

WONDER VALLEY CHRISTIAN CAMP

“We spend our days looking at the work of our own and our neighbors' hands. Small wonder our lives have so little of God in them, when we come in touch with so little that God has made.”

Author, Harold Bell Wright, *The Shepherd of the Hills*

As wonderful as modern inventions and conveniences are – our children (and grandchildren) need more to grow to be well-rounded, productive citizens of earth and heaven. *They need to come in touch with what God has made.*

Founded in 1946, Wonder Valley Christian Camp remains a fabulous testimony of God’s creation. In the rolling hills of southern Indiana, WVCC is a 125-acre testament to *“the work of His hands.”* Seeing the beautiful waterfalls, the rippling creeks, the deep valleys, and lushly forested ridges – who can deny this place was indeed sculpted by the Master artist?

From straw mattresses and showers in the waterfalls, the Camp has grown to provide well-equipped facilities and purposeful programming and events. From a few dozen campers in early years, to **more than 1,400** (all ages, all year) **in 2025**, the primary mission remains to reach students with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. **This year, at least 88 made faith decisions.**

But with nearly 100,000 students in our service area, *the opportunity to impact even more students is very real.* Since COVID, total attendance numbers have grown by more than 31% - **AND WE HAVE BEEN FORCED TO TURN SOME STUDENTS AWAY FOR LACK OF SPACE.**

To expand Camp’s service capacity, the leadership is considering a capital campaign to add:

- A year-round “multi-use” facility
- New year-round dormitories
- New athletic and recreational activities
- An updated maintenance shop building
- New camp vehicles (truck and tractor)

For plans to become reality, new funding will be required. Fortunately, WVCC may be eligible for dollar-for-dollar matching funds up to \$5 million from an Indiana foundation.

We want to accomplish all that we believe God is calling the Camp to do – but we also want to be sure our friends and partners understand the vision and are on board. Our desire is to learn how you perceive the Camp’s current operations, facilities, programs, outcomes, and the prospective vision for reaching even more campers in future years.

In the coming days, an independent consulting firm will conduct a survey of Camp constituents. **We humbly ask that you participate in this survey.** We value your input and thank you in advance for helping us be wise stewards of the future of Wonder Valley Christian Camp!