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Tripper – Fall 2025
CAMP MANITO-WISH YMCA

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DIRECTOR'S TRAIL

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It's hard to believe that summer 2025 is over as it flew by so quickly. Our new Operations Team members learned a lot about Manito-wish by observing, being curious, providing a different perspective and listening thoughtfully to both campers and staff.

The 107th summer was transformative for so many campers and staff in their growth and development. Lifelong relationships are formed during Camp sessions whether it's making new friends or reuniting with old friends. Campers enjoyed the various program areas in Camp, section games and special activities. Trail is the vehicle through which participants and staff are challenged to push outside of their comfort zone to grow in ways they never thought possible while enjoying the lakes, rivers, and wildlife of the beautiful Northwoods. The bonds that are created through shared challenges and amazing highlights provide memories that last a lifetime.

Outpost trips were phenomenal this year. Listening to presentations from the leaders and participants demonstrated their growth in collaborative leadership and problem-solving skills as well as their grit, confidence and resiliency. Their tremendous appreciation for these opportunities and locations they traveled through was clear as they shared wonderful stories and amazing photos from their adventures.

As both campers and staff transition back to school and lives away from the Northwoods, we hope for their continued growth as they apply lessons learned at Camp. We are so appreciative of our seasonal staff!

The Manito-wish experience continues to be life-changing for our participants. The messages conveyed during the Square and Vespers ceremonies and joy on the faces of our campers and staff confirm that our vision is indeed developing confident, responsible, and enlightened leaders who will improve the world in which they live. We strive to reach as many youth (s) as possible with our mission to enrich the character and leadership development of every participant who has a Manito-wish experience should reach as many youths as possible. Thank you for your support of our mission and people as we plan for 2026!

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MESSAGE FROM BOARD PRESIDENT

Sarah Kendrick,
President, Board Of Directors



On behalf of the Camp Manito-wish YMCA Board of Directors, I would like to thank our committed campers and families, our dedicated and passionate staff, and our incredible alumni who champion our mission. Together we can celebrate another successful season of programming! Each of you is part of this community that makes Camp extraordinary.

Camp is not just a place, but a shared legacy. It is a living, breathing community shaped by the people who pass through it and the stories they carry with them. Whether it is talking with seasonal staff in Nash, chatting with people as we stack wood at Memorial Day work weekend, or connecting over dinner at Fires of Friendship, I am consistently in awe of the profound impact Camp has had on so many people. At Manito-wish, experiences are more than moments in time. They are the bonds that connect generations, the shared challenges that shape values, and the foundation of a community that lasts a lifetime.

My daughters return from Camp each summer with stories of friendship, laughter, and adventure, carrying with them a sense of belonging and purpose that sustains them all year long. That sense of connection is not fleeting, but rather the foundation on which they grow and thrive. That's what Camp Manito-wish does best. It is a connector, building unshakable communities where young people develop skills to become confident, capable, and compassionate leaders.

I am honored to serve alongside such a dedicated and collaborative Board, united in ensuring Camp's mission not only endures but continues to shape the leaders of tomorrow. Thank you for bringing your heart and commitment to the Manito-wish community. Together we strengthen a tradition of community that shapes the leaders of tomorrow.

Peace on the waterways,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah".



OPERATIONS OVERVIEW



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Summer 2025 was an unforgettable season at Camp Manito-wish—filled with joy, friendship, challenges, and growth. Campers and staff came together to build a vibrant community and now return to their homes and schools as more authentic versions of themselves—ready to change the world!

Each summer, we survey campers and their families to learn which meals they loved (and which they didn't), hear funny stories and trail adventures, and discover how relationships with cabinmates evolved. These stories help us listen, grow, adapt—and most importantly—celebrate the successes.

In our 2025 Camper Family Surveys:

- **95% of Girls Camp Campers** shared that **Trail** was where they found the most joy, made meaningful connections, and experienced the most growth. **Section games, waterfront activities, biking, and crafts** followed closely.
- **Boys Camp Campers** also named **Trail** as their top source of joy and connection, with **roof ball, mealtimes, and section games** close behind.
- **Outpost campers** showed significant growth in their resourcefulness and resilience.

