



# Inspiration Hills

CAMP AND  
RETREAT CENTER



# ANNUAL REPORT



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## to all our supporters...

With grateful hearts, we celebrate the goodness of God and the remarkable work He accomplished in 2025! Many individuals passed through our grounds to work, retreat, or attend camp, and you have played a vital role in impacting their lives. You were part of ministry moments that either ignited or renewed an individual's faith in Jesus Christ. We cannot fully express the joy we felt as we witnessed children joyfully praising God, single moms experiencing a new understanding of community, families growing in faith, and summer staff members sharing how deeply camp influenced their commitment to the Lord. Thank you for your invaluable contribution to God's ministry!

Sincerely,  
the Inspiration Hills Staff

# The Purpose of Inspiration Hills



## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to provide an environment in which the individual will come to know and grow in Christ and be challenged for life in God's Kingdom.

## WHAT WE PROVIDE

Retreat Spaces for Small and Large Groups  
Christ Centered Summer Camp Programs  
Outdoor Experiences that Point People to God  
Christ Centered Discipleship



## OUR STORY

Inspiration Hills has been doing ministry for 50 years, and it started with the vision and mission of offering a camp experience to the youth. This vision derived from RCA (Reformed Church in America) church leaders in the tri-state area in 1973. Since then, things have grown! We have 8.5 weeks of summer camp in addition to year-round programs, offering spaces/ buildings/ campgrounds, and hosting groups of all different sizes.

To this day, Inspiration Hills focuses its ministry on glorifying God by providing a space for people to know and grow in Christ. Doing this requires Biblical truth, stewardship of funds and donations, prayerful support, and a whole lot of fun! We find so much joy in the work God has called us to, and we are privileged to see you whenever you visit.

# 2025

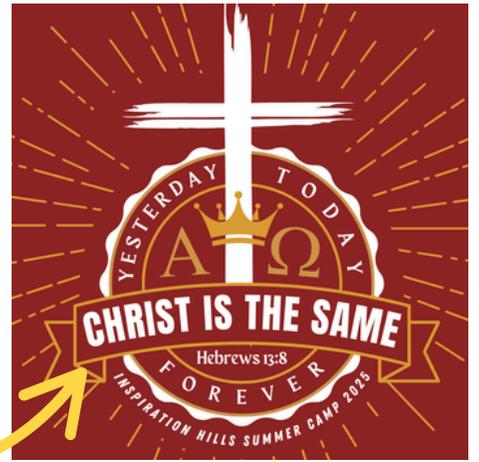
# RETREATS & EVENTS



57 Attendees

Single Mom's Retreat

Summer Camp Theme: Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever! Hebrews 13:8



8.5 Weeks of Summer Camp

1334 Summer Campers!



Discipleship

25+ Meetings



53 Campers

Winter Retreat



76 In attendance, \$15,800 Raised

Annual Fundraiser Banquet!



7 Couples

Art of Parenting



21 Attendees

Digging Deeper Bible Study



29 Couples

Art of Marriage



67 Volunteers

Volunteer Work Day



Fall Retreats!

33 Middle School Campers  
29 High School Campers

# Feedback from 2025

## From a Summer Camper Parent

"My granddaughter and great-niece attended Lodge Camp, and their camp counselor had a profound impact on them. As I watched them hug and cry because they couldn't say goodbye to each other, I knew something pivotal happened that week. My granddaughter and I then had a two-hour drive, and the light in Gabriella was apparent. Now I know a mountain-top experience often happens at camp, but it's been a few weeks, and my daughter said she's noticed a change. I pray that what you sparked, we can continue to flame, and this young lady remembers the valuable lessons you shared at camp. Thank you for the impact you have on our family."

## From an Art of Marriage Attendee

"Being in the men's breakout and hearing grown men be emotionally vulnerable with complete strangers about their marriages and insights was amazing. I have never before in my life witnessed that, and you could feel the spirit was present and moving in everyone's heart to not be ashamed."

## From a Programs Summer Staffer

"I learned a lot more about myself just by being in ministry for the Lord. I felt a deeper confirmation and alignment in leadership and learned that I thrive under the pressure of a leader in Christ. I worked on staying focused on the task in front of me, and I also learned a lot more about respect (how to respect and how respect is given/achieved). I overall just grew into a better man of God!"

## From a Single Mom's Retreat Attendee

"This retreat was exactly what I needed. I've been to other mothers' events before, but I always feel a little out of place. Having intentional time where the love of God is poured into us was so refreshing, especially when we go through so much of life alone."

