



SUPPORTING A VIBRANT FUTURE

CEDARS CAMPS ENDOWMENT FUND

\$1 MILLION IN MATCHING FUNDS AVAILABLE



“CedarS has made me a happier person and has helped me say ‘no’ to things that aren’t right to do. Thanks to the wonderful Bible Lesson studies, the ‘mets’ and Christian Science practitioners at camp, it has become clearer to me what Christian Science is and what it stands for. I have practiced and understood Christian Science enough at camp that I have come to the decision to stick with it for the rest of my life. To sum it up: CedarS has jump-started me to become the best version of myself. I can’t thank you enough for supporting us coming to camp.”

-Camper

THE FIVE FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTS OF CEDARS

1. We regard each individual at camp as a child of God, who reflects alertness, joy, peace, ability, love...
2. We respect each individual Christian Science young person as a future active worker in the Christian Science Movement.
3. We stand firm in our desire to use Christian Science in all of our actions and to be good examples.
4. We believe that all have certain interests and talents, and we want to do all we can to further these and at the same time to introduce new activities and interests.
5. We expect to make camping at the CedarS fun!

-Ruth E. Huff, Founder, 1962

Founded in 1962 by Ruth E. Huff, The CedarS Camps is a not-for-profit organization serving Christian Science youth. From its humble beginnings of just one cabin for girls and one cabin for boys, the camp now serves over 1,000 guests each year. The camp is backed by a volunteer Board of Trustees and is run by 2nd and 3rd generation members of its founding family, the Huffs.

“THE PURPOSE OF THE CEDARS IS TO GIVE EACH CAMPER AN APPRECIATION OF SPIRITUAL SENSE AND AN ABUNDANCE OF WHOLESOME, JOYOUS ACTIVITY.”

-Ruth E. Huff, Founder

Over the years, CedarS has been blessed with generous gifts of amazing facilities (including a Bible Lands Park, Aquatic Center, Sports Center, covered riding arena, cable watersports park, and beautiful new Christian Science care facility)—all designed to help young people grow in their application of Christian Science. In order to maintain our facilities and programs up to the standard of CedarS’ mission, we are launching our first formal endowment campaign.

We invite you to help grow the CedarS Endowment Fund to \$20 million and support future generations in learning to live and love Christian Science. **Thanks to generous donors, the next \$1 million in contributions will be matched dollar-for-dollar.**

WHY CEDARS?

Now, more than ever, young people need what CedarS offers—an environment that helps them cultivate their spiritual sense and experience Christian Science in action. They need outdoor, active, unplugged spaces to enjoy pure, childlike fun. They need face-to-face friendships. And they need to be encouraged to grow while feeling unconditionally loved. CedarS is continually innovating to offer activities and programs that best engage today's Sunday School students. We invite you to partner with us in ensuring that this vital experience is available to the campers of today and tomorrow by supporting the CedarS Endowment Fund.



WHAT WE OFFER

A HEALING ENVIRONMENT

At every testimony meeting, you'll see a long line of campers and staff waiting to share how they are practicing and demonstrating the Science of Christianity. Throughout the year, we receive letters of gratitude describing healings from camp—joy restored, purpose found, confidence gained, fears destroyed, sickness healed, physical limitations overcome, and character transformed!

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE PRACTICE

All programs include daily Bible Lesson study, metaphysical meetings ("mets") before activities, Sunday School, Wednesday testimony meetings, hymn sings, daily talks by the resident Christian Science practitioner, and support of Christian Science nurses.

INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS

CedarS offers over 20 summer programs with the aim of engaging the broad interests and God-given talents of today's Sunday School students. These range from general camp programs to specialty camps in horseback riding, sports, musical theater, engineering, and more. We also offer programs for families and adults. In the Fall, we open camp to Bible Study, Christian Science nursing retreats, CSO summits, and outreach.



TRAINING TO SERVE THE CAUSE

Counselors frequently say that CedarS prepared them to parent, teach Sunday School, serve church, and be healers in today's world. Writes one counselor alumni, *"I credit my six-year experience as a counselor at CedarS for giving me strong résumé points to use on graduate school applications, problem-solving confidence that helped me succeed in a top-level doctoral program, and the courage to leave an academic position at a major university to enter the full-time practice of Christian Science."*

BEAUTIFUL LANDSCAPE

The camp is situated in beautiful Ozark Hill Country with spring-fed streams for canoeing and fishing, lakes for skiing and paddling, and wooded hilltops for trail riding.

EXCELLENT FACILITIES

Our 1,000+ acre campground includes a Bible Lands Park, Sports Center, cable watersports park, covered riding arena, waterslide, ziplines, screened-in cabins with their own bathrooms, ski school boats, and more. To maintain our facilities and programs in top condition requires an annual commitment of approximately \$1 million.

