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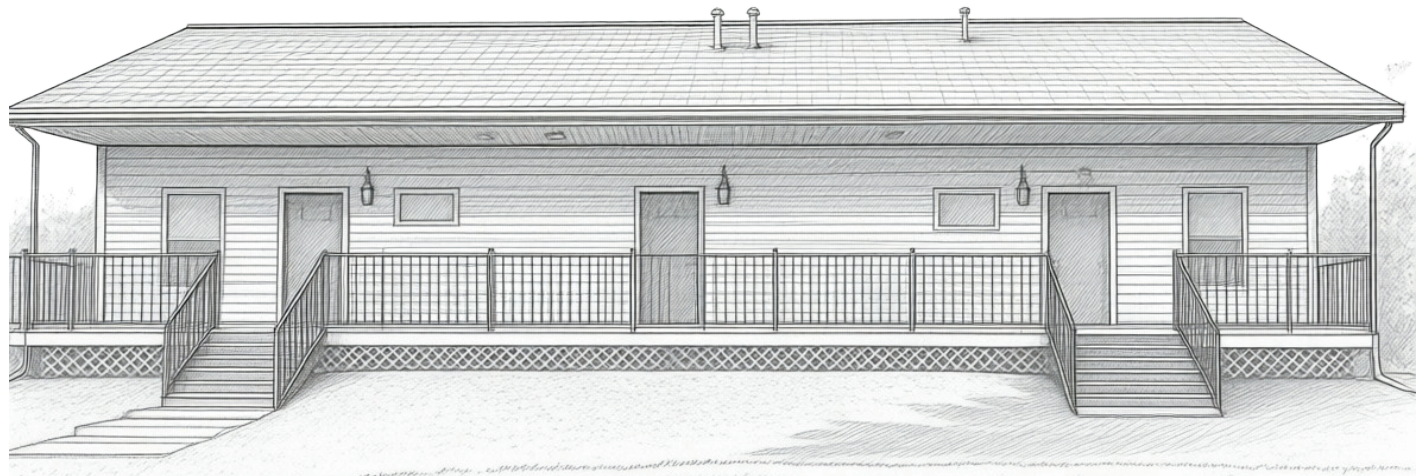


The Vision...

Camp Orchard Hill began in the late 1960's with the vision of Robert Palmer and John Williams who constructed 5 original cabins and a dining hall. Their vision continued when the Eastern District Association of the Evangelical Free Church purchased the Camp Orchard Hill property in 1972. For more than fifty years, the cabin buildings served thousands of campers and guests. They have been updated several times, including a complete renovation in 1995. They have served guests well and they hold precious memories for generations of campers!

However, as time has passed and preferences have changed, our cabins simply do not meet the needs of many of our guests. The lack of indoor bathrooms and lack of ADA accessibility limit who is able to attend our overnight programs, and can detract from the camp experience. In 2022, we began the process of constructing new cabins and lodges in order to serve guests with excellence!

In 2022 and 2023, we completed the Waters Edge Lodge and the Fireside Lodge. Each building is a 4,200 sq. ft. housing space with ground level ramps and sidewalks to make them fully ADA accessible, plus bathrooms connected to each suite with ADA accessible toilets, showers and sinks. Each lodge includes a common meeting space, four individual rooms with connected bathrooms, plus a full-length deck that offers a beautiful view of Lake Manjo. And each new building connects to our sidewalks to create access for all guests, regardless of their mobility. Incredibly, these projects were completed debt-free thanks to the generosity of our camp family!



We now plan to replace the five original cabins with five new cabins.

These new modern facilities will serve the unique needs of all of our guests well. Youth groups will have the possibility for adjoining rooms and bunks. Family groups will have individual rooms and private connected bathrooms. And upgraded mattresses with modern amenities and increased comfort will serve adult retreat groups that attend camp throughout the year.

Additionally, each new cabin will be ADA accessible so that we are able to welcome every guest that would like to attend our programs. After they are built, we will complete the loop of sidewalks to connect each of the new cabins, our parking lots and the Lakeview Terrace Dining and Meeting Center for complete accessibility.

We broke ground in March 2025 for the first new cabin to replace Birch and Elm. This building was completed just in time for summer programs in June. The space met needs immediately and was again completed debt-free by God's provision and through the generosity of our supporters.

We need your help! We need to raise 2 million to complete the remaining four cabins. Thank you for your support of past projects and for your prayerful consideration for this new project. We are excited about what God has in store for the future of Camp Orchard Hill!

