

2021

# ANNUAL REPORT



## SUMMIT GROVE

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**"CREATING SPACE FOR PEOPLE TO ENCOUNTER GOD SINCE 1875"**



# FROM THE DIRECTOR

Take a moment to think about your first experience at Summit Grove. Whether it was just last year or 94 years ago (yes, there are people still with us that remember those days!), what was it about this special place that you remember?

Perhaps the sense of peace you felt while driving down the lane? Feelings of excitement on your first day of youth camp? The beautiful blue skies contrasted over endless shades of green? The people you met for the first time that have become lifelong friends? Hopefully, you experienced in some way, big or small, a glimmer of the Lord's presence here, where you encountered Him in a tangible, meaningful way.

"Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labor in vain." - Psalm 127:1

I'm reminded of this verse regularly as our staff and board set our sights on the things ahead of us -- the upcoming summer camps, the overnight church retreats, the building and remodeling projects, and the meaningful times of worship, prayer, and celebration in the Tabernacle. Why do we do what we do? We do it to honor the Lord and enjoy Him forever. We do it so that many may encounter the love, peace, healing and hope that Jesus brings.

Our mission boils down to "**creating space for people to encounter God, connect with others, and enjoy life.**" Unless the Lord is the one creating this space, we are laboring in vain.

Summit Grove is making an impact on hundreds of lives each year -- young and old, local neighbors and distant groups, tourists, pastors, cottagers, and people at all stages in their faith journey. Our prayer is that **one thing unites all who visit Summit Grove -- that each person will encounter God** in a unique and profound way, and that no person will ever leave the same.

On behalf of my family, the board, and the staff of Summit Grove -- we love this ministry, and it is a privilege to serve.

Blessings,

Dustin Kunkle, Executive Director



# 2021 AT A GLANCE

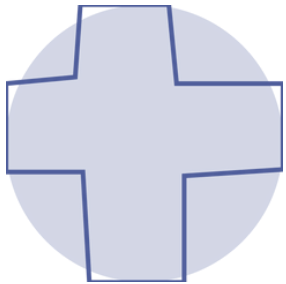
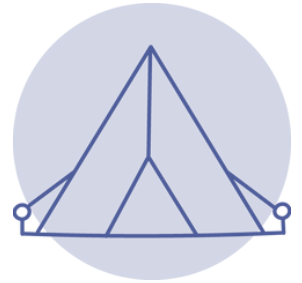


## 102 Groups Served

Overnight retreat groups and day rental groups

## 315 Summer Campers

across 17 camps, averaging 50 campers per week.



## 2538 Lives Impacted Spiritually

Surveys to 466 people reported growth in faith, rest, discipleship, hearing the Lord's voice, worship, clarity of thought, inner healing & deliverance, Bible study, 7 salvations, and 31 baptisms... among thousands unsurveyed.

## 29 Programs & Events

Summit Grove led events including Family Camp, Cowboy Weekend Mystery Dinner Theater, Servant Stage, & more!



## 240 Volunteers & Donors

Over 4500 volunteer hours and \$169k raised from generous givers!

- 2 new FT and 3 new PT staff
- Camper Scholarship Fund started
- Phase 1 of Strategic Plan announced
- 5 motel rooms renovated

# TESTIMONIES



"One woman has had years of exposure to a person who demeaned, ridiculed, and yelled at her. She now has signs of PTSD. When walking outside, trying to "be still" with the Lord, she asked God to show up to her in nature. [...] God DID show up for her in nature - with flowers, delivered by a loving husband who communicated his deep affection for her. The healing was instant!" - Anita

"Having a dedicated space away from the hustle and bustle of life allowed us to focus on growing in and healing our relationships with each other. We experienced God moving through and in this."  
- Kevin

There is no way I can completely explain to you the value of what was done in my heart that night. It's been over a month and I'm weeping as I type this. Thank you. Thank you for maintaining Summit Grove and for continuing to have a Family Camp that ministers so powerfully to those who choose to come. Please, please...don't ever stop, close or end this place and opportunity to minister so powerfully to others in Jesus' name! -Chuck

- Hosted 17 Summit Grove Sundays/Worship & Prayer Events
- 7 pastors participated in our free annual Pastor's personal retreat, and 20 in our Pastors Appreciation Luncheon



"In collaboration with a local church, SG staff and Cottage Owners had the opportunity to share the love of Christ in a practical way with several local families who were in need of temporary housing. We were able to speak life and truth into these families, as well as serve them through donating groceries, household items, babysitting, food delivery, and even driving them to appointments! One family mentioned this was a time of tremendous growth in their faith journey, and that they experienced God's love over and over again through their time here." - SG Staff