Families also shared wonderful feedback about our staff team, and we're proud to celebrate our dedicated counselors:

"She was very skilled and knowledgeable. She believed in us. She had a good balance of leadership and letting us learn by doing." – *Girls Camp 2025 Camper*

"He always lightened the mood and made everything feel more fun. He always saw the bright side." – *Boys Camp 2025 Camper*

Outpost families were asked what they would share with a parent considering sending their child to Manito-wish. Here's what they said:

"Manito-wish helps you develop skills in many ways that you wouldn't be able to grow in your everyday life. It puts you in situations where you're pushed outside your comfort zone and learn from the experience." – *Outpost 2025 Parent*

"Great way for kids to be independent, outdoors, active, and social. (Also great to give them a break from phones and video games.)" – *Outpost 2025 Parent*

"Camp is an integral part of our kids' education." – *Outpost 2025 Parent*

We're deeply grateful to our Manito-wish community—campers, staff, families, and alumni—for your continued support. We look forward to connecting with you this fall and winter as we prepare for another incredible summer in 2026!



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Our 2025 Summer Camp season wrapped up on a high note, leaving us with valuable insights and unforgettable memories. This year during staff training, we channeled Ted Lasso's leadership and focused on teamwork, culture-building, character development, and, of course, fun! We're incredibly grateful to our amazing seasonal staff for their dedication and hard work in making camp magical for every camper.

"On my first trip on trail, I really enjoyed paddling into the sea wall and hearing "Break out the Oars". I felt very honored to be a part of all the traditions that are specific to Manito-wish, and I really appreciate all the support that was given from our alumni. I can't wait for next summer!" -Sean Diamond, Camp Director



We also ran our **ELE (Emerging Leaders Experience)** program for the second consecutive year! ELE campers made meaningful contributions, from helping clean up a Boys Camp campsite to assisting with fireproofing two cabins in the South Section by placing protective rock barriers. They also had the chance to shadow counselors and work directly with Far South and Near South campers—gaining hands-on experience and leadership skills. We're excited to continue growing the ELE program for many summers to come.

Overall, it was a joy working with our campers this summer, and we're already looking forward to making next year even better!

FAMILY CAMP

Ellen and Julie once again did an outstanding job leading Family Camp. One of the most heartwarming moments was seeing former campers—now parents—playing Wells Fargo with their own children. It's a memory that will stay with us forever.

Family Camp also welcomed many new families, giving them a firsthand look at what Manito-wish is all about. For many, it helped ease the nerves about sending their child to Camp for three weeks. If you haven't had the chance to attend Family Camp yet, we highly encourage it—whether you're hoping to inspire your child to attend in future years or simply want to relive the joy of Camp yourself.

OUTPOST

Outpost trips during the summer of 2025 were resoundingly successful, with 77 campers canoeing, kayaking, or backpacking their way across six States (Alaska, Idaho, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, and Wyoming), the province of Ontario, the territory of Nunavut, and the awe-inspiring Lake Superior. It was an honor and a privilege to support the highly skilled leaders who dedicated their summers to enriching the character and leadership development of our campers. They maintained a delicate balance of when to step forward and take charge of their groups, and when to move back so the campers could experience the growth of facing the inherent challenges of Trail.

ALUMNI GATHERING

UPCOMING EVENTS

2025

- OCTOBER 10-12: **WOMEN'S WEEKEND AT CMY**
- OCTOBER 14-18: **CAMPER RECRUITMENT: CHICAGO AREA**
- OCTOBER 23: **CAMPER RECRUITMENT: SAN FRANCISCO/OAKLAND, CA**
- NOVEMBER 7: **ANNUAL ALUMNI GATHERING - URBAN ECOLOGY (RIVERSIDE), MILWAUKEE**
- NOVEMBER 7-8: **ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
- NOVEMBER 8: **CAMPER RECRUITMENT: ADVENTURE ROCK MKE**
- NOVEMBER 9: **CAMPER RECRUITMENT: BOULDERS EAST, MADISON**
- NOVEMBER 15: **CAMPER RECRUITMENT: ST. PAUL**

