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Green & Grey Gratitude

THE MERRIE-WOODE FOUNDATION, INC. ANNUAL REPORT

Our Mission

Merrie-Woode is a sanctuary of rarest beauty which inspires a lasting awareness of God's presence. The Mission of Camp Merrie-Woode is to use that setting to nurture the physical, intellectual and spiritual growth of girls and young women through traditional camp activities and outdoor adventures. In this friendly, non-competitive community of simplified living, each individual is valued for who she is and who she will become.





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Dear Friends,

Merrie-Woode has always been more than a summer home and beloved mountain retreat. Camp is where girls form life-long friendships built upon mutual understanding and shared experience. In this Place of Rarest Beauty, we often reflect on how meaningful it is to be in community with those who know us as our true selves. Even when the world feels uncertain, there is steadiness in our Camp family. While this summer was a season filled with joy and laughter, it also invited reflection on how precious our time together really is. Merrie-Woode is not only defined by what we do at Camp, but how we all care for each other.

The summer of 2025 stood out for the many ways that campers and staff supported each other. From the silly moments on the Castle stage to the quiet victory of finishing a hike that felt impossible, there was always someone to laugh with or lean on. Adventure, play, challenge, and friendship will always remain at the heart of the Merrie-Woode experience, but what makes our values even more impactful is that no camper is left to seek them out alone. Campers thrive at Merrie-Woode because they know they are seen and valued for who they truly are and who they will become.

Like every summer, Merrie-Woode traditions formed the threads of our collective story. Sunday Campfires at the Council Ring and *Follow the Gleam*, to just name a few, felt especially meaningful this year. These traditions grounded us and reminded us that Camp was and has always been a place of belonging and community. By honoring the experiences that have been passed down from generation to generation, we are reminded that, though seasons of life may change, the heart of Merrie-Woode continues.

As we reflect on the summer of 2026, we do so with gratitude for this extraordinary community and for your steadfast support. Your generosity sustains a place where girls are valued, supported, and encouraged to grow into their best selves. Thank you for helping ensure that Merrie-Woode remains a place where connection, care, and belonging continue to shine.

Robin and Frost Walker

Robin and Frost Walker
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Our Philosophy

Merrie-Woode is a traditional wilderness summer camp devoted to nurturing the physical, intellectual, and spiritual growth of girls and young women in a beautiful, natural setting. The values of simplified living, warm personal relationships and a love of nature bind our large community of campers, staff, and alumnae.

Living in rustic quarters, campers explore their interests and build their skills in areas of their choice. Our programming focuses on self-discovery, offering an array of outdoor and indoor activities in a non-competitive setting. Campers are encouraged to set goals and may, over time, achieve a high level of competence, gaining self-confidence in the process.

We strive to attract campers, staff and camp families from varied backgrounds who value youthful time spent in nature. Merrie-Woode is a place where every girl is supported as an individual while acquiring a deepened awareness of God's creation and an expanded awareness of the world around her. Merrie-Woode's campers have gone on to contribute to their communities in meaningful ways throughout their lifetimes, in part because of the rich network of friendships and core values of fair play, sustained effort and respect for others that they gained while at Camp Merrie-Woode.

Our Values

Wilderness and the outdoors. Spending time in undisturbed natural settings helps girls develop a sense of awe for God's creation, of discovery, and of their own potential.

Simplified living. We believe in making do with less in a rustic and low-tech environment.

Challenge. Camp is a place where girls have opportunities to reach outside of their comfort zone, building responsibility, confidence, resilience, and skills.

Play. Joy, laughter, and fun are each valuable in their own right and as a basis of positive learning and development.

Spirituality. Camp Merrie-Woode is a place of reverence and is based in the Christian faith.

Integrity. We believe in honesty and fair play.

Community. Living in a friendly, inclusive, and mutually supportive community makes it possible for girls and young women to grow into their best selves.

The individual. We respect and value each member of the community for who she is and who she will become.

Friendship. We believe in the power of lifelong relationships formed at camp.

