



LAKETRAILS BASE CAMP

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Spring 2024

Dear Laketrails Family,

Greetings from Laketrails as we look forward to another summer of canoe trips, campfires, and wilderness adventures!

Last summer marked our first year with campers back on the island after a 3-year hiatus. After several years without camp this meant that almost all the campers in 2023 were new to Laketrails. This year, in addition to many new campers, we are excited to welcome back a healthy number of returners, an important milestone in the camp's recovery!

This spring as we work to open up the island and get ready for the coming season, we are asking for your support to continue the momentum and to bring as many campers to the island as possible. Please consider donating to support camperships and to help grow the Laketrails family.

Laketrails also has a number of other needs including lumber for more dock rebuilding and replacing ramps and decking on the Lodge and Chart House. In addition, we also need funds to replace windows in the Bee Hive where weather conditions have rotted the window frames. *Every* financial gift, whether large or small, helps to support our mission. *Please see the various options for giving and a list of projects on the back of this letter.*

If a monetary gift is not possible at this time, we hope you will consider other ways to support Laketrails such as:

1. Spread the word about Laketrails! Help us recruit new campers by telling your friends and neighbors about Laketrails.
2. Follow and share Laketrails posts on Facebook and Instagram.
3. Post this flyer to help recruit more campers: <https://tinyurl.com/y83xret9>
4. Volunteer to help get the island ready for campers and staff over Memorial Day weekend. Contact Sue in the Laketrails office at 800-450-6460 or sign up on the Laketrails website, <https://laketrails.org/>.
5. Be on the lookout for announcements about upcoming Laketrails alumni events. This will be a great opportunity to connect with old friends and to support Laketrails.

All of us who have spent time at Laketrails know what a positive impact the experience can be in a young person's life. Laketrails depends heavily on the support of our alumni donors. We are truly grateful to those of you who have been so loyal and generous in the past. Thank you for helping us to continue the work of our important mission!

Have a great summer!

Sue

Sue Lemm
Camp Director

Janae

Janae Streufert
Board Chair and Volunteer

Daryl

Daryl Gohl
Fund Raising Committee and Volunteer

Laketrails: Inspiring teens with an appreciation of self, community, and environment through a wilderness canoeing adventure.

Here are several ways to contribute to Laketrails:

- *Use the enclosed card and envelope to send your check or credit card information.*
- *Go to the Laketrails website, www.laketrails.org, and select the “Donate” button at the top of the page.*
- *Go to GiveMN.org and click the “Donate” button. Then just type “Laketrails Base Camp” in the Search bar and follow the prompts. Using this method you can make a one-time gift or even set up a small monthly donation.*
- *Call the Laketrails office at 800-450-6460 with your credit card information.*
- *For other ways of giving such as appreciated stock, gifts from your estate, trusts or IRAs, please contact Laketrails Treasurer, Jim Tikalsky at 612-220-2022 or by email at tikalskyjt@gmail.com.*
- *If you cannot afford a monetary gift right now, please pray for our mission to be successful and for the campers who need us. Thank you!*

Laketrails Needs For 2024 Camping Season:

NEED	EXPLANATION	APPROX. COST
Camperships	Assistance for campers who cannot afford the full camp fee	\$10,000
Flood Recovery Fund	Lumber for dock rebuilding	\$5,000
New windows in Bee Hive	Frames on lake side are rotting (Replace with clad windows)	\$4,500
Lumber for decks and ramps on Lodge & Ch. House	Boards are rotting, creating unsafe surfaces	\$2,500