 21 cabins, and a 50' X 80' assembly kitchen and dining hall. Since a modern swimming pool was still in the future, a small and muddy swimming hole was built as well as a baseball diamond!" Through their efforts the first summer of camp became a reality in 1948 as 173 campers and about 30 leaders used the camp that first summer!



In Ephesians, Paul expresses his appreciation for the believers. His desire was that together they would understand how wide, long, high and deep is the love of Christ. Since 1948 Pine Springs Camp has been a ministry "of saints",-the current ones and the ones who have gone before. All have proclaimed the immeasurable love of Christ through this camping ministry.

Each year I am inspired by the number of people and churches that are in partnership with us. In 2019 we had over 380 individuals, churches, and foundations give financially. This past summer 45 Volunteer Weekly Directors and 12 Nurses unselfishly served our summer campers. In addition, over 50 people showed up on our annual Redd Up Camp Work Day and various work groups provided hours of needed skilled labor. All of this

highlights that this ministry is done "together with all the saints."

I am grateful for those who gave financially, volunteered, or prayed for Pine Springs this past year. Our current partners, along with those who laid the foundation of the camp, make Pine Springs what it is today. It is with great anticipation that I say, Let's see together what God will do in 2020!



## ONGOING IMPACT OF THE FAITH FOR THE FUTURE CAMPAIGN





We praise God for the success of the Faith for the Future Campaign for Pine Springs Camp and are thankful for each person and church who gave to the campaign and blessed this ministry. The Faith for the Future Campaign was a success because it was done "together with all the saints of faith," those who value this ministry and desire for campers to encounter Jesus Christ in a life-changing way that leads to a lifetime commitment to follow him!

We continue to see the effects of the Campaign and will be able to improve our camping ministry in 2020 with the remaining pledges that will be fulfilled. Here are just some of the things that we were able to do this summer with funding provided through the Faith for the Future Campaign.

- A Renovated Climbing Tower, Zip-lines, and High Ropes Challenge Course
- New Signage Across Camp
- Additional improvements to Polaris Village, the designated cabin area for our summer volunteers







## FAITH FOR THE FUTURE GIVING SUMMARY AS OF 12/31/2019

| Number | Group                        | Amount      |  |
|--------|------------------------------|-------------|--|
| 235    | Individuals                  | \$1,588,345 |  |
| 51     | Churches/Church Groups       | 316,126     |  |
| 2      | Foundations                  | 40,000      |  |
|        | Total Pledged                | \$1,944,471 |  |
|        | Total Received YTD           | 1,876,843   |  |
|        | Remaining Pledges to Receive | \$67,628    |  |



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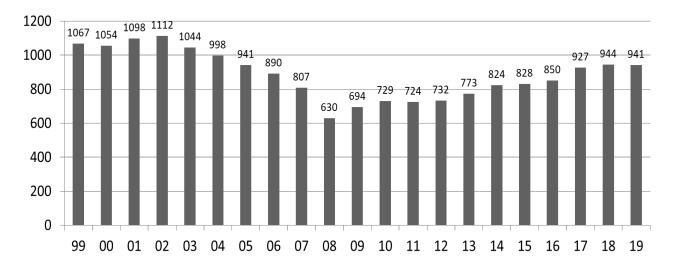
## SUMMER CAMP 2019 REVIEW



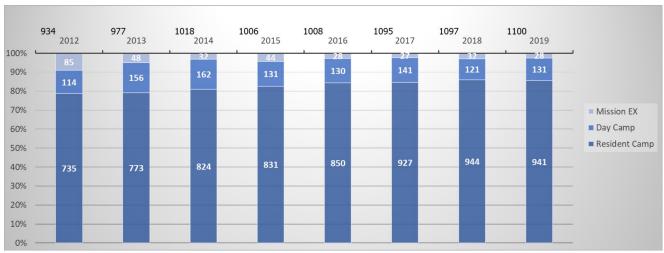
This summer Pine Springs Camp registered 941 campers in our residential (overnight) camping program. We will continue striving to draw even more campers to fill our cabins to capacity. When we add all of our summer campers, residential overnight camp, our growing Day Camp, and our Middle School Service Camp, Mission EX, we provided 1100 campers with an opportunity to grow in their faith. This represents the most campers served during the summer since 2002. Our goal next year is to have 1000 overnight campers!