Our history. We believe in creating a future based on the best of the past, including honoring those who have loved it and given it their best.

Service. We believe in service in the camp community and service to the world beyond.



the Annual Fund





Because of donors like you...

In 2025, the Merrie-Woode community once again showed their incredible generosity through gifts to the Annual Fund. We received gifts totaling \$410,264. Because of donors like you, we are assured that the Spirit of Merrie-Woode will continue to thrive for generations to come. We are deeply grateful for your support.

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The Mountaineering and Boating Programs at Camp offered both single and multi-day trips designed to help campers connect with the outdoors in meaningful ways. The Mountaineering Program led a wide range out-of-Camp trips, from a half day to five days, including various outdoor adventures such as hiking, caving, backpacking, and climbing. Simultaneously, the Boating Program maintained its longstanding tradition of paddling Class I-III rivers, including the French Broad, Tuckasegee Gorge, Nantahala, and Chattooga. A consistent favorite is the Lake Jocassee canoeing and camping trip, giving campers the chance to paddle, hike and camp all in one trip.



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Theatrical performance has been a foundation of the Merrie-Woode experience since the early days of Camp, thanks to the vision of Dammie Day. Originally starting with just the reenactment of *Follow the Gleam*, the Drama Program has expanded to include a June Session Play, Main Session Musical, and August Session Play. This summer, our June Session campers took the stage with *No Good Deed Goes Unpunished*, a story about a girl tangled in a world of fairy tale mishaps while searching for her own happily ever after. The enchantment continued into Main Session as campers brought *Into the Woods* to life, weaving together classic fairy tales in a journey full of twists and meaningful lessons about finding what truly matters. Our August Session campers charmed the crowd in *Tacky the Penguin*, bringing laughter and fun to Final Shows. We are incredibly proud of the cast and crew who made each of these productions unforgettable.



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the
Fall Alumnae Challenge



Merrie-Woode gratefully acknowledges the following individuals who gave to this year's Fall Alumnae Challenge. We raised \$23,141 which covers one June, one Main, and two August Session camperships. Because of your generosity, more girls and young women will get to experience the magic of Merrie-Woode.

Anonymous (2)	Andrew and Anne Buckman Calder	Sallie Glover
Alicia Alford	Caroline Carnahan Campbell	Anna Gordillo
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Thank you for your Support!

The Merrie-Woode Foundation, Inc. relies on the Annual Fund to support Camp's operations, including programming, staffing, and facilities. The Annual Fund also provides resources for camperships, which are tuition scholarships that provide financial assistance to many Camp families and to girls and young women who would not otherwise have the opportunity to attend summer camp.

Contributions to the Merrie-Woode Foundation, Inc. are tax deductible for individuals, corporations, and foundations within the limits of section 501(c)3 of the IRS code.



the Endowment Funds





Thank you for your Support!

Merrie-Woode's Endowment was established in 2018 through the gifts of many generous donors to the Centennial Campaign. The Endowment serves as a permanent, income-generating asset that supports Camp Merrie-Woode.

Within the larger Endowment are general funds supporting operations, as well as restricted funds supporting camperships, programming, building preservation, and conservation. Individual donors and groups of donors may create named endowments with gifts of \$100,000 or more.

Since the Centennial Campaign, new named funds have been established, affirming the importance of endowment giving to Merrie-Woode's overall financial position.

GENERAL OPERATIONS ENDOWMENT FUND

The Merrie-Woode Endowment Honoring Former Board Chairs

Established in 2018 as an unrestricted endowment resource to support Camp Merrie-Woode's operational budget.

In Honor Of:

John Kinnett (in memoriam)
Pete Hendricks (in memoriam)
Bill Kemp (in memoriam)
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**New Donors from January 1
to December 31, 2025.**



Jim and Jayne Honey Chapman	Anne Honey	Allen and Clair Freeman Marshall
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Rick and Tweed Cline Eckhard	Genie Lyman	Mrs. Hebe Dowling Murphy

CAMPERSHIP ENDOWMENT FUNDS

General Campership Endowment

Established in 2016 to provide need-based full and partial tuition camperships to make the Merrie-Woode experience available to a broader socio-economic range of families for whom tuition is out of reach.