"God reunited our hearts, and what He did in this special moment was an answer to prayer since 2008! The fellowship and gathering of the PA House of Prayer Network (PAHOPN) was relaunched during our time at Summit Grove. We look forward to meeting next year at SG and partnering with other ministries for a celebration of Jesus and uniting the body of Christ in PA!" - Tabernacle 2021 Team



# FINANCIALS

**\$168k**

in donations

\$88k restricted  
\$80k unrestricted

**\$67k**

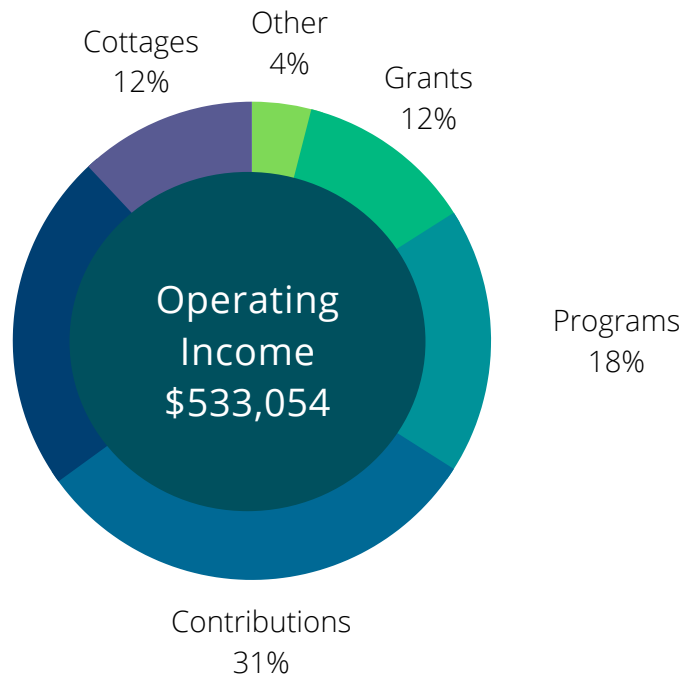
in grants awarded

**\$45k**

in debt paid off!  
(2 CCs, 1 LOC terminated)

**\$192k**

remaining amount needed to complete Phase 1 renovations

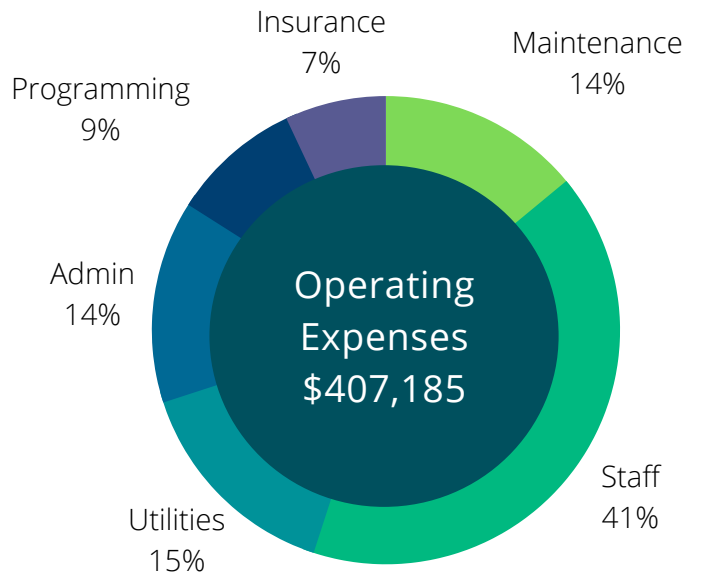
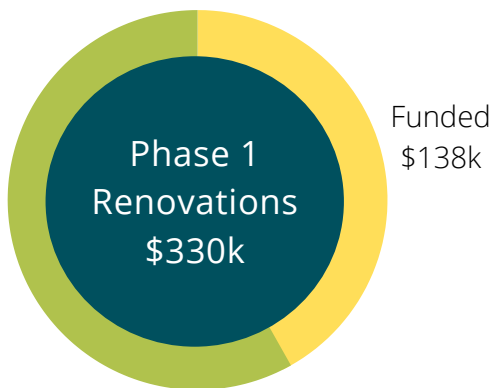