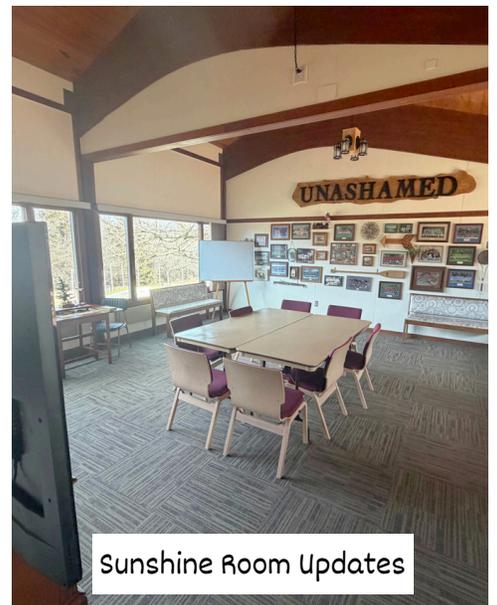
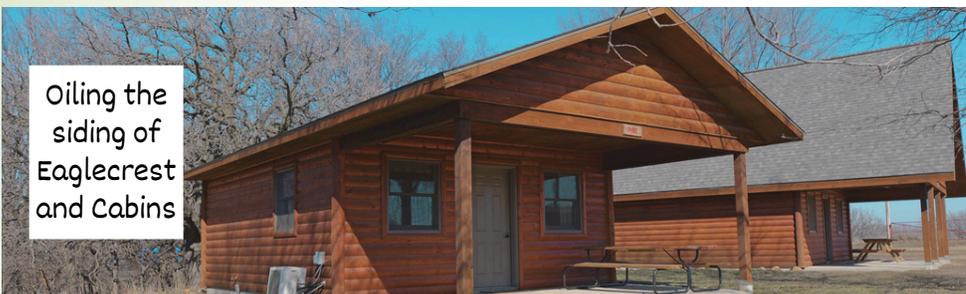


# WHAT GOD DID

## By the Numbers

- ✓ **343** Guest Reservations
- ✓ **7,762** Total Individual Guests
- ✓ **1,334** Summer Campers
- ✓ **84** Summer Staffers
- ✓ **\$802,000** in Donations!
- ✓ **421** Individual Donors
- ✓ **250** Volunteers
- ✓ **2,908** Volunteer Hours

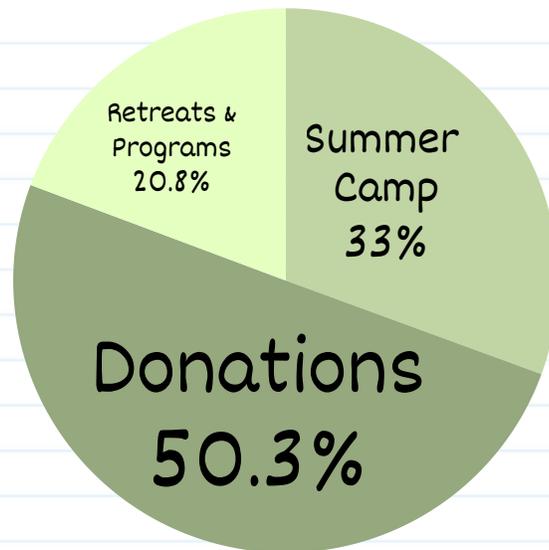
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# 2025 FINANCES

**Total Support- \$1.6 Million**

<b>Donations</b>	\$802,000
<b>Summer Camp</b>	\$528,000
<b>Programs &amp; Retreats</b>	\$333,000



**Total Expenses - \$1.65 Million**



# 2025 Memorial Gifts

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## *In Memory of Howard Smit*

- Scott & Gloria Beernick
- Jodi Browhn
- Carolyn Doorink
- Deborah Gavin
- Carolyn Goold
- Arlen & LeAnn Smit
- Arlene Smit
- Ralph Smith
- Lena Vollink

## *In Memory of Aroloa Te Stroete*

- Harriet Cleveringa

## *In Memory of Sharon Vander Schaaf*

- Herlon & Joan Vander Schaaf

## *In Memory of Loren Dengler*

- Gene & Luann Serek

## *In Memory of Lorna Moss*

- David Moss

## *In Memory of Bonnie Verburg*

- Craig & Karen Rollag

## *In Memory of Cheryl Palsma*

- Marcia Scholten



# Looking Ahead to 2026

- **Monthly Givers**

- Impact camp with monthly giving throughout the year! Your giving is impactful all year long.

- **Discipleship**

- As we further develop our discipleship programs, our CHIPS (Christian Hearts In Powerful Service) High School program and college-age summer staff will have the option to grow deeper in their walk with the Lord after summer camp. We continue to plan for more avenues to mentor, teach, and serve the young people who come to camp!

- **Pet Friendly Cabins**

- As guests and families retreat at camp, we are adding a housing option that allows for pets to come!

- **Campground Expansion**

- We are taking steps to increase the number of camping spots at Inspiration Hills. In addition, a centralized building for campground and cabin guests to gather.

- **Static Ropes Course Addition**

- After adding a tower in 2024, we are moving forward with adding a static high ropes course to increase avenues for deeper conversations. For those of you who do not know what a static course is... It is more off the ground elements and obstacles to climb! 😊

- **Capital Campaign for Gym, Office space, and more!**

- Plans are underway, and the “Provide an Environment” campaign is beginning to make this most-needed addition to camp! Learn more on our website.

**If you would like to help or bring a group, we would love your help!  
Reach out to Kristi at [director@inspirationhills.org](mailto:director@inspirationhills.org) or 712-986-5193 for  
volunteering or financial giving to these initiatives.**



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