Jim Payne
Executive Director

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- BECAUSE WE'RE BUILDING COMMUNITY.
- BECAUSE WE'RE ENSURING FUTURE MINISTRY.

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A black and white photograph of a young woman with long hair in a ponytail, wearing a white t-shirt and dark shorts, seated in a wheelchair. She is holding a bow and arrow, aiming towards the right. An adult's arm is visible, assisting her with the bow. In the background, there are several circular targets on stands.

BECAUSE WE'RE CREATING ACCESS...

New cabins will expand our ability to serve children and adults with special needs and physical disabilities. Each cabin will feature four individual guest rooms with bathrooms and showers attached to each room. Each cabin will be ADA accessible so that guests can attend Camp Orchard Hill. After they are built, we will complete the loop of sidewalks to connect each of the new cabins, our parking lots and the Lakeview Terrace Dining and Meeting Center for complete accessibility.

Maddie's Story

"I really wanted to go to Camp Orchard Hill and was so happy I could attend because of the accommodations in the Waters Edge Lodge and the assistance staff provided me. Everything in the lodge was flat and it was easy for me to get around. I could wheel my chair right into my bunk room. The large bathroom and accessible shower were perfect for my needs. I could park my wheelchair right next to my bunk."

In the week I was there, I deepened my relationship with God and developed relationships with other people. I loved the worship gatherings! They were very focused and I felt the messages and songs were meant directly for me. I really felt like I was meant to be there!"

Maddie, Overnight Camper 2022-24



BECAUSE WE'RE BUILDING COMMUNITY...

New cabins are the setting where community thrives! When guests retreat to camp - the stress, noise and anxiety of the world fades away and they have the opportunity to connect, refocus and hear God's voice. Within the cabin walls, precious relationships are formed - camper to camper, camper to counselor and camper to Jesus Christ. Lives transformed by the gospel, in the context of joyful community, is the true evidence and measure of our ministry.

Paige's Story

In the summer of 2010, I gave my heart to Christ on the back porch of Maple, hoping He would be able to put my life back together. I remember the words of the speaker...I remember the hurt and pain that were consuming my life...and I remember my counselor encouraging me with Scripture and the truth of God. He used that week to change my heart and the direction of my life.

After my years at camp, the Lord called me into the nursing profession to share the love of Jesus and His redeeming grace with my patients on perhaps the worst day of their lives. The Lord also gave me a special vision for service in Africa. I've made medical trips there, and I am convinced there will be more in the future. The Lord used three years in the Leadership Training program to grow my heart for this work. He used three summers on staff to teach me the joy and love of serving Him. The Lord used my time at Camp Orchard Hill to prepare and equip me for this specific calling.

And now, I have the privilege to come back to Camp Orchard Hill with my husband and my son to serve as the camp nurse for occasional summer weeks. We are so excited to continue the connection almost a decade later.