**2022**

## FUNDRAISING GOALS:

\$90k toward general operations

\$190k toward capital improvements

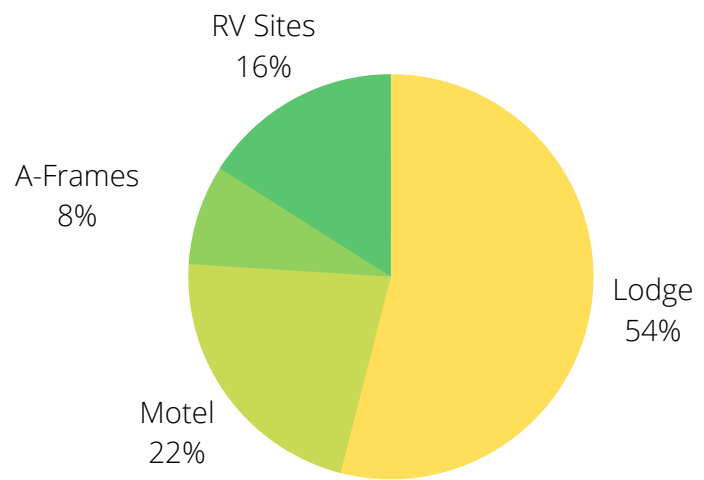




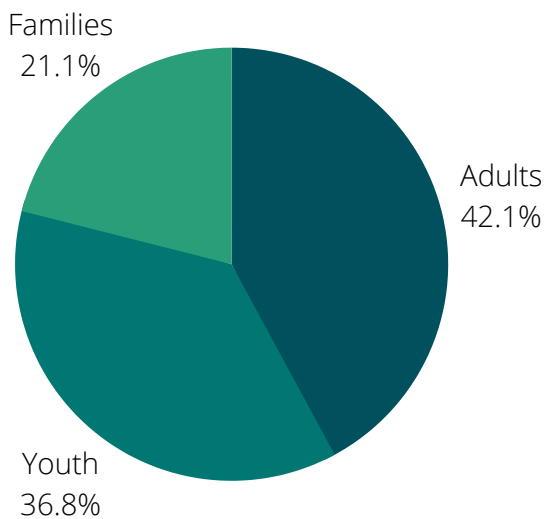
# CREATING SPACES

Year-round, Summit Grove offers overnight lodging, meeting spaces, activities, & meals to ministries, church groups and community organizations looking to host camps, conferences, events or retreats.

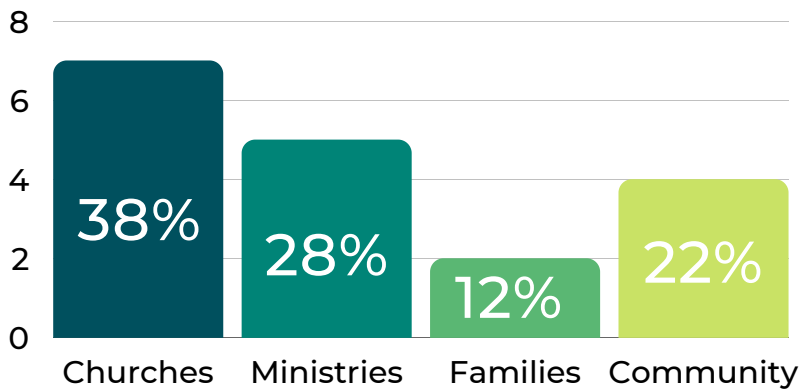
## Lodging Spaces



## Group Demographics



## Group Types



Due to COVID, the number of large groups were 38% lower than pre-COVID years, but 50% higher compared to 2020. Our 2022 bookings are already exceeding pre-COVID numbers!



# SUMMER CAMPS

Summit Grove offers a great variety of summer day camps for kids in York County PA and the surrounding region all summer long! Hundreds of campers enjoy a fun outdoor experience in a safe, spiritually-uplifting environment!

# 17

**SPECIALTY CAMPS**

# 315

**CAMPERS**

# 7

**COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS**

(CAMPS HOSTED BY COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS TRAIL LIFE, SYC YOUTH CLUB, BE YOUR BEST ATHLETE, AND DRAMA KIDS)

# CAMPER SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

# 10

RECEIVED AWARDS FROM OUR BRAND NEW CAMPER SCHOLARSHIP FUND!



