



EXPERIENCES TO LAST A LIFETIME

Tripper – Spring 2024
CAMP MANITO-WISH YMCA

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DIRECTOR'S TRAIL

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WOW! Sitting in this chair as only the eighth CEO of Camp Manito-wish YMCA is humbling and inspiring. So much history that has come before me leading this outstanding organization and the wisdom of my predecessors can be intimidating. But the spirit of this place and the people in it bring comfort to and support for me as I begin my tenure at camp. My history at camp is long, yet my level of knowledge of the inner workings of camp grows each day. I am learning so much daily from every staff member and am in awe of their passion for delivering on the mission of camp.

This is usually the time we talk about the winter cold and snow, but this year has been quite different with warmer temperatures and very little snow, so the trails through the Northwoods have been closed for use. Boulder Lake has areas of open water, and even with more winter yet to come, spring is just around the corner.

There is excellent energy building for summer as we onboard new program directors and train staff, continue repairing buildings and equipment, look forward to a new waterfront pier for the swimming, sailing, and family areas, and continue recruiting seasonal staff and campers for summer 2024. Our One for One Hundred campaign is currently underway, so check out our website for more details on how we all can benefit by referring new staff and campers to Manito-wish. We look forward to summer, and the energy and excitement campers and staff bring to our campus.

I continue to be amazed by the outstanding level of support we receive from our alumni and volunteer community in support of our work to deliver a Manito-wish experience to those who wish to participate. Thank you to all who give their energy, time, and resources to help provide an important life-changing camping experience.

Come for a visit. I look forward to meeting folks new to camp, greeting alumni, and re-acquainting with camp friends!

Peace on the Waterways,

MESSAGE FROM BOARD PRESIDENT

Betsy Ziegler, President, Board of Directors



We are also thrilled to welcome Judy Tegtmeier as our new CEO. Judy brings a wealth of experience and a fresh perspective that is sure to propel Camp Manito-wish to new heights. Her experience and love for Manito-wish, passion for youth development and her visionary approach to leadership are exactly what we need as we embark on the next chapter of our journey. We are confident that under Judy's guidance, our camp will continue to grow and evolve, while staying true to the values that have defined us for over a century.

I must also express my deepest appreciation to our search committee, whose diligence and thoughtful consideration were vital in selecting the ideal candidate to lead us forward. Additionally, I am immensely grateful for the support and collaborative spirit of the entire Board of Directors. Your collective wisdom, diverse perspectives, and unwavering commitment to our mission have been crucial in steering Camp Manito-wish through these times of transition. Together, we have laid a strong foundation for the future, ensuring that our camp remains a beacon of hope and growth for many years to come. I look forward to the exciting opportunities that lie ahead as we continue to inspire youth and build a stronger community under the leadership of Judy Tegtmeier.

UPCOMING EVENTS 2024

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| April 12-13: | Spring Board of Directors Meeting |
| May 24-27: | Memorial Day Work Weekend |
| June 15: | Outpost Trips Begin |
| June 22-July 12: | Boys Summer Camp Session |
| June 29-July 12: | Boys Emerging Leader Experience |
| July 15-July 18: | 4-Day Family Camp |
| July 20-August 9: | Girls Summer Camp Session |
| July 27-August 9: | Girls Emerging Leader Experience |
| August 2: | Fires of Friendship Gathering |
| August 3: | Summer Board of Directors Meeting |
| August 9: | Outpost Trips End |
| August 12-17: | 6-Day Family Camp |

OPERATIONS OVERVIEW

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INTRODUCTION

As the unseasonably warm breeze of anticipation reminds us of the arrival of summer, Camp Manito-wish is gearing up for an extraordinary Programming season that assures growth, adventure, and personal development for Campers and Staff. With carefully crafted preparations, Camp is getting ready to welcome Campers into the immersive experience of learning transferable skills at program areas, making lifelong friends and learning life lessons through wilderness tripping on trails, rivers, oceans, and mountains. Thank you to our pinecone community for all your support and we are looking forward to having you back at Camp this summer!

OPERATIONS

As summer approaches and eager campers prepare for an unforgettable experience in the Northwoods, the importance of health services and the vital role of nurses come into sharp focus. Our health services team ensures the well-being of all our campers and staff. We continue our development of plans to support mental health at Camp this summer. We are entering our 2nd summer with a Behavioral and Wellness Director whose responsibility is to support campers adapting to the summer camp environment while also contributing to a positive staff culture centered around self-care to make sure staff can be their best selves. We have also spent valuable time working with RN's over the winter to re-develop our health center procedures and enhancing our onboarding plans for nurses. This summer we are focusing our nursing efforts on medical preparedness and health education for our seasonal staff. We are recruiting nurses so if you have any connections we would appreciate your support and [contact Ben](#) for more details.