2026

- JANUARY TBD: **CAMPER RECRUITMENT - FLORIDA & TEXAS**
- APRIL 17: **ALUMNI GATHERING-MADISON**
- APRIL 17-18: **SPRING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
- MAY 22-25: **MEMORIAL DAY WORK WEEKEND**
- JUNE 20: **OUTPOST TRIPS BEGIN**
- JUNE 20-JULY 9: **BOYS SUMMER CAMP SESSION**
- JUNE 20-JULY 3: **BOYS EMERGING LEADER EXPERIENCE**
- JULY 13-JULY 18: **JULY FAMILY CAMP**
- JULY 21-AUGUST 9: **GIRLS SUMMER CAMP SESSION**
- JULY 21-AUGUST 3: **GIRLS EMERGING LEADER EXPERIENCE**
- AUGUST 1: **FIRES OF FRIENDSHIP GATHERING**
- AUGUST 1: **SUMMER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**
- AUGUST 12-15: **AUGUST FAMILY CAMP**
- AUGUST 15: **OUTPOST TRIPS END**



[Upcoming Events Page](#)



SAVE THE DATE
ANNUAL ALUMNI EVENT
NOVEMBER 7

URBAN ECOLOGY CENTER
RIVERSIDE

MILWAUKEE 5:00PM-8:00PM

HEAVY APPETIZERS & CASH BAR

VALUE OF MANITO-WISH EXPERIENCE



Hi, my name is Tomás Michelangeli. I am writing this to you at home in Manhattan after a wonderful summer in the Northwoods. It was my 9th summer at Manito-wish, and so I can comfortably say that Camp feels like home, too. Growing up in New York City, but spending my summers paddling the lakes and streams of Boulder Junction and beyond always warranted some strange looks. Friends from home would see me come back with bug bites, new scars, and stories of not showering for days; they couldn't imagine why I'd want to spend my summer at a camp that makes me carry heavy packs and even heavier canoes.

I loved Camp from the start. At nine years old, it was scary and exciting to be away from home for the first time. I learned to make friends outside of school and without my parents scheduling playdates. I started to learn how to take care of myself away from home and family – a lesson Camp has continued to teach me year after year, and a lesson that moving to college last year made me more grateful for than ever. When I first started at Camp, I enjoyed Trail-brownies, swimming, loons – but it wasn't until my Near North year that I loved trail. We paddled from Camp to Sylvania in the UP. The portages were the hardest I'd ever done, and the bugs were the worst I'd ever seen. The trip would have been horrible if not for two things. One, the company. Trail has a way of bringing people together. You all depend on each other to get things done. You can't paddle, portage, eat or sleep without each other's help. And when things get hard you rely on each other. Trail had always been teaching me how to work in a team, but as the trips became longer and harder, groups became closer. Near North was the first time I found myself working as a part of a community, not just a team. Two, the wilderness. Sylvania was unlike anything I'd ever seen. Lakes so clear you could see the bottom even in the middle. Sandy beaches where we'd swim and have TL, and trees. Seemingly endless groves of ancient old growth. Under those trees, I had many conversations with my TC. He told stories of Outpost, his Canuck and Alaskan. I was falling in love with Trail, and his stories showed me Outpost as an opportunity to continue exploring this new passion.

Outpost was absolutely the place to continue seeking out stunning wilderness and making community with like-minded people. The people I met in the outpost are some of the people I look up to most and get along with best. You form a special bond with the people you've been on trips with. Spending every minute together (through long days, bad weather, beautiful sights) and working for and depending on each other (cooking, cleaning, setting up camp) brings tripmates together in such a close and unique way. My friends from the outpost are truly people I will cherish for life. I think the term 'life-changing' gets thrown around a lot, but it's true! On each of my outpost trips, I learned lessons that have genuinely changed my life. More than that, however, they are life-affirming experiences. Never have I been more grateful and excited to be alive than when I'm out there.

Now I'm back in the Northwoods, this time on the staff side of things. It has been such a delight to work with long-time mentors and friends. The idea of instilling the same love for the outdoors and fostering the same kind of friendships I have with others is what will keep me coming back to camp for years to come. Something that my new perspective on staff has allowed me to appreciate this year is just how supportive the Manito-wish community is. Volunteers help on opening day and in the horse barn. There was rarely a 'that's not my job' attitude from co-workers; if you needed help, someone was always ready to lend a hand. Even campers were eager to help if needed. My biggest takeaway from this summer was a sense of pride for a community of peers, campers, and admin that lift each other up.