HELP US GROW A SUSTAINABLE ENDOWMENT

Over the years, generous gifts from CedarS alumni and friends have allowed the CedarS Endowment Fund to grow to \$3.2 million. Income from this fund helps us meet our annual expenses, covering about 6% of the \$2.5 million that it takes to run our programs, pay our staff, and maintain our facilities.

But that means we must raise the remaining 94% of our annual expenses year after year through a combination of tuition and contributions, requiring a lot of fundraising to cover each year's costs. As a not-for-profit organization with a very small administrative staff, we have always chosen to allocate donations to serving campers and programs directly rather than to salaries for professional fundraising staff.

A \$20 MILLION ENDOWMENT WILL GENERATE THE \$1 MILLION REQUIRED ANNUALLY TO PROVIDE WELL-MAINTAINED FACILITIES AND ROBUST PROGRAMS FOR OUR YOUTH—THE FUTURE OF THE MOVEMENT.

A \$20 million endowment will provide greater stability for CedarS' future and ensure that CedarS continues doing what it does best: providing an uplifting environment, outstanding and spiritually-minded counselors, and engaging programs through which a diversity of young people learn to apply the Science of the Christ to every facet of their experience.

**The CedarS Board of Trustees actively oversees the endowment fund, which is professionally managed in a diversified portfolio.*

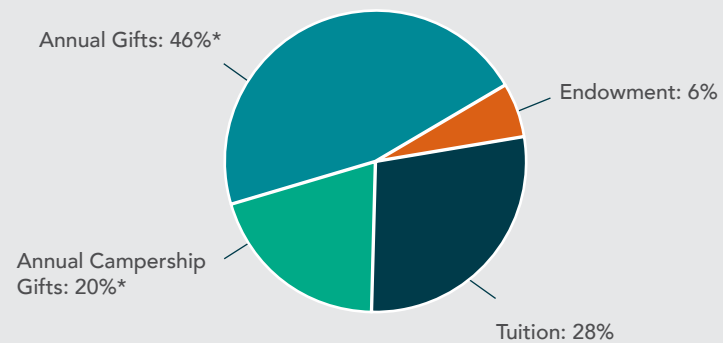


“When my nephews returned to us after going to CedarS they were completely at peace and totally changed. Not a shred of rebellion or anger, just simple pure gratitude. We are so extremely grateful to CedarS for teaching the kids the beautiful truth about themselves. Their hearts are alive with love, on fire for Christ. Thank for you for the hymns and songs that sing in their souls, thank you for the fun and delight of so many activities designed just for kids. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for answering the call for aid for these children. I truly think CedarS unlocked their prayers and God heard them.”

-Family Member

Current Funding Profile with a \$3.2 Million Endowment

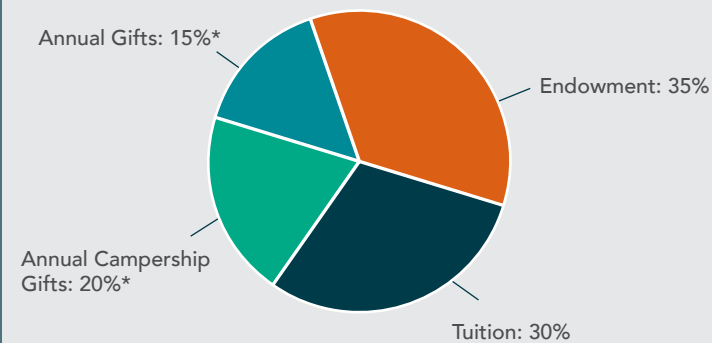
Operating Expenses: \$2.5 million



*Total annual contributions = 66%

Target Funding Profile with a \$20 Million Endowment

Operating Expenses: \$2.5 million



*Total annual contributions = 35%

MATCHING GIFT

ANY GIFTS TO THE CEDARS ENDOWMENT FUND WILL BE MATCHED, DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR, UP TO \$1,000,000!

WAYS TO GIVE

We welcome gifts of all sizes! You can mail a check to the main office address below, give online (either as a one-time or monthly donation) at www.cedarscamps.org/give, or call our office at (417) 532-6699.

If you already give annually to support CedarS current operations, please know that those contributions are still very much needed to open our gates next year! We are asking our donors to consider making any gifts to the CedarS Endowment Fund in addition to—rather than instead of—your usual contributions.

NAMED GIFTS

Named gifts begin at \$100,000. We welcome both one-time gifts and multi-year pledges.

PLANNED GIVING

To receive more information about establishing a planned gift for CedarS, please contact us. We invite you to participate in a free consultation with former long-time CedarS Board member and estate planning attorney Bill Merritt at (770) 952-6550 or plannedgiving@cedarscamps.org.



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