New Donors from January 1 to December 31, 2025.

Dillien Cameron

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The Casscells Family Endowment

Established in 2018 to support need-based full and partial tuition camperships and provide resources for the continuation of the high caliber activities and programming that campers enjoy each summer.

The Betty and John Kinnett Endowment

Established in 2018 to honor our founding Board Chairman and his wife to provide camperships, enabling Merrie-Woode to serve families, including many alumnae families, for whom tuition is out of reach.

The Fritz and Augusta Orr Endowment

Established in 2017 to honor the legacy of Fritz and Augusta Orr and the Orr Family to provide camperships and support the ongoing maintenance of the beautiful Fritz and Augusta Memorial next to Merrie-Woode's outdoor chapel.

New Donors from January 1 to December 31, 2025.

Bill and Betsy Hamilton Verner

The Harriet Matthews Jackson Endowment

Established in 2021 in memory of alumna Harriet Matthews Jackson to support need-based full and partial tuition camperships that will make the Merrie-Woode experience available to more girls and young women who might not otherwise be able to afford Camp.



PROGRAMMING ENDOWMENT FUNDS

General Programming Endowment

Established in 2016 to underwrite the costs of providing the high-caliber programs for which Merrie-Woode has come to be known.

New Donors from January 1 to December 31, 2025.

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The Dameron Family Foundation Endowment

Established in 2018 to ensure the highest level of staff training is always in place. Merrie-Woode intends to maintain its reputation as a leader in high adventure programming and expert horsemanship, with a sharp focus on safety where campers and staff are concerned.

The Ginger Somerville Hallock Endowment

Established in 2021 in honor of Ginger Somerville Hallock to support programming, staffing, camperships, and other initiatives advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion at Merrie-Woode.

New Donors from January 1 to December 31, 2025.

Malcolm and Elizabeth Hallock Andrews

Harold Hallock

Hilton Hallock

Bill and Betsy Hamilton Verner

The Hugh Caldwell Chamber Music Endowment

Established in 2017 through a trust created by Hugh Caldwell ensuring that Merrie-Woode summers will always include classical chamber music.



CONSERVATION ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Conservation and Sustainability Endowment

Established in 2016 to fund conservation projects that will continue to preserve Camp's natural environment.

New Donors from January 1 to December 31, 2025.

Chase and Holly Pierce Ambler

Elizabeth Townsend

Bill and Betsy Hamilton Verner

Sherwood and Eve Smith Family Endowment

Established in 2025 to fund preservation projects that will continue to support Camp's natural environment.

New Donors from January 1 to December 31, 2025.

Sherwood and Eve Smith

BUILDING PRESERVATION ENDOWMENT FUND

The Denice and Jim Dunn Building Preservation Endowment

Established in 2018 to help Merrie-Woode maintain and preserve its treasured rustic buildings.

New Donors from January 1 to December 31, 2024.

Rupert C. Thompson Fund



ENDOWMENT HONORARY AND MEMORIAL GIFTS

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Policy to Establish Named Endowments

The Merrie-Woode Foundation, Inc. invites donors or groups of donors who make endowment gifts of \$100,000 or more to establish a named endowment fund, which will be recognized permanently as part of Merrie-Woode's endowment. This opportunity allows for the charitable gifts of Merrie-Woode supporters to directly fund their specific interests at Camp while honoring their leadership in an enduring manner. The minimum level of \$100,000 for a named fund ensures that the funds generate sufficient income for their designated purposes. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mary Ann Daniel at maryann@merriewoode.com.

THE MERRIE-WOODE FOUNDATION, INC.