I have tried my best to briefly capture what makes this place so addictive, why I love this place, these people, and the things we do. But honestly, I don't think I did it justice. I think I'd be writing forever if I tried to capture it perfectly. It's just something I feel. The only way to get what I mean is to experience it for yourself. So, I hope to see you out there.

Peace on the Waterways,

Tomás Michelangeli

Summer Camp 2016-2021, Pioneer 2022, Canuck 2023, Expo 2024, Staff 2025

MARKETING AND RECRUITMENT

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As the leaves begin to change and we reflect on our 107th summer at Camp Manito-wish YMCA, I am filled with gratitude and continued excitement for what's ahead.

As members of the Camp Manito-wish family, you know firsthand the lifelong impact that summers on the shores of Boulder Lake can have. Whether it was paddling through new waters, gathering in Nash Lodge, or forming friendships that shaped who you are today, your Camp story is part of the larger Manito-wish legacy. Here's a glimpse into how we're growing our community and inspiring the next generation of campers.

Going Digital

We're embracing new marketing strategies to reach families across the country and the world. By investing in digital marketing, we can share the Manito-wish story with broader audiences while continuing to preserve our tech-free Camp environment for campers. This approach allows us to connect with more families who might not yet know the impact a Manito-wish experience can have.

Recruitment on the Road

Alongside Jeff and Megan, we've been teaming up with dedicated alumni to bring camper recruitment events to new regions, including Texas, California, New York, and Florida. Our goal: to welcome NEW campers and staff members from across the country! We'll also continue hosting events and visiting universities in our established markets, Madison, Milwaukee, Chicago, and Minneapolis/St. Paul. Keep an eye on our social media and events page for a camper or staff recruitment event near you.

How You Can Help

Our strongest recruitment tool continues to be you, our alumni and current families. Your stories carry authenticity and heart, inspiring others to take the leap. With registration and hiring for 2026 now open, we encourage you to share your Camp experience with prospective families and college-aged individuals. Whether they're interested in participating in or working during Summer Camp, Family Camp, or Leadership Programs, your voice makes all the difference.

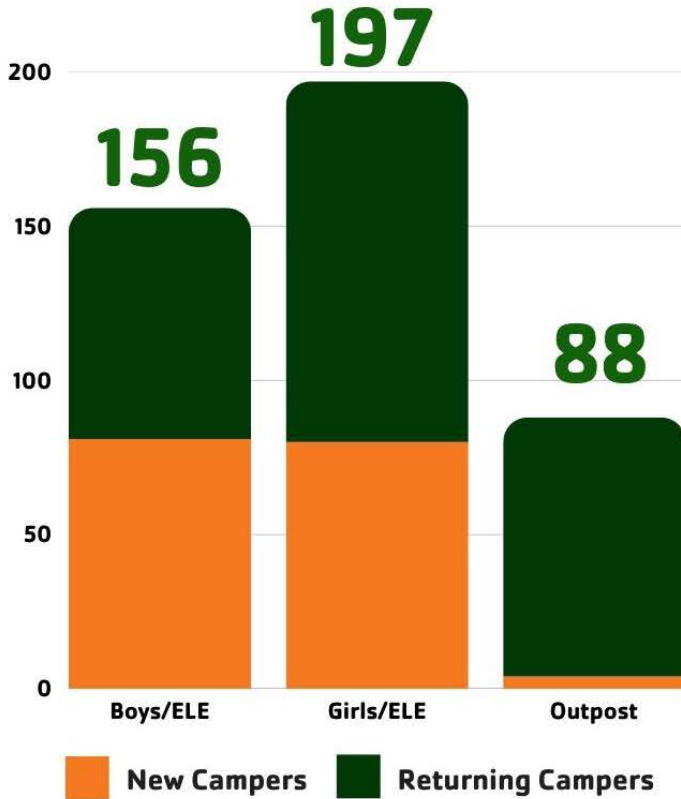
For more than a century, the Manito-wish experience has thrived because of people like you who carry it forward. Together, we can ensure the values of leadership, character, and community continue to shape future generations.