We are welcoming back Summer Camp Cooks (SCC) as our partner for food service. to create an unforgettable dining experience. The seamless collaboration between SCC and Camp has been integral to the success of our dining services. Their ability to understand the expectations of our campers, as well as adapt to the dynamic nature of camp life, reflects a partnership built on mutual understanding and shared values. We are excited for the continuation of the exceptional culinary expertise that has become synonymous with our camp's dining experience. Recognizing the diverse dietary needs of our campers and staff, SCC ensures that everyone at camp can enjoy the culinary delights regardless of their preferences or dietary restrictions.

We also bid a fond farewell to our Camp Director Sam Luchek. We are grateful for her support over the last year advancing the mission for Camp Manito-wish. From Sam "I have appreciated being a part of the Manito-wish team and community. I am impressed by the passion and dedication that you all have for this beautiful place and programming." We are grateful for the hard work Sam put in to starting off this season smoothly and successfully and wish her all the best in her next chapter!

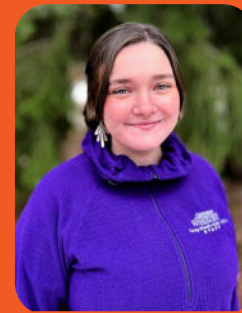
CAMP UPDATE

SUMMER CAMP

In Summer Camp, we are busily preparing for all of the Summer Camp programming including 3-weeks of Boys Camp, 4-day Family Camp, 3-weeks of Girls Camp, and 6-day Family Camp. Our 3-week model continues to offer traditional trip lengths of 3, 5, 7, and 9 day trips for each section. Our wilderness trippers will be exploring locations such as the local rivers and lakes, Porcupine Mountains, Superior Hiking Trail and Voyageur National Park. We are also very excited for the launch of the Emerging Leaders Experience, which is a 14-day program during Boys and Girls Camp. It will offer Campers an opportunity to continue their Manito-wish Experience, enriching the character of each Camper as they age out of Summer Camp. It offers an opportunity to continue developing their skills as a leader and their outdoor skills in camp and on trail. The first half of the session will be spent enjoying the traditional camp activities, team-building initiatives, and a Trail experience. The second half of the session includes a service project and multiple opportunities to develop facilitation and group management skills, to better prepare them to be counselors one day. Importantly Campers will reflect on how to transfer these skills to their local communities.

OUTPOST

Outpost is well on its way to another season welcoming a new program progression of a 14-day introductory Voyageur trip, 25-30 day Advanced trips, and 45 day Expeditionary level trips. We are continuing our journeys into the wild through our three disciplines of Canoeing, Sea Kayaking, and Backpacking. The upcoming programming year marks another historic point of transitioning to Co-Led Outpost Trips. This summer we are planning to Co-lead most trips across all disciplines. We are excited for this shift as it supports risk mitigation practices and aligns with industry practices.



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If the kiddos are quite old enough to head to Camp or maybe it's about time for a reunion of your cabin mates don't forget about our Family Camp Programs! We have new dates for our 4-Day Family Camp (July 15-18) and our 6-Day Family Camp (August 12-17). For those looking for a Fall Family Program join us September 20th - 22nd for a colorful visit to the Northwoods. We are offering a special banquet style dinner with a Wild Game Stew to ease those appetites after fun activities like target sports, section games, and more! Learn more and [register here](#) for these programs!

As we prepare for the summer, we have two new program directors who are taking the lead to bring Summer Camp and Outpost into a new era this upcoming summer.

Katherine Brown is our new Summer Camp Program Director. She has been a Summer Camp Staff member and Recruiter for the last three years, most recently filling the role this past summer as the Trips House Director. Prior to working at Camp, Katherine was the Outreach Coordinator/Camp Director of Camp Kesem in association with her school, Colorado State and has worked as an instructor at the National Ability Center in Utah. Katherine will bring her experience in facilitation, camper and staff management, eye for detail, and logistical experience from both her time at Manito-wish and other organizations to her role as Summer Camp Program Director.

Ione Sanders joins us in the critical role of Wilderness Program Director. She has been a staff member across all three programs at Manito-wish seasonally since 2014, filling roles from tripping co-leader to counselor, leadership facilitator to most recently Expo Leader in 2021 and 2023. Outside of Camp, Ione has spent most of her time in Chicago filling Educator and Guide roles at the Art Institute, Museum of Contemporary Art, and the Children's Museum. Ione brings a wide range of knowledge about our Camp programs and cross-program collaboration, facilitation in and out of Camp, and countless days on trail to her role as Wilderness Program Director.

We also offer an Outdoor Leadership School every year partnering with Wilderness Medical Associates, Wilderness Water Safety, and Alpenglow Education. These courses are vital trainings for our staff. Some of these courses are open to the public so check them out [here](#) to join us! If you are an avid outdoor traveler this training can benefit you and your family in while exploring the wilderness, taking a stroll through a local park, or even at home during urgent situations.

