



2023
**ANNUAL
REPORT**



SUMMIT GROVE CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

"CREATING SPACE FOR PEOPLE TO ENCOUNTER GOD SINCE 1875"

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In the summer of 2023, I was eating an evening meal with my family at our house (which is located very close to the center of camp). As we sat around the table, we all began to feel a deep pulse beneath our feet, followed by a more rhythmic bass sound. I became curious. What was this sound?! We are not near any major roads, and we didn't have any outdoor activities planned that evening.

I decided to follow the sound. I went outside and a burst of rhythm and music started to fill the air. The bassline was coming from inside the Youth Barn, where a retreat was taking place. This particular retreat was a group of 150 men, women, and children, most of whom were born in Northeast Africa and the Middle East, and currently live in Washington, DC.

I decided to investigate further. I cracked the back door open and the sound came at me full blast. Inside I witnessed dozens of people joyfully singing, shouting, and dancing to the rhythm of an upbeat worship song in another language. A sweet sense of awe and the presence of the Lord filled that place. What a beautiful sight and sound!

It struck me that events and retreats like this one happen all the time at Summit Grove. Because our staff is not often involved in the spiritual programming for visiting retreat groups, we do not always get to see or hear firsthand the testimonies of what God is doing here. BUT, we know one thing, and it is evident from conversations we have time and time again with our guests -- people encounter God in a special way when they are at Summit Grove!

We see multiple ethnicities, languages and cultures represented here. We see children lifting their voices in song, and praying with their counselors during Day Camps. We see times of large groups and small groups, loud groups and silent groups, groups from nearby, and groups from miles away. Sometimes I can't help but think we are witnessing a slice of what heaven will be like.

Revelation 7:9 - "After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb."

Dustin Kunkle, Executive Director



2023 AT A GLANCE



5439+
LIVES
IMPACTED
SPIRITUALLY

Including 27
baptisms.



240
SUMMER
CAMPER

60 of whom
indicated they
made a decision
to follow Christ!



98
GROUPS
SERVED

Whose primary
purpose was to
encounter God.



\$850K
INVESTED IN
INFRA-
STRUCTURE

Over 10 major
projects completed!



280
VOLUNTEERS
& DONORS

Over 4000 volunteer
hours and \$101k
raised from
generous givers!

“ —
There's just
something about
this place. We find
ourselves leaving
feeling better than
when we came ...
I know it's God!
- Retreat Leader
— ”

Additional Highlights



17 Scholarships Granted



13 Free events in collaboration with local
pastors, churches, and worship leaders

RETREATS & EVENTS

GROUP TYPES

38%

Churches

20%

Ministries

22%

Families

20%

Community



GEOGRAPHY OF OVERNIGHT RETREATS

64% Pennsylvania

(Majority from York County, with 6 surrounding counties represented)

18% Maryland

10% VA, NC, NJ, or NY

8% Washington DC

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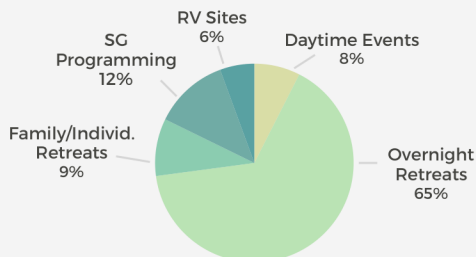
Our daughters truly felt and connected with God this summer through Summit Grove staff and peers. We hope camp continues to thrive and grow its reach.

- Camper Parent

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BOOKING

TYPES (BY # OF PEOPLE)



FINANCIALS

OPERATING INCOME

\$547,073

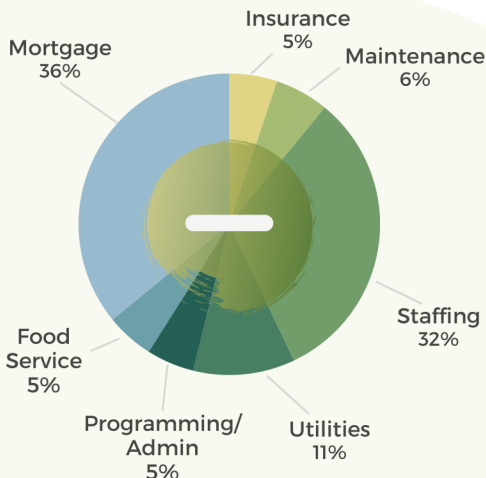
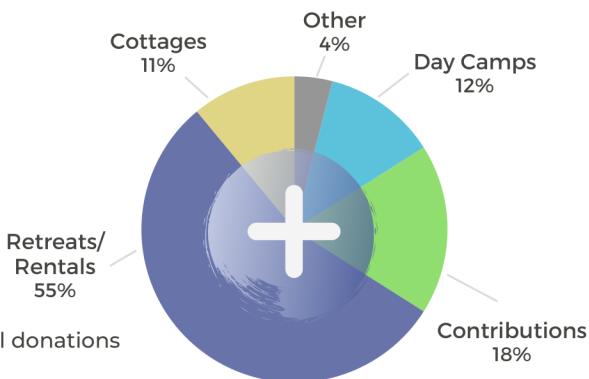
\$101k

in donations

Budgetary Goal is \$130k in general donations

\$74k

in restricted grants



OPERATING EXPENSES

\$534,502

PHASE 1 RENOVATIONS

of over \$850K

PHASE 1 FUNDS

\$217K

Donations & Grants

\$663K

Loan (Mortgage Refinance)

CAMP IMPROVEMENTS



Phase 1 Renovations are complete! In 2022-2023, we invested over \$850K into our facilities & infrastructure. Over 10 major projects were accomplished in just one year!

- ✓ Water/Sewer/Electric lines installed under nearly half of camp
- ✓ 15 RV Sites opened
- ✓ New Maintenance Building
- ✓ Campfire Pit built
- ✓ Roadwork redone
- ✓ Renovated retreat cottage

CAMP IMPROVEMENTS

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There was a lot of healing that took place. People also redirected their lives to God.

- Retreat Leader

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- ✓ New tent sites built
- ✓ New roof on Youth Barn
- ✓ Removed 4 delapidated buildings
- ✓ Over 30 trees felled
- ✓ Challenge Course built



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 2024 EVENTS AT SUMMIT GROVE!

APR

6th: Spring Volunteer Work Day
20th: Spring Benefit Yard Sale

MAY

2nd: National Day of Prayer

JUN

17th-21st: WEEK 1: Art Camp; Outdoor Games and Rec Camp
24th-28th: WEEK 2: Animal & Nature Camp; Lacrosse Camp (partner-led)

JUL

8th-12th: WEEK 3: Adventure Camp Pt 1; Football Camp (partner-led)
15th-19th: WEEK 4: Adventure Camp Pt 2
20th-27th: Family Camp

AUG

5th-9th: WEEK 5: Sports Camp (partner-led)

SEPT

28th: Encounter Night of Worship

OCT

11th-13th: Cowboy Weekend
18th-20th: Tabernacle Gathering

NOV

23rd: Fall Volunteer Work Day

Summit Station: In the late 1800's, Summit Grove acquired its own location to board the train, which went to Baltimore, Harrisburg, and the surrounding region. Up to 15,000 people would come to Summit Grove on any given Sunday.



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