Peace on the Waterways,
Bailey



SUMMER 2025 IMPACT REPORT

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16,360
PHOTOS ON
SMUG MUG



6,462
CAMP-O-GRAMS
DISTRIBUTED

217

SEASONAL STAFF

349

VOLUNTEERS

4,279

VOLUNTEER HOURS



9

PARTICIPANTS
TRANSPORTED BY AIR



205

PARTICIPANTS
TRANSPORTED BY BUS

“Camp Manito-wish is an incredible experience that helped my child develop independence and self-confidence! It creates lifelong memories. She can’t wait to go back!”

PROPERTY UPDATE

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Greetings from Boulder Lake, where our first fall Leadership Program, Prairie School, just wrapped up. The early signs of fall have begun to arrive in the northwoods, and the property team is busy preparing for the annual fall cleaning and shut down of the seasonal parts of the property as we get ready for the winter season.

Around the Property

The property team has been hard at work keeping our buildings and infrastructure in working order.

Some highlights of our recent work:

- Building, vehicle, canoe/kayak and cargo trailer, powerboat inspections
- Repairs and maintenance tasking are ongoing
- Mechanical equipment maintenance/repairs (motors, fans, belts, HVAC filter changes, etc.)
- Loads of ongoing grounds/road work (mowing, trimming, road grading) keep the property looking tip-top
- Hazard tree removal, both in-house and contracted, help reduce risk around the property
- Lighting repairs and upgrades help conserve energy use and reduce expenses
- Tim and Steve lead both Emerging Leader Experience programs service projects this summer

■ The Boys ELE service project spent the day canoeing to and from the boat landing on south Turtle Lake to the CMY campsite on north Turtle Lake. The day was spent clearing the campsite, canoe landing and fire ring of many dead and fallen trees and brush making the site ready for future use.



■ The Girls ELE service project spent the day hardscaping around three south end cabins as part of our Firewise work. Leaves and pine needles were cleared to bare mineral soil, landscape fabric installed, and washed stone was placed around each cabin's perimeter.



Property Team Staffing Update

Our custodian/housekeeper, Emalyn Schultz has decided to transition from her position at Camp. Emalyn's last day will be Friday, September 30, 2025. Thank you, Emalyn, for your hard work and effort to keep our buildings clean for all who visit the Boulder Lake property and leaving them with a great first impression.



Project updates

Island View cabin was enjoyed by those who had the opportunity to stay in Camp's newest cabin. We received many positive remarks about how the look and feel of the old cabin were incorporated into the new structure. Many thanks to the donors who turned the project into reality.

Land reclamation at the original Shorewood cabin is complete. The native plantings are growing, the benches built and the boulders lining the site are in place. Thanks to the donors who supported the project.

On the horizon

This fall the original windows in the Bay 7 cabin will be replaced with new Lincoln Windows. Nasi Construction will begin work after Labor Day and, barring any surprises, the project will be completed in mid-December.



Camp's Boulder Lake property and its facilities continue to serve our programs and guests well thanks to the property staff team members' passion and commitment towards having a fully operational, well-maintained facility. A big shout out and thank you to Steve, Jerry, Frank, Jacob, Emalyn, and Ross as you continue your focused work to keep Camp's buildings and grounds running smoothly and looking good. First impressions do last a lifetime.

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 about the property, please contact me at tim.sheehan@manito-wish.org

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

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ALUMNI OUTREACH & GATHERINGS

Fires of Friendship Circle Gathering

The annual Fires of Friendship Circle celebration was held on Saturday, July 26th, at the North Lakeland Discovery Center. The event was attended by 69 alumni, friends, and staff. It was a beautiful night with everyone enjoying the social time, dinner, and program. The CEO of Camp, Judy Tegtmeyer, and the President of the Board, Sarah Kendrick, gave updates on the current state of Camp.

The highlight of the event was hearing from Tom Barney, who shared his multi-generational family Manito-wish experiences, how Manito-wish influenced his college choice for his masters, his outdoor climbing, and business decisions including his various senior leadership roles at Royal Robbins, General Mills, and Gallo Winery before serving as CEO of Osprey Packs in Cortez, Colorado, for 17 years, helping grow Osprey into an important supplier to the outdoor, travel, and cycling.