LEADERSHIP

We believe everyone has the potential to be a leader. Within our Leadership Program we provide the training, skills and insight necessary to get them there. We are gearing up for

a full Spring schedule serving schools and youth serving organizations such as Hmong American Peace Academy, Carmen Schools of Technology, Seeds of Health Elementary School, NATH Frederick, and Milwaukee Academy of Science. We are excited to offer programming for these amazing institutions!

We also welcome Becca Elliott as our new Leadership Program Director. Becca is an avid Manito-wisher, with 2023 being her 10th summer at Manito-wish! Raised in Indiana, she spent most summers and Spring Breaks exploring the US from a very early age. Her love of the outdoors and sharing wild spaces has always played a key role in her life and led her to become a Certified Recreational Therapist Specialist, CTRS. She is now back at Camp full time as a Program Director. This past summer, Becca was the Challenge Course Director, and before that, worked as a Counselor, Program Staff, Tripping Co-leader, and Kitchen Assistant. Becca is excited to share the magic of a Camp Manito-wish experience with the Leadership Program!

At the heart of the Leadership Program lies a commitment to customization. Camp Manito-wish YMCA recognizes that leadership is a personal journey, and as such, each session is meticulously designed to align with the specific goals, schedules, and comfort levels of the participating groups. This approach ensures that individuals have the freedom to explore and develop their leadership skills in a way that resonates with their unique strengths and ambitions. The curriculum goes beyond traditional classroom settings, emphasizing hands-on, experiential learning. Through a variety of team challenges, problem-solving exercises, low and high ropes course, and leadership exercises, participants will develop practical skills that can be applied in real-world scenarios.

We are now booking for Summer Leadership Programs! Have you ever thought of bringing your class, church group, or company out to Camp to engage in team building, social emotional learning, or a relaxing retreat? These summer opportunities are rare! Don't skip a beat if you're interested. Reach out to Ben Hoffman to learn more!

CONCLUSION

As the sun prepares to rise on our 106th summer at Camp Manito-wish YMCA, all our Programs stand as a testament to Camp's commitment to nurturing leaders who are not only competent but compassionate, resilient, and ready to make a positive impact on the world. Get ready for a summer of self-discovery, friendship, learning through experience, and leadership excellence!

MARKETING AND RECRUITMENT

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As I look back on nearly a year at Camp Manito-wish YMCA, filled with countless experiences, cherished memories, and deep connections, I'm truly grateful. Each day spent within our community has left an indelible mark on my heart. Now, as we stand on the brink of another season, and my second Summer with Manito-wish, I'm eagerly looking forward to the adventures ahead. I am excited to share some updates and initiatives in the Marketing and Recruitment domain of Camp!

STAFF RECRUITMENT:

In our efforts to bolster our staff team, we've implemented a revamped hiring process that aims to streamline procedures and eliminate barriers. This proactive approach has yielded promising results, with applications for returning staff opening as early as September. Thanks to this early momentum, we're currently staffed at just under 75% for the 2024 season. However, we still have openings for Counselors, Tripping Co-leaders, and drivers, and your assistance in spreading the word would be immensely appreciated!



CAMPER RECRUITMENT:

As always, we're on a mission to fill our Boys and Girls Camps to capacity, and we're counting on your support to make it happen! Our "One in One Hundred" referral campaign calls upon each member of our community to extend a heartfelt invitation to just one person—whether a prospective camper or a potential staff member. Not to mention, for each successful referral, you will gain an entry in to win a prize of your choice! With your help, we're confident we can achieve our goal of obtaining [100 referrals](#)! Currently, we're at 63% capacity for our Summer Camp programs, and we are making every effort to move us closer to ensuring that every bunk is occupied!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

We've recently launched our event season with a memorable gathering right here at Camp. Picture a warm fire, camp songs, and camaraderie! These in-person events offer invaluable opportunities to connect with families from across the Midwest, sharing the enchantment of Camp Manito-wish YMCA and extending a warm invitation to join our community. I invite you to mark your calendars for one or many of the [upcoming events](#) designed to engage alumni, current staff, enrolled families, and prospective families alike. Bringing along a friend to join us allows us to work together towards our goal of a fully staffed and 100% full Camp in 2024!

To all our supporters and dedicated members of the Camp Manito-wish YMCA family, I extend my heartfelt thanks for your unwavering commitment and enthusiasm. Together, we're crafting unforgettable experiences and nurturing the next generation of leaders who will continue to carry forth the spirit of Camp with integrity and authenticity.