2025 Fundraising Summary

How Your Gifts Impact Merrie-Woode

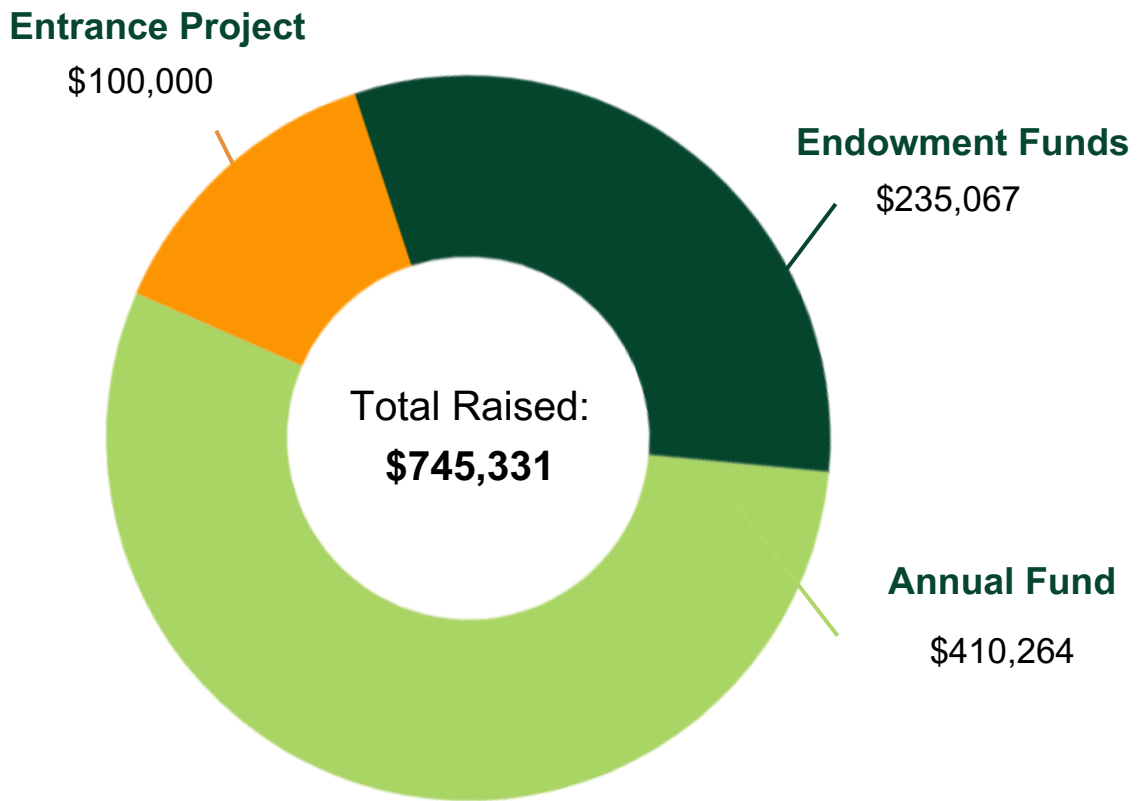
In 2025, 12% of Merrie-Woode's operating budget was given by our generous donors, and the remaining 88% came from tuition.

Your gifts to Merrie-Woode help to cover the full cost of Camp for today's campers.