## JUNE

- Art Camp (1-4th Grade)
- Drama Camp
- Baseball Camp
- GAGA (Group Activities & Games)
- Teen Theater Performance Camp
- STEM Camp
- Dance Camp
- Soccer Camp
- Softball Camp

## JULY

- 3D Nature Art Camp
- Lacrosse Camp
- Art Camp (5-8th Grade)
- Adventure Camp
- Football Camp

## AUGUST

- Field Hockey Camp
- Volleyball Camp
- Speed, Strength, Agility Camp



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# CAMP IMPROVEMENTS

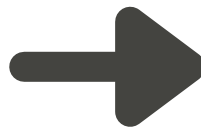
Recent improvements include: 5 renovated motel rooms, new website, new well pump, new mgmt software, 30+ trees removed, A-frame improvements, Tabernacle fixes, more!

Before

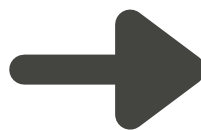
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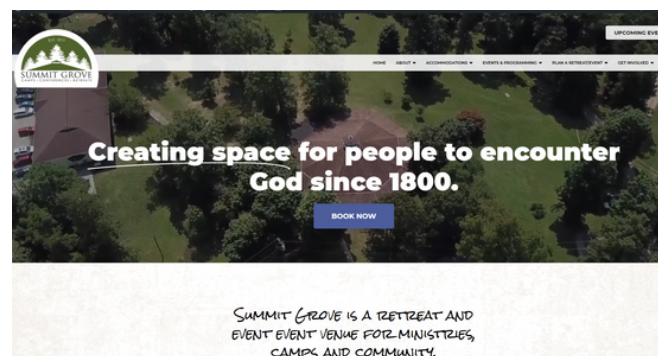
Motel



Chapel



Website





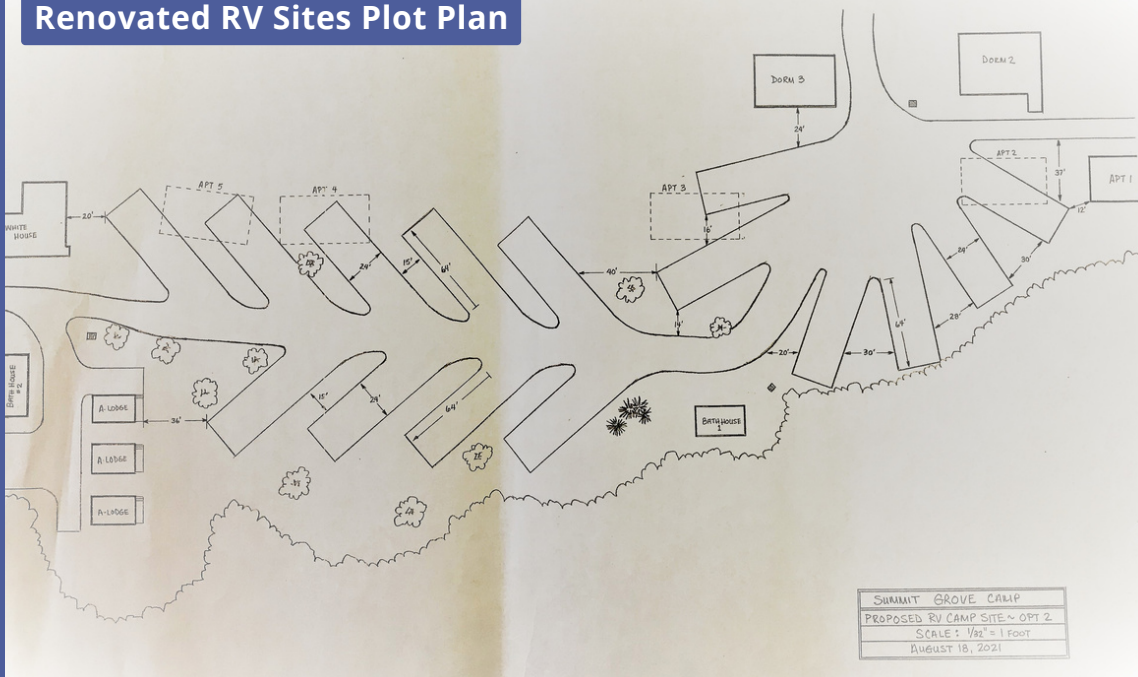
# UPCOMING PROJECTS

## What's on the horizon for 2022?

Our buildings and grounds get a lot of use! Even so, there are still many buildings, infrastructure aspects, and amenities at Summit Grove that need both major and minor upgrades. Our staff have been working hard behind the scenes, along with local contractors and volunteers, to prioritize projects and improvements to our buildings and infrastructure. Here's some exciting things happening in the near future!