VALUE OF A MANITO-WISH EXPERIENCE



During my summers as a child, I spent a range from 14 days to 30 days attending Camp Manito-wish. Throughout my years at camp, I participated in all the disciplines; which include canoeing, kayaking, and hiking. My favorite one that I participated in was kayaking. For all my years in far north I kayaked, and had the time of my life. Then came the time that I needed to decide if I was done at camp or push myself to continue to grow in leadership, outdoor skills, and communication. Of course since camp was my home away from home I chose to continue into the outpost program, where I learned so many new things. I was going to start my outpost journey going to Lake Nipigon, but Covid had other plans for all the campers. I knew it wasn't my time to give up, so I interviewed to go on the following year's woman's Mariner.

During the summer of 2021, I had the opportunity to participate in the only mariner of that year, and we even got to kayak a whole new part of Lake Superior. We kayaked the South Shore, or as my group, that soon turned into a family called it the "SoSho." There were a lot of new things to learn as we navigated through new waters. We got dropped off on a cold stormy day, and there was nowhere to go, so we paddled, and paddled til we found a nice place to stay our first night. We paddled to shore the first night at what seemed like midnight. It was tough trying to set up camp in the rain and dark, but with all the leadership, we all persevered and got it done.

Since this trip had been new to everyone, and no one knew it better than the other, we all wanted to step up and help. One of the biggest things that brought my group closer together was having a new "leader" everyday. Being the leader you got to listen to the radio in the morning with our amazing leader, delegated tasks to get the day moving, and even navigated with the map and compass. This really helped us, as it eased the tension of having to do more than the others. All of us worked together to create an amazing experience and make new memories, and a new potential mariner location.

Going on trips like this, there are going to be ups and downs, and everything in between, whether it was the cold weather, or being away from family for the first time. We all had to adapt. Some nights we weren't sure if we were sleeping on rocky tops, rocks, or the sandiest of beaches. Either way we all learned to adapt. This trip showed me that I have to be patient with others, and you also have to be a little goofy sometimes, like taking pictures that were funny in the moment as well as now, and will last a lifetime. Sometimes you even need to wear an umbrella hat to show your goofy side. Whether it was playing poker in the middle of the forest playing with jelly beans, or paddling in 15+ MPH winds there was never a time we knew we couldn't do.

Camp Manito-wish will always be somewhere I can call home, and without going on my 28 day mariner, I don't think I would be the person I am today. Camp has taught me very important lessons, and being clean isn't always as fun as being with an amazing group of girls kayaking the 'SoSho.'" One thing I will never forget is how welcoming all the staff and campers are.

Abby Crandall

Girls Camp 2014-2019

Mariner 2021

PROPERTY UPDATE

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Winter at the Boulder Lake property has been the one of the mildest I can recall as look out the window at bare ground while writing my spring property update. To date we have plowed snow and groomed ski trails once throughout the entire winter. While this has saved many labor hours of handling snow, the mild weather has allowed the property team to focus on other work as we care for Camp's property.

For the past seven years, John McMenamin has fulfilled the Assistant Property Manager role and has decided the time has come to depart his position. John has grown as a leader exemplifying its very definition through consistent, thoughtful and positive actions and a solid work ethic. His passion and commitment towards excellence has taken the property team and our Camp community to the next level, effectively raising the bar for all of us as we work to care for this amazing place called Manito-wish. Thank you, John, for all you have done for Camp Manito-wish YMCA - Peace on the Waterways!

I am excited to share some highlights of our winters work. Our property team staff have been working hard to support the continual needs of our property through the completion of orders, performing routine and planned maintenance and cleaning of our buildings. The property team also took on several significant program projects including:

- Construction of 15 new wannigans
- North Canoe cleaning, fiberglass repair, painting and replacement of damaged seats
- Refresh of the waterfront buddy boards
- Construction of new PFD racks for the Outpost program
- Renaming of several Grumman canoes
- Prepping of new acknowledgment plaques for the newly acquired Manito-wish River property.



We are excited to announce the completion of the Hamilton Recreation Lodge restroom remodel. The original entryway and restrooms have been replaced with three all gender, single occupant, accessible restrooms and two new storage areas. Thank you to the donors, our owner representative John Mann, our engineer Chuck Hunter, and the Nasi Construction LLC crews for turning this much needed restroom upgrade into a reality.

Nasi Construction crews are continuing work on the following projects with completion expected prior to the start of our April Leadership programs:

- Restroom partition replacement in the eight Smith Village cabin restrooms
- Countertop/faucet replacements in both the Far South and Near South Washhouses
- Remodeling the restrooms (countertop/faucet, partitions and fresh paint) in the Manito-wish Leadership Center basement

On behalf of Camp Manito-wish YMCA, I extend our gratitude to the Boulder Junction Community Foundation for supporting the replacement of the logs on the stone pillars at the west entrance, as part of the Boulder Junction beautification grant initiative.