The event was a great success and closed with Keven Gibbens leading everyone in four traditional Camp songs. We look forward to next year's celebration. The following new members to the Fires of Friendship Circle were welcomed: **Carl W. Saubert IV & Muriel Perillat**, and the Estate of **James "Jamie" A. Thomas, Sr.**



Volunteer Opportunities

Birthday Club - Thank you to the over 35 who participate in sending out birthday wishes to all our alumni over the age of 25! We have received many letters from alumni telling how much they look forward to receiving the postage each year!

"Thank you for the birthday wishes. I am 69 years old, and although there are many years between my summers at Camp, the happy experiences at Camp will always be a part of me. Receiving this birthday card has brought back so many wonderful memories."

Opening Day - This year we have over 12 volunteers welcome Campers who were dropped off on the opening day of both Boys and Girls sessions. It is always fun as we welcome, park, and guide new & returning Campers and their parent/guardians through the check-in process and walk them to their cabin to meet their counselors and cabin mates.

Memorial Day - We celebrated our 56th Memorial Day Work Weekend! This year one of the co-founders, Mimi Mead, joined us. We welcomed over 200 volunteers from babies to people in their 80s joining us to get Camp ready for the summer. Please plan to join us for 2026 and become hooked on our largest alumni event!



DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

Growing Our Endowment

The Camp Manito-wish YMCA Endowment Fund is a fund that was established with the help of generous individual gifts from long-term friends of Camp. Those who have made a planned gift to Camp Manito-wish YMCA, listed it as a primary beneficiary in their estate plans, or made an outright gift of \$10,000 or more to the Endowment Fund are part of the Fires of Friendship Circle. The funds in the endowment fund are invested in perpetuity, with a board approved percentage of the average value used annually for purposes designated by the donor.

Campership Funds, General Funds, Building Funds, Program Funds, Staff Funds, and Pledges Receivable totaled more than \$16.7 million as of the audited financial statements for fiscal year end October 31, 2024. The Board of Directors is responsible for managing these funds, including preservation, growth, and use, and they delegate the responsibility for investment of these gifts to the Finance Committee.

Donors who give a gift of \$10,000 or more to the Manito-wish Endowment Fund qualify for a named gift. This gift provides a lasting and fitting recognition for the donor or someone special to them. These funds will help ensure that Camp Manito-wish can continue to provide impactful experiences for generations to come.

CAPITAL INITIATIVES

This Year

As Tim mentioned in his property report, we completed the rebuilding of Island View Cabin and the demolition of the Old Shorewood Cabin which included the reclamation of the land to its natural state.

Future

Our dedicated staff inspect each cabin annually to ensure that it is in excellent condition. We rate the cabins according to how well they accommodate our campers and staff, how comfortable they are, and how they stand up to normal wear and tear caused by enthusiastic use and the four seasons of northwoods exposure. We take pride in knowing that our cabins are not only functional and safe but also provide a welcoming and comfortable environment for our campers.

The next phase includes the eventual rebuilding of **Wildwood**, and **Timber Lodge/Bunkhouse** cabins. We will continue to strive for excellence in all aspects of our Camp, and our cabins are no exception. We believe that our commitment to "Cabins of Excellence" sets us apart as a premier summer camp destination.

Annual Fund Drive

The Annual Fund Drive is an important tradition that ensures the continued success of Manito-wish programs. By supporting this initiative, you are not only contributing to the excellence of the programs themselves, but also to the ongoing provision of high-quality staff and facilities. In addition, the Annual Fund Drive helps to provide financial stability during economic fluctuations and ensures that there are no financial barriers to attendance through camperships.

The Annual Fund Drive is an essential component of the operating budget, representing 12%-15% of the annual budget. As of August 31, 2025, the drive has received \$628,186 and has remaining pledges of \$10,597, bringing the total to \$638,186 or 111% of the \$575,000 goal! Our fund drive goes through October 31, 2025 when we will begin again on November 1 for 2026. The 2026 goal will be \$600,000. By contributing to the Annual Fund Drive, you are ensuring that this experience remains accessible to all, regardless of their ability to pay.