- Water line and sewer upgrades to half the camp
- Electrical upgrades, 3 transformers, & wires underground- east side
- 15 new RV sites begin construction
- Removing and/or moving 5 irreparable apartment buildings
- Floor renovations to 2 A-Frames
- Much more!

### Renovated RV Sites Plot Plan





# 2022 CALENDAR

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR EVENTS AT SUMMIT GROVE!

(details and updated info is posted on website)

Mar 4	Beautifully Broken - Seasons of the Vine
Apr 28	Rekindle Retreat
May 7	Volunteer Work Day
May 14	Benefit Yard Sale
Jun 6-17	River Valley Ranch Day Camps (2 wks)
Jun-Aug	19 Specialty Day Camps (8 wks)
July 3	Pool Party & Fireworks Show
Jul 16-23	Family Camp
Aug 7	<i>Servant Stage</i> "Rock Around the Clock"
Aug 8-12	"The Eagles Nest" Boys Overnight Camp
Aug 17-21	Ignite the Fire Revival 2022
Aug 28	<i>Then Sings My Soul</i> live in concert
Sep 9-11	Tabernacle 2022 (50hrs Praise & Worship)
Sep 24	Encounter Night of Worship
Oct 7-9	Cowboy Weekend & Mystery Dinner Theatre
Nov 21	Volunteer Work Day

### Seasonal Series include:

1. *Summit Grove Sundays*: every Sunday, June 5 - Sep 11
2. *"Finding Jesus in the Feasts of the Lord"* Teaching Series: Saturdays, Apr 9, May 21, Sep 10

## MAKE PLANS FOR CAMP-MEETING

Christian And Missionary Alliance To Hold Services Near New Freedom

FROM AUGUST 7 TO 18

New Freedom, June 19.—Through the pastor and friends of the York Gospel Tabernacle of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, the district officials of the eastern district of the Christian and Missionary Alliance have made arrangements to take over the Summit Grove campmeeting, at New Freedom, formerly under the leadership of the Methodists, and will put on a ten-day camp beginning the evening of August 7 and continuing until August 18, inclusive, of this year. The campmeeting, although under the auspices of the Christian and Missionary Alliance will be interdenominational.

The Christian and Missionary Alliance has been successful in their campmeetings all over the United States. The largest of these is the eastern district campmeeting held at Mahaffey, Pa.. Last year more than five hundred families camped on the grounds at that place, and the attendance on the last day numbered fifteen thousand.

Because Mahaffey is situated in the northwestern section of the state; also owing to the fact of the rapid growth of this camp, the officials feel that this district should be divided, and have chosen this site at Summit Grove because of its southeastern location, and the splendid highways approaching the camp grounds.

[www.summitgrovecamp.org/calendar](http://www.summitgrovecamp.org/calendar)

# "SOMETHING NEW" CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

## Honoring our history... and planning our future!

We are moving into "Something New" at Summit Grove! Over the next few years, we will be working systematically through Development Phases to prioritize infrastructure, facilities, and programming upgrades that allow Summit Grove to more effectively accomplish its mission — *creating space for people to encounter God, connect with others, and enjoy life.*



# 1

### Phase 1: "Focus on Foundations"

- Water Line Replacement
- Electrical Supply Upgrades
- Campground Renovation

**\$400-600K**  
**1-2 YRS**

**\$138K RAISED!**

\*Breaking ground in 2022!

### Phase 2: "Creating Spaces"

- Multi-Stage Development Plans in Process!
- To include:
  - Tabernacle & Bathhouse Renovations
  - Developing the "7 Spaces" of Camp
  - Major on-site renovations

# 2

**\$TBD**

(CURRENTLY ESTIMATING)

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Count Me In For Something New!

Gift Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Church/Ministry Affiliation? Yes No Name: \_\_\_\_\_

This gift is: One-Time Recurring (if recurring, how often? \_\_\_\_\_)

We'd like to make a total pledge of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ over the next \_\_\_\_\_ years!

If you'd like to give online, please visit [www.summitgrovecamp.org/donate](http://www.summitgrovecamp.org/donate)



## 9 THINGS TO DO AT SUMMIT GROVE!

- ✓ Send your child to a summer camp
- ✓ Host your event or conference
- ✓ Stay in the RV/Campground area
- ✓ Book a group retreat
- ✓ Volunteer/donate to renovation efforts
- ✓ Get a season pool pass
- ✓ Attend a Summit Grove Sunday
- ✓ Schedule a personal getaway
- ✓ Learn about our 220+ yr history

Summit Grove Tabernacle circa 1930s



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