After many years of service, the time has come to replace the swimming, sailing and family piers. Look for the new floating piers, from Perfect Piers LLC, on your next visit to Boulder Lake. Thank you to the donors who helped make this project possible.

Camp's Boulder Lake property has never looked better thanks to all of the property staff team members' passion and commitment - thank you John, Jerry, Dave, Tony, Emalyn and Frank for all of your hard work!

Lastly, a big shout out and **Thank You** to all who continue to passionately support Camp Manito-wish YMCA - your commitment is impactful, appreciated and helps to improve the world in which we all live.

If you have any questions regarding the property, feel to contact me at tim.sheehan@manito-wish.org

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

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The needs in front of Manito-wish are to ensure our financial foundation, embrace every young person who wants to be a Manito-wish participant, and deliver programs and facilities of excellence. Here is an update to the course we have set to address these needs.

In January Beth Rondello retired after 16 years! Beth touched so many people in those 16 years and will be missed. Beth and Pete will be splitting time between Boulder Junction and Tucson, AZ. We will see Beth around as she helps with the transition and becomes another one of our valuable alumni volunteers.

Welcome Megan Holmes! Megan was raised in Appleton and came to Boulder Junction throughout childhood to enjoy the outdoors with her family. Megan and her husband moved to Boulder Junction in 2018. They have two children (Future Manito-wishers!!) She is excited to continue to grow Camp's alumni relationships with our past and future alums.

ALUMNI OUTREACH

There is nothing more enjoyable than connecting with Manito-wish alumni and friends. Camp friends are the best friends! This winter and spring, Jeff visited alumni in Florida and Colorado. "Virtual Tripper Nights" were held in February and March. Board President Betsy Ziegler, Judy, Jeff, Tim, and Megan ZOOMed with alumni to discuss the state of Camp, our Programs, Vision, and listened to alumni sharing favorite memories. Camp also held alumni, staff & camper recruitment events in Madison, Milwaukee, and Chicago. Make sure and check out the [upcoming events](#) page of the website for events in your neighborhood.

DEVELOPMENT GIFT INITIATIVES TO GROW OUR ENDOWMENT

The Camp Manito-wish Endowment Fund provides Camp the ability to offer adjusted fees and campership options. Legacy gifts through a current or planned gift support this vital initiative. We have a five-year goal (Fiscal Years 2022-2027) to grow the following funds:

ENDOWMENT CATEGORIES

5- Year Target Goal	Raised to Date 02/29/2024
Campership & Maintenance Endowment Funds	\$250,000
General, Program, & Other Staff Endowment Funds	750,000
Staff Incentive Endowment Funds	1,250,000
Total	\$2,000,000
	\$1,023,258

INCREASING THE STAFF INCENTIVE ENDOWMENT FUNDS

These funds are critical for Manito-wish to remain competitive, allow us to attract, develop, and retain the highest-quality staff and ensure consistency every year. To double the seasonal staff wages in three years, we increased seasonal staff wages an average of 60% in 2022; 20% in 2023, and finally a planned 20% in our 2024 budget.



To learn more about Manito-wish's alumni and development activities or for any inquiries, please contact Judy Tegtmeyer (judy.tegtmeyer@manito-wish.org), Jeff Pereles (jeff.pereles@manito-wish.org), or Megan Holmes (megan.holmes@manito-wish.org) at 715-385-2312.

JOIN THE ANNUAL FUND DRIVE MAKE A LASTING IMPACT ON CAMP MANITO-WISH YMCA!

For those who have had the privilege of experiencing Camp Manito-wish YMCA, they know the transformative power it holds. With your support, we can ensure that every young person and school group who desires the Manito-wish experience can have it without any financial barriers.

This annual event raises funds to allow for the expansion and enrichment of current programs, staff training, underwrite equipment, and provides for Camp's greatest budgetary needs, which includes Camperships, our financial assistance program. Additionally, your donation will give us the flexibility to put your gift to work in the best way possible. We rely on your support to reach our goal of \$550,000 to meet the greatest needs of Manito-wish. Through February 28th, Camp has raised 75% of our Goal!

By joining us in this campaign, your support will:

- Remove any financial barrier to attendance!
- Provide high quality programming and staff!
- Care for the maintenance and upkeep of facilities.
- Maintain financial stability during economic fluxes.
- Provides Camp the flexibility to best put your gift to work.



Last year Camp provided over \$600,000 of financial assistance to Summer, Outpost, Family, and Leadership programs! Your support will positively affect over 3,000 participants in 2024 in a lasting way.

Our campers are signing up, our staff is eager to return, and we are getting ready to hit the water in our orange canoes! All that is left is to have the continued support of our caring Manito-wish community.

Thank you for your consideration!