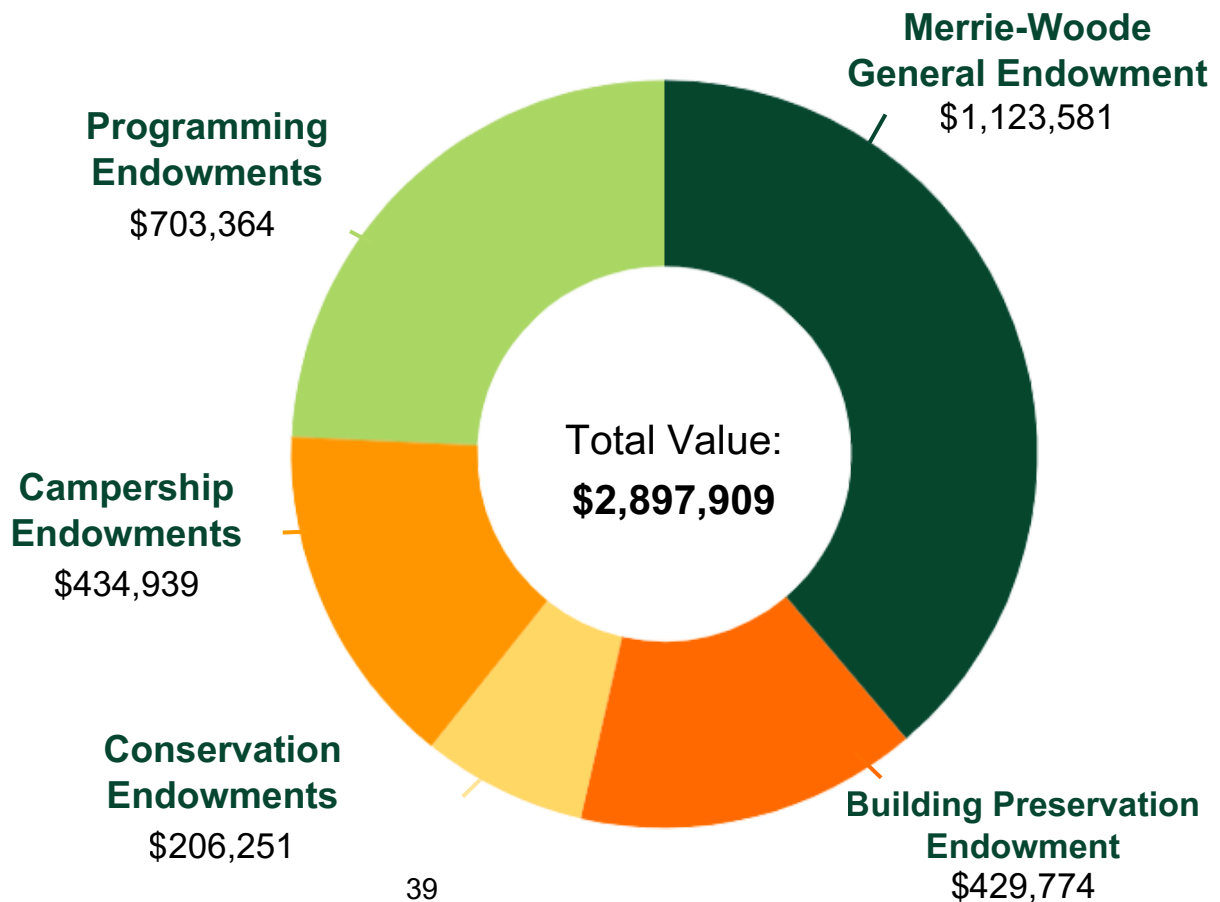


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Donor Gifts 

2025 Fundraising Overview



2025 Endowment Overview



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Kindred Spirit Society



Merrie-Woode gratefully acknowledges the following individuals who have made commitments to include the Merrie-Woode Foundation, Inc. in their estate plans:

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Merrie-Woode will continue to welcome new commitments to the Kindred Spirit Society and will be glad to provide additional information regarding a variety of options available through our Gift Acceptance Policy. In addition, if you see any updates needed to our donor or Kindred Spirit listings, please contact Mary Ann Daniel by email at maryann@merriewoode.com

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Entrance Project



Merrie-Woode is proud to recognize the generosity of former board members and parents, **Elly and Merritt Lane**, whose leadership gift brings our Entrance Project to life. The Entrance Project is the next phase of Merrie-Woode's Conservation and Sustainability Plan. Combining stormwater resilience and environmental stewardship, the Entrance Project will allow for increased water flow under the entrance road while continuing landscape restoration efforts through the introduction of more native plants.

The Lane family's investment reflects both environmental stewardship and ensures an attractive first impression for families and alumnae driving through the gates. Because of the Lane's generosity, this important project is well on its way to a new and improved entrance into Merrie-Woode.



Merrie-Woode will welcome new commitments to the Entrance Project. Please contact Mary Ann Daniel by email at maryann@merriewoode.com if you would like more information.



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