In addition, Camp applies for a variety of grants from various organizations. Our best strategy is to research and find grant opportunities for which participants in the organization have a Manito-wish connection. Thus far Camp has been awarded \$163,500 in grants. If you know any granting organizations which Manito-wish should make an inquiry or apply, please contact Jeff.

The generosity and compassion of the Manito-wish community is truly admirable and reflects the values of kindness and care that are central to Camp's mission. If you would like more information on development initiatives, please email Jeff Pereles (jeff.pereles@manito-wish.org), or Megan Holmes (megan.holmes@manito-wish.org).

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS (DAF) A donor-advised fund (DAF) is a type of giving program that allows you to easily support your favorite charities. You may also be eligible for certain tax benefits. An increasingly popular charitable vehicle, DAFs are an excellent way to both simplify your charitable giving and facilitate your strategic philanthropic goals. If your donor-advised fund is with Fidelity, Schwab, or BNY Mellon, you may recommend a gift to Camp via DAFDirect using the form on Camp's website. <https://manito-wish.org/donate/ways-to-give/>

VOLUNTEER



Join Camp's

VOLUNTEER BIRTHDAY CARD CLUB!

Looking to volunteer from home?

Help Camp write birthday notes to our Alums!
Each month you get birthday cards sent to your home with labels and stamps. You simply write a note to the Alum wishing them a happy birthday!

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ALUMNI UPDATES

B I R T H S



Karl Welter & Lindsey Welter welcomed their son, **Theodore "Teddy" Beau Welter**, on December 12th, 2024. **Teddy's Aunt Carrie Welter**, and **Grandparents Duke Welter** and **Katherine Ryder** are part of the many alumni who celebrated his arrival. The family currently resides in Telluride, Colorado.



Annika Lüdersen and Dominik Lüdersen welcomed their daughter, **Holly Lüdersen**, on April 11th, 2025. The family currently resides in Hannover, Germany.



Brandon Pereles & Marilee Pereles welcomed their son **Barnabus Oak Hebron Pereles** on May 27th, 2025. Barnabus's older brother **Leo**, **Uncle Zach Pereles**, and Grandparents **Jeff and Lisa Pereles** are part of the many alumni to celebrate his arrival. The family currently resides in Rancho Santa Margarita, California.



Sara Farrow & Andrew Farrow welcomed their daughter **Elowyn Jane Farrow** on July 14th, 2025. Her older brother, **Rowan**, is very excited about her arrival. The family currently resides in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.



Sean Diamond & Courtney Diamond welcomed their son, **Nathan Oliver Diamond**, on August 10th, 2025. Nathan's older sister, **Norah**, and many proud Camp coworkers celebrated Nathan's arrival. The family currently resides at Camp.

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announcement
listed in the Tripper!

Email
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to submit
your update.

ALUMNI UPDATES

WEDDINGS

Julia Gray and **Dan Varick** were married on September 1st, 2024. Over 30 alums attended their celebration! The couple currently resides in Salt Lake City.



Dana Stamos and **Michael McMenamin** were married on July 12th, 2025, in Door County, WI. Alumni friends and family in attendance were **Julie Allen-Stamos**, James McMenamin and Maureen Costello, **Gayle** and **Luke Stamos**, **John McMenamin** and **Kayleigh DeBruyne**, **Todd** and **Peggy Allen**, **Loretta (Allen) Edes**, **Dan** and **Sigrid Allen**, **Kieran Mundy**, **Mary Traudt** and **Ben Varick**, **Doug Young**, and **Will Collins**. The couple resides in Chicago, IL.



IN MEMORY OF

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

*Arnold "Arnie" Bacigalupo, Fires of Friendship Member and Camp Friend

Clair Baum, Camp Friend

Robert Bridges, Camp Friend

Susan T. Brown, Camp Friend

Charles "Chuck" Chase, Camper 1961-1964, Pioneer 1965, Canuck 1966

John M. Davenport, Camper 1950-1952, Canuck 1953

*Walter "Wally" Dewey, Camper 1974-1976, Pioneer 1977, Western 1978, Canuck 1979, Staff 1980 & 1981

*Jenny (Parker) Emery, Camper 1973 & 1974, Canuck 1975, Staff 1979 & 1980, Board Member 2006-2016, Board President 2013-2014, Emeritus Member

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Vision:

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

Commitment:

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