NEW GIFT INITIATIVE

Our organization prioritizes the needs and passions of our donors when it comes to major gift initiatives. We take into consideration both their interests and our organizational needs before determining the appropriate course of action. Presently, we are working on a new development initiative with the objective of completing it by the upcoming summer.

The courts existing area, located at the heart of Camp Manito-wish YMCA, is all set to be transformed into a state-of-the-art facility that caters to all the needs of the participants. The resurfacing and reallocation of the courts will not only attract more campers, but will also provide a fun and engaging experience for the existing ones. The campers will get an opportunity to learn new skills, build camaraderie, and develop their leadership abilities while playing their favorite sports. To view our campaign, [CLICK HERE](#).

Camp Manito-wish strongly believes in achieving its goal, and it is humbly asking for the support of its community to make this dream come true. Your contribution can make a significant difference, and Camp Manito-wish is deeply grateful for any help you can provide.

the Y YMCA COURTS RESURFACING CAMP MANITO-WISH YMCA

INCLUDED IN THE BASKETBALL PROJECT:

- Repair Court Cracks
- Repair low spots and sinkholes
- Apply 2 coats of resurfacer
- Lay and restripe Camp Manito-wish Logo at Center Court

INCLUDED IN THE TENNIS/PICKLEBALL PROJECT:

- Repair Court Cracks
- Repair low spots and sinkholes
- Apply 2 coats of resurfacer
- Install 6 sets of permanent posts/nets
- Install a dividing fence between the North/South pickleball sections and between the pickleball/tennis section.

**PICKLEBALL
TENNIS
BASKETBALL**

The project is set to install 6 Pickleball courts, utilizing 2 tennis courts. Additionally, the basketball court will be re-surfaced, complete with a Camp Manito-wish YMCA logo.

The total cost of the project will be \$110,523

CAMP MANITO-WISH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Camp Manito-wish YMCA owes a great deal of gratitude to its volunteers who are the backbone of the organization and provide unwavering support and dedication. With around 400 volunteers, we are able to offer exceptional programs and facilities to our campers, staff, and families throughout the year, whether they choose to volunteer onsite or remotely from home.

There are various ways to get involved and make a difference, including helping maintain our facilities, mentoring our staff, providing outreach to our alums, greeting families and alums, and more. Whatever your skills and interests, we have a place for you at Camp Manito-wish YMCA.

We encourage you to contact us if you are interested in volunteering or [learning more](#) about our programs. Thank you again to our amazing volunteers for their continued support and dedication!

ALUMNI MENTORSHIP

Networking and building relationships are essential throughout your life, not just for your career. The Manito-wish Alumni Mentorship Program is a valuable part of the Manito-wish experience. It allows alums to share their professional and personal experience and expertise with current seasonal staff. The program helps our seasonal staff prepare for a successful future, navigate uncertainty, and expand their network.

If you want to become a mentor or mentee, please complete the interest form on the camp's [website](#). The connections made in the program help prepare our seasonal staff for a successful future, navigate uncertainty, and grow their network.

If you want to learn more about being a mentor or mentee, please complete the interest form on Camp's website.



WEDDINGS



Maggie Hoppe and Ryan McClurg were married on March 21, 2021, celebrating with **Maggie & Ryan's** alumni family, **Barb Miller Hoppe**, Maggie's Mom, and Brother, **Jake Hoppe**. The couple resides in Denver, CO.



Kelsey Bater Bantz and Aric Tarr were married on May 27, 2023. Alumni in attendance were **Jason and Emily Loewi**, **Mike Dietrich**, **Nate Humphries-Loving**, **Brittany Pierpont**, **Peter Humphries-Loving**, **Will Blom**, and **Sam Kruckenberg**. The couple resides in Bozeman, MT.



Jordan Yavari and Grant Spellman were married on June 10, 2023 celebrating with **Jordan & Grant** were alumni family **Maddy Stein** and Jordan's Brother, **Johnny Yavari**. The couple resides in Menlo Park, CA.



Becca May and Tanner Siebe were married on September 16, 2023. Alumni in attendance were **Caitlin (May) Shields**, **Mac Shields**, **David May**, **Carson Artac**, **Emma May**, **Stephanie Pierson**, **Lauren Pierson**, **Nina Friedman**, **Susan Brown**. The couple resides in Houston, TX.



Ceci Schleisner and Jake Brodsky were married on September 23, 2023. Celebrating with **Ceci & Jake** were alumni friends and family, **Jed Schleisner**, **Isy Schleisner**, **Rachel Wegener**, **Linnea Wegener**, **Hannah Willstein**, **Gwyn Buchanan**, **Courtney Bachmann**, **Helen Lewis**, **Lucy Condolora**, **Julia Gray**, **Dan Varick**, **Nicky Wolff**, **Kelly Panasy**, **Erika Gotcher**, **Ben Varick**, **Anya Rifkin**, **Hayley Ernyey**, **Nell Kirchoff**, **Tres Barbatelli**, **Brian Iltis**, **Morgan Iltis**, **Sarah Willstein**, **Ben Willstein**, and **Scott Sigman**. The couple resides in Helena, MT.