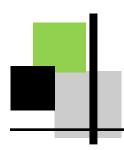
Our summer theme was WIPEOUT, reminded us that the most important part of Pine Springs is that campers get to hear, study, and see Jesus Christ forgives our sin. Our theme focused on forgiveness, and we were able to communicate the grace, mercy, and love of God in meaningful ways.

#### SUMMER CAMP OVERNIGHT CAMPERS 1999-2019



#### **TOTAL CAMPERS WITH ALL SUMMER PROGRAMS IN 2019**





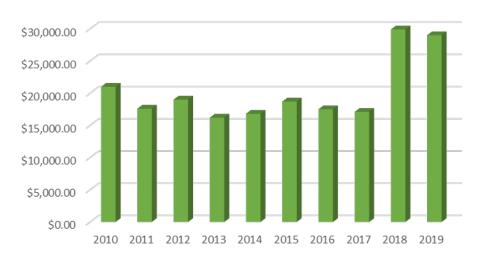
## YEAR-ROUND RETREATS-A PLACE TO GROW



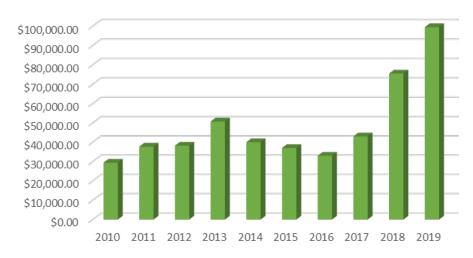
We have seen the retreat ministry of Pine Springs Camp grow significantly over the last two years. We are getting more and more interest from churches and other groups wanting to use our retreat facilities. The Refuge has been a blessing for all of our own annual retreats as well. The winterized Refuge, along with the warm and cozy, heated Creekside cabins, provides plenty of lodging and meeting space regardless of the weather!

We are thankful that the Refuge has enabled us to expand our retreat capabilities in so many ways. We have seen a significant increase in revenue in both our PSC Run Retreats and our Rental Group Usage. This is a direct result of the Faith for the Future Campaign as the Refuge was built and we winterized our Creekside Cabins, enabling us to increase our bed capacity during the winter months.

#### PSC Run Retreats Revenue 2010-2019



#### Retreat Group Revenue 2010-2019





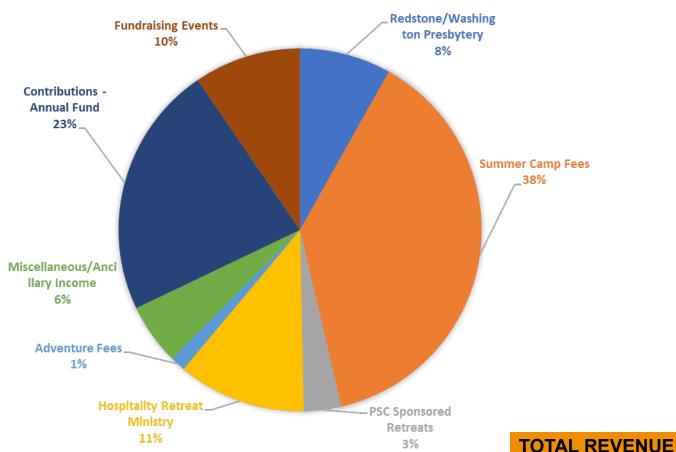


## **OUR REVENUE STREAMS**

Increases in Summer Camp and Retreat Group Revenue and a healthy donor base giving to our WellSpring Annual Fund allowed us to meet many of our financial goals. We were able to make improvements to camp property, buy a newer van, and make many other improvements as well.

As you can see from the graph below, Pine Springs Camp has various revenue sources. Summer Camp Fees constitute about 40% of all revenue. The remaining 60% has to be made up through other sources. The main revenue generators are Retreat Group rental fees and our annual fundraising events: (Scholarship Golf Outing, the Friends Dinner, and our inaugural Sporting Clay Event). Almost 25% of our total revenue was given through donations to camp. We are so very blessed to have others who believe in the important work of camp. It is vital to have a strong donor base so that we can meet our ministry goals.

#### **PSC REVENUE STREAMS**



\*Summer Camp Fee % reflects amount after \$24,500 in scholarships were awarded.