Paige, Summer Staff 2013-16



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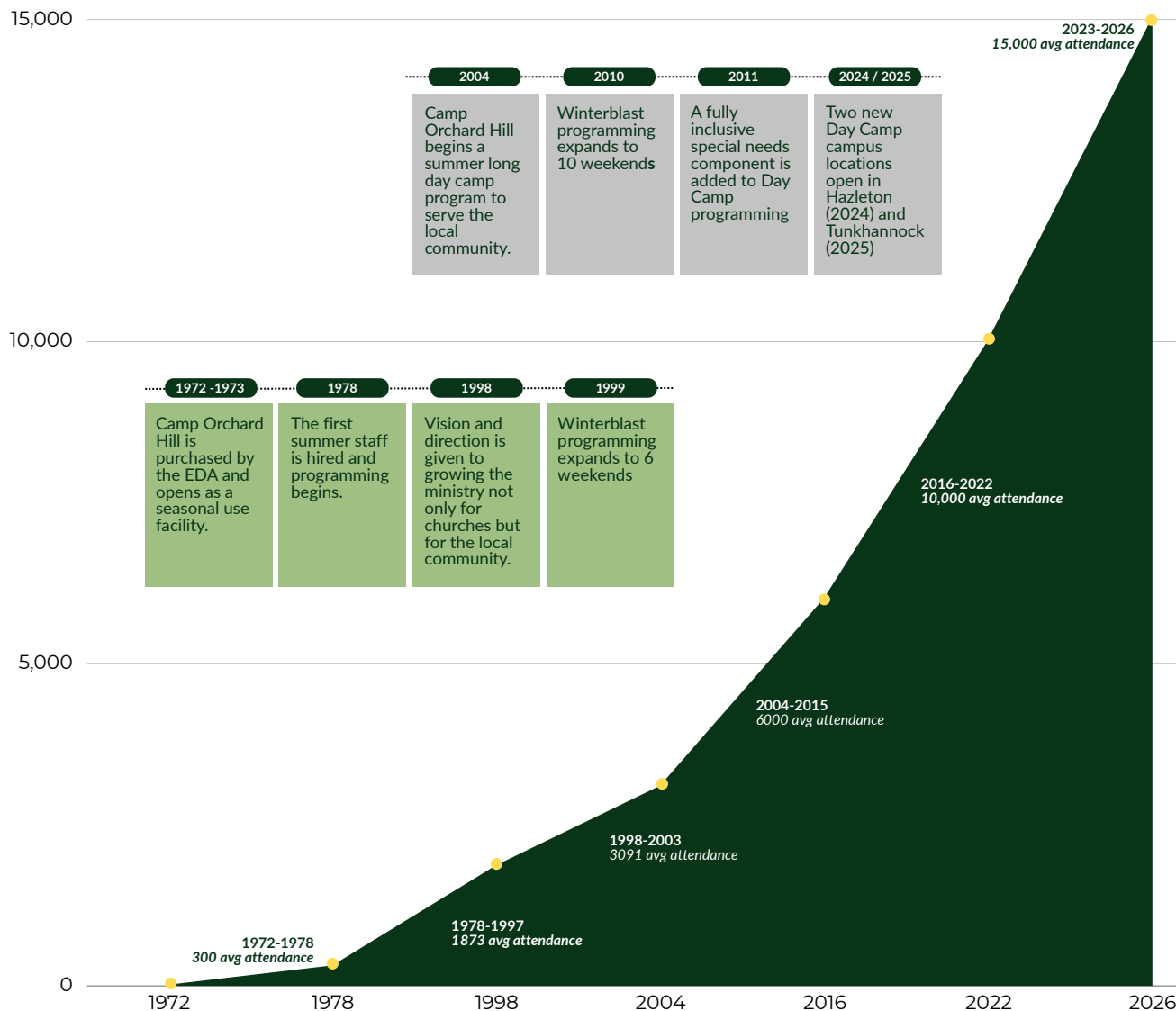




Camp Orchard Hill

YEARLY AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

It's not all about the numbers, but the numbers matter because they represent people - and people matter to God and to us!



Building Timeline

1960's

Camp Orchard Hill began in the late 1960's with the vision of Robert Palmer and John Williams who constructed the original 5 cabins and the Dining Hall.

1995

Complete cabin renovation

2005

The 18,000 sq foot gymnasium opens, providing indoor program space and a home base for our Day Camp program.

2016

The Lakeview Terrace Dining Hall and Worship Center open to provide needed ministry space.

2022

The Waters Edge Lodge is completed debt free to provide ADA accessible housing suites with connected bathrooms.

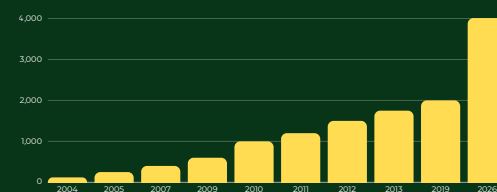
2023

The Fireside Lodge is completed debt free to provide ADA accessible housing suites with connected bathrooms.

2025

The first replacement cabin of Birch and Elm opens with 4 individual guest rooms, connected bathrooms and ADA accessibility.

Day Camp Average Yearly Attendance



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For more than 50 years, the current cabin buildings have served thousands of campers and guests so well. They've been updated and renovated and they hold the precious memories of generations of campers. Now you have a great privilege to participate in the needed replacement cabins and to celebrate God's faithfulness! This exciting progress will allow ministry to continue for future generations.

Although our buildings are changing, our mission "to help meet the physical, emotional, relational and spiritual needs of campers, families and our community through the love of Jesus Christ," will never change. Whether you have volunteered your time and talents, served on the staff or the board of directors, given financially or been a prayer warrior, you have made a profound difference in the lives of those we serve. Without this type of personal sacrifice and passionate investment, we would not be where we are today.

We are sincerely grateful for you - for being part of Orchard Hill's history and it's future as well!



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