Jordan Derber and Dustin Thew were married on October 7, 2023. Alumni in attendance were **Steven Derber**, **David Derber**, **Kayla Derber**, **Brian Derber**, **Anne Derber**, **Emma Derber**, **Ann Kessler**, **Ellen Reinwald**, and **Erik Cole**. The couple resides in Appleton, WI.



Maddy Stein and Will Brown were married on October 28, 2023 in Chicago, IL. Alumni in attendance were **Jordan Spellman (Yavari)**, **Mariah Foley** and **Laura Henneghan**.

ALUMNI UPDATES

BIRTHS



Maggie (Hoppe) McClurg and Ryan McClurg welcomed twins, **Madeline and William McClurg** on September 7, 2022. Sibling, **Bailey** along with Camp alum family members celebrating the arrival of **Madeline and William** include **Barb Miller-Hoppe** and **Jake Hoppe**. The family resides in Denver, CO.



Sarah (Bretl) Marthaler and Ryan Marthaler welcomed a daughter, **Alicia Lucia Marthaler**, on March 23, 2023. Sibling, **Frederick** along with Camp alum family members celebrating the arrival of **Alicia** include **Donna (Cross) Bretl, Dan Bretl, Margy (Cross) Levenberg and Julie (Stowell) Darby**. Additional Camp family who have passed on include great-grandfather, **Robert P. Cross, Jr.**, great-uncle, **Robert P. Cross III** and second cousin **Chan Stowell**. The family resides in Minneapolis, MN.



Katherine Telleen Stebe and John Stebe welcomed **Emily Ingrid Stebe** on July 27, 2022. Sibling, **George** along with Camp alum family members celebrating the arrival of **Emily** include Sharon **Telleen, Paul Telleen, Bob & Char Telleen, Karin Telleen, Dave & Judy Telleen, Erik Telleen, Fred Telleen, David Werbach, Susan Lowry, Kirstin Telleen, Barb Lindquist,** and **Sara Passov**. The family resides in Herndon, VA.



Julie Fix and Seth Norell Bader welcomed **Wrenley Marinus Fix-Bader** on September 4, 2023. Camp alum family members celebrating the arrival of **Wrenley** include **Carrie Fix** and **Charles Fix**. The family resides in Juneau, AK.



Brandon Pereles and Marilee Pereles welcomed **Leo Robert Judah Pereles** on September 15, 2023. Camp alum family members celebrating the arrival of **Leo** include **Jeff & Lisa Pereles, Zach Pereles, Joseph Pereles, John Pereles, Jean Pereles-Strouse,** and **Jordan Pereles-Strouse**. The family resides in Rancho Santa Margarita, CA.



Elizabeth Erickson and **Chase Christopherson** welcomed **Soren David Christopherson** on September 28, 2023. Camp alum family members celebrating the arrival of **Soren** include **Brandt Christopherson** and **Karen Christopherson**. The family resides in Arbor Vitae, WI.



Alissa Ratzsch Smucker and **Jonathan Smucker** welcomed **Sally Ann Smucker** on January 9, 2024. Camp alum family members celebrating the arrival of **Sally** include **Julia Smucker**. The family resides in Shorewood, WI.



Zach Eigenbrodt and Megan Cheney welcomed **Elliot Thomas Eigenbrodt** on February 24, 2024. The family currently resides in Eagle Bay, NY.

NEWSWORTHY



Andrew Elkins and his son **Ethan** have accomplished an incredible feat by becoming the first self-sufficient individuals to cross the Boundary Waters on Paddle Boards. Even more impressive is the fact that Andrew, who is disabled, was able to complete this journey. Their journey not only highlighted their determination and skill but also raised funds, awareness, and equipment for nonprofits. In addition to their expeditions, Andrew and Ethan are also speakers on outdoor related skills. They have shared their knowledge and expertise at various events, including Canoecon and REI. Their talks cover a range of topics such as safety, navigation, and camping techniques.

IN MEMORY OF

The Camp Manito-wish YMCA community joins in prayerful remembrance of friends and alumni who have passed away.

