



CAMPHENRY

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



As New Year's Eve arrives, there's a familiar pressure in the air. To look back and measure. To make plans. To promise we'll be better, stronger, braver, more disciplined, more full of vegetables, more something.

This year at camp, our theme was Wanted. It pushed back against all of that. We talked a lot about how being Wanted isn't something you earn. It's not a reward for growth or good behavior or finally getting it together. To be wanted is to be received as you are, right where you are. No before-and-after version needed.

There was something quietly powerful about watching our campers and guests receive that message throughout the year. Some arrived confident, some unsure, some outgoing, some withdrawn. All of them, every single one, belonged at Camp Henry; not because of what they did at camp but simply because they showed up and were welcomed to the Shores of Old Lake Kimball.

Our hope is that everyone carries that truth with them beyond camp. That knowing they are wanted shapes how they show up in the world. When you've been welcomed like this, you learn how to notice and appreciate others and make room for them too.



As we close out 2025, we wanted to share the same sentiment with you. You are wanted! You're wanted before you make the resolutions. You're wanted before the self-improvement plans. Before the quiet comparisons that sometimes sneak in on New Year's Eve...you are wanted. Not the future version of you. Not the more rested, more organized, more successful, or more spiritually on-track you. You, as you are now.

If this past year held joy, we're celebrating with you. If it held loss or disappointment, you don't have to leave that behind to step into what's next. You can carry it honestly. You're still wanted.

Thank you for being part of the Camp Henry community. We're grateful for your prayers, your support, your heart, and trusting us with your kids and your retreats. It's an honor to serve you. Camp reminded us again this year that the most powerful thing we offer isn't perfection but our presence and truly letting others know they're wanted.

As the calendar turns, may you move into the new year knowing this: you don't have to become someone else to belong. You already do.

With gratitude and hope,

Alysa

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Associate & Communications Director



From Stumps to Grand Opening: A Significant Transformation

The building of our new Welcome Center at the beginning of 2025 was a journey that brought together years of hopes and dreams, diligent planning, design, hard work, creativity, and countless people working toward the same goal.

The early days of construction transformed the property quickly. Trees and stumps were cleared, the site was excavated, foundations poured, and soon the framing, walls, and roof began to take shape. What had existed only on paper and in our hearts and minds was coming to life!

As construction progressed, the Welcome Center took on its own personality. Exterior work established the building's presence, while interior finishes and a custom mural by a Grand Rapids based art teacher in our Ice Cream & Coffee Shop created a warm and inviting space for staff and guests. In the final stages, landscaping, furnishings, equipment, inspections, and finishing touches brought everything together and prepared the Welcome Center for its debut!

We hosted the Welcome Center Grand Opening on October 12th and it was a beautiful fall day filled with warm greetings, shared stories, ice cream, and hugs. We were thrilled to welcome many people to camp to celebrate this exciting next step. From incredible donors and friends, to our construction and design partners and the entire camp community we're thankful for you for helping make our dream of a new Welcome Center, and Ice Cream & Coffee Shop in memory of David Abbott, a reality.

For years to come, the Welcome Center will be a place for guests to begin their visits, for staff to do meaningful work, for community members to gather, for meetings and events to take place, and for families and friends to enjoy time together. The ice cream shop, camp store, Bee Hive Conference Room (in Honor of Bea Idema), gathering spaces, and guest areas will each play a role in bringing people together.

The Welcome Center is truly an investment in the future. We are grateful to everyone who helped make it possible and proud to celebrate the beginning of this exciting new chapter!



Senior High School Retreats

From East Grand Rapids, Forest Hills Northern, Forest Hills Central, Forest Hills Eastern, and more, we were thrilled, once again, to welcome and collaborate with Senior High School Classes from across Grand Rapids. Each year, camp welcomes high school seniors for a special retreat designed to help them pause, reflect, and celebrate as they approach graduation. Set in the familiar surroundings of camp, students have the opportunity to step away from the demands of school and spend meaningful time with their classmates and leaders.