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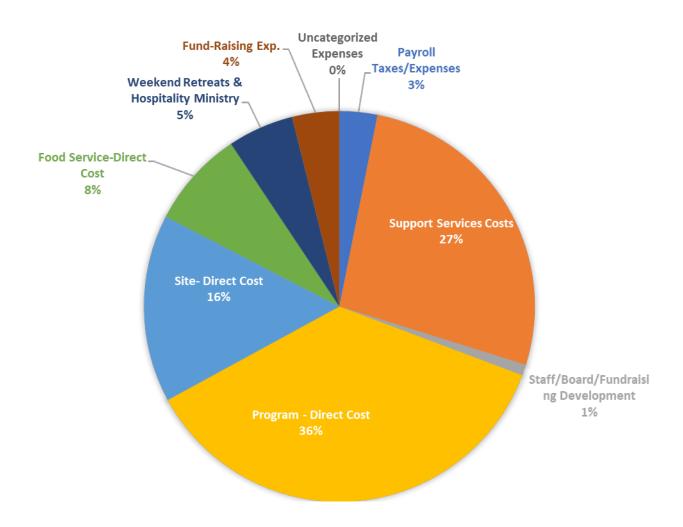




As camp has grown so too has the expense of running it! As you can imagine, it costs a lot to operate a camp, and every year utilities increase, food costs increase, vehicles need service, and buildings need attention.

We are grateful for God's provision and are determined to continue to strive to be good stewards of our program, property, and personnel.

#### **2019 EXPENSE BREAKDOWN**



\* 0%= Less than \$4,000

**TOTAL EXPENSES** \$844,321.28

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## OUR EVENT FUNDRAISERS-CELEBRATIONS OF GOD'S GOODNESS

Every fundraising event that we sponsor is a continued reminder of the blessing of having so many individuals give their time, talent, and treasure to the ministry of Pine Springs Camp. This year there was incredible support as both our Golf Outing and Our Annual Friends Dinner. Both events significantly exceeded past revenue!

These events are a celebration and allow us to give scholarships to everyone who has a need and both events spread the word about Pine Springs Camp. There are many individuals who volunteer to organize, plan, and give their time to insure the success of these events. Many churches and individuals support these events, which become a very important part of our ministry and meeting our program and financial goals.

#### 2019 GOLF OUTING

The 2019 Pine Springs Camp Scholarship Golf Outing raised over \$24,000, which was the most ever in the 19 years of having this event. There were twenty-five foursomes participated and our Silent Auction raised close to \$8,000.

This event has become a tradition for many, and the effects have been felt by thousands of campers and families. It allows us to never turn away a camper due to finances. Please mark you calendars for Monday, May 18, 2020, for the **20 Year Anniversary of this event!** 



#### **2019 FRIENDS DINNER**

What a wonderful evening at the Fred Rogers Center at St. Vincent College. We hosted 31 tables, almost 250 guests, which happens to be the largest event ever! The evening was a celebration of what God is doing at camp, and we raised close to \$25,000 for the general operating budget. We recognized the 25 -year partnership with the McFeely-Rogers Foundation. What a generous friend and neighbor the foundation has been to Pine

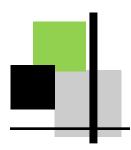


Springs. We Honored the Legacy Work Crew from Canonsburg United Presbyterian Church. This group of men are third generation volunteers who have poured thousands of hours into the building and grounds at Pine Springs for over 35 years!

#### 2019 SPORTING CLAYS FOR PSC

Our First Annual Sporting Clays was a tremendous success. Held at the beautiful Sporting Clays at 7-Springs Resort, 31 participants enjoyed a day of shooting clays, fellowship, and a great luncheon BBQ. We are thankful that the event raised over \$5000 for Pine Springs Camp. Special thanks to Ryan Hauser and Justin Shaffer, our event organizers. We received some very positive feedback and will be planning our 2nd Annual Sporting Clays Event in the Fall of 2020!





## A PINE SPRINGS STORY-



#### AN INDIVIDUAL, A FAMILY AND A CHURCH BY ROBIN TOOPS



Robin, Jeff, Max and Seth

My childhood Christian camp was NOT Pine Springs Camp.....I grew up in lowa from the age of 10 through to a time after my college graduation. I give credit to Camp Lookout on the banks of the Mississippi for showing me what it looks like to worship God and how to love worshiping Him....in nature. That feeling is what brought me to Pine Springs Camp. I was invited by church friends about twelve years ago to a "work weekend" over Labor Day, so I brought my two young sons, Max and Seth, to see why my friends loved this camp so much. That same old feeling came upon me as soon as the boys and I started to explore. I quickly knew that God was going to make this place special to my family and me.

It wasn't until I became a VWD that I TRULY was able to experience what is so much more important than the beautiful mountaintop location: that God is in the counselors, the campers, and people who work at Pine Springs Camp. I am able to feel and see that God's love flows through

everyone at camp! Even though our hope is that <u>campers</u> have "a vital encounter with Jesus," it's true that so many of us who have camp relationships end up being blessed with our own vital encounters.

I'm one of the Youth Leaders for my church, 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church of Irwin, and we also help support around 30 campers, counselors, and volunteers every summer. In addition to summer camp, many of our kids from 1<sup>st</sup> Presby go to the Fusion Retreat every fall. My sons have been campers, a Day Camp counselor, a PSPN praise band guitarist, Work Day workers. I serve on the Board, am a VWD every summer, and I've been on so many committees, I can't remember them all! *My church and my family believe in the ministry of Pine Springs Camp because the ministry spreads God's love.* The words of one of my old lowa camp songs says: "That's how it is with God's love, once you've experienced it: you spread His love to everyone... you want to pass it on." Pine Springs Camp passes it on.



Irwin youth at their church!



Irwin youth at their camp!





## UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2020

### PINE SPRINGS CAMP STAFF ALUMNI HOMECOMING-SATURDAY MAY 30

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 30, 2020, for a Homecoming of those who served on Summer Staff at Pine Springs Camp. Come celebrate the friendships, memories, and transformational experiences you enjoyed while on staff at PSC.

More details will be coming. Tentatively the schedule will be Saturday, May 30 from 10:00 am-7:00 pm. There will be a full day of activities for families, and there will be limited overnight accommodations



available. Please spread the word! We need to get the word out to as many staff as possible. Be looking for further details on social media and our website at www.pinesprings.org.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS 2020**

February 14-16-Remix-Middle and High School Retreat-

March 27-29 – Women In the Woods

April 17-19-Catalyst Men's and Women's Backpacking Trip (Separate Trips)

May 9- Redd Up Camp Work Day

May 18–20th Annual Scholarship Golf Outing-Latrobe Country Club

May 30 – Staff Alumni Homecoming

June 14– First Day of Summer Camp 2020

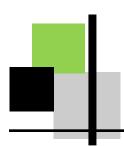
August 12- Last Day of Camp

September 26-27 – Fusion Retreat-4th-6th Grade

October 2-3 – Women in the Woods

October 23-25 – The BIGOne – Middle and High School Retreat

November 22 – Friends Dinner at St. Vincent College



## MOVING FORWARD



#### STRATEGIC PLANNING MOVING TO THE NEXT PHASE

The beginning of the Faith for the Future Campaign was the PSC Strategic Plan which was initiated in 2011. It is important to continue evaluating, assessing and changing our Strategic Plan as our ministry, demographics, and culture changes. Strategic Planning is key to providing inspiration, direction, and vision to an organization.

The Board of Directors is committed to the ongoing process of Strategic Planning. We intend to have a revamped Strategic Plan by the Fall of 2020.



#### LEAVING A LEGACY AT PINE SPRINGS CAMP

Gifts that are made after a person's death are generically known as "estate gifts". Most often these come in the forms of gifts that are made by a provision in an individual's will. They can also occur as a result of the designation of a beneficiary on a bank account, a retirement plan, or an insurance policy.

Please consider a gift to Pine Springs Camp as you plan your estate. Gifts made to Pine Springs Camp avoid the Pennsylvania Inheritance Tax. Charitable gifts also have the potential to reduce the size of the estate that may be subject to Federal Estate Tax. Gifts of retirement plan assets to Pine Springs Camp may provide additional tax benefits as such assets are often subject to Federal income tax as well. There are many planning tools available.

Please contact your financial planner or call us. We can connect you with our Certified Financial Planner to guide you through the process. Contact Greg Davis at the Pine Springs Camp office at 814-629-9834 for more information.





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## OUR 2019 PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

We give thanks to our God for faithful partners in ministry. It is their support that makes it possible for campers of all ages, backgrounds, and experiences to have a vital encounter with Christ during their experience at Pine Springs Camp.

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