James Butterbrodt, Camper '63-'65, Staff '58-'65

Earle Combs III*, Board Member 1979-2001, Emeritus Board Member, Memorial Day Work Weekend

Morgan Gallagher, Camper '03, '04, '06

Frances Logan, Camper '53, Canuck '55, Memorial Day Work Weekend

Sally (Schley) Manegold*

Robert "Bob" McCabe II, Camper '73 & '74

Mark Mernitz, Camper Parent

Hiram Nowlan Jr., Camper '41-'44, Canuck '45, Staff '46 & '47

Ian O'Brien, Staff 2015 & 2016

Gail (Fanslau) Robinson, Staff '58 & '59

Frederick "Fritz" Schick, Camper '90-'92

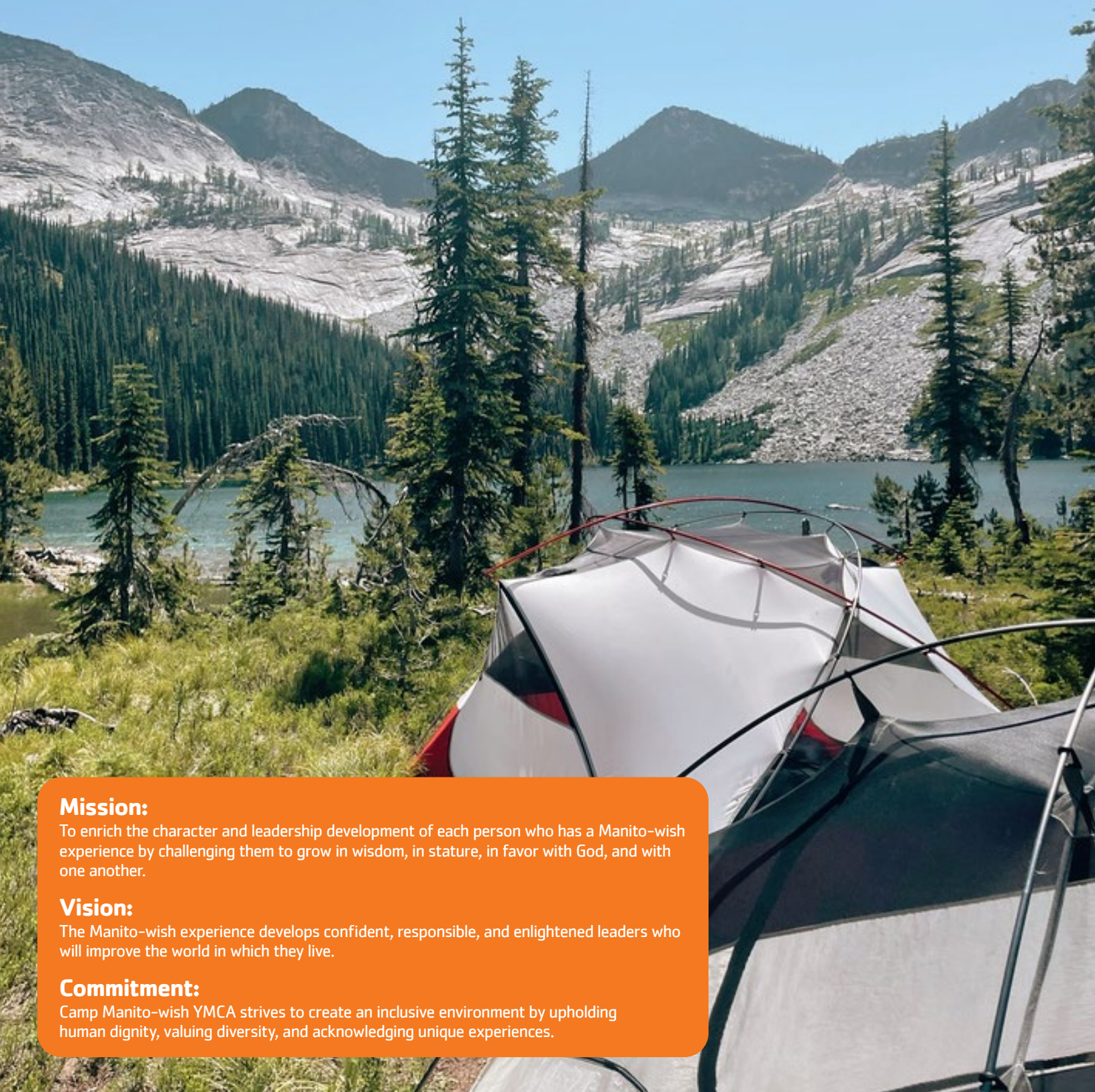
William "Bill" Taylor*, Camper '48 & '49, Pioneer '51, Canuck '51, Staff '53-'56

*denotes Fires of Friendship Circle Member

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To enrich the character and leadership development of each person who has a Manito-wish experience by challenging them to grow in wisdom, in stature, in favor with God, and with one another.

Vision:

The Manito-wish experience develops confident, responsible, and enlightened leaders who will improve the world in which they live.

Commitment:

Camp Manito-wish YMCA strives to create an inclusive environment by upholding human dignity, valuing diversity, and acknowledging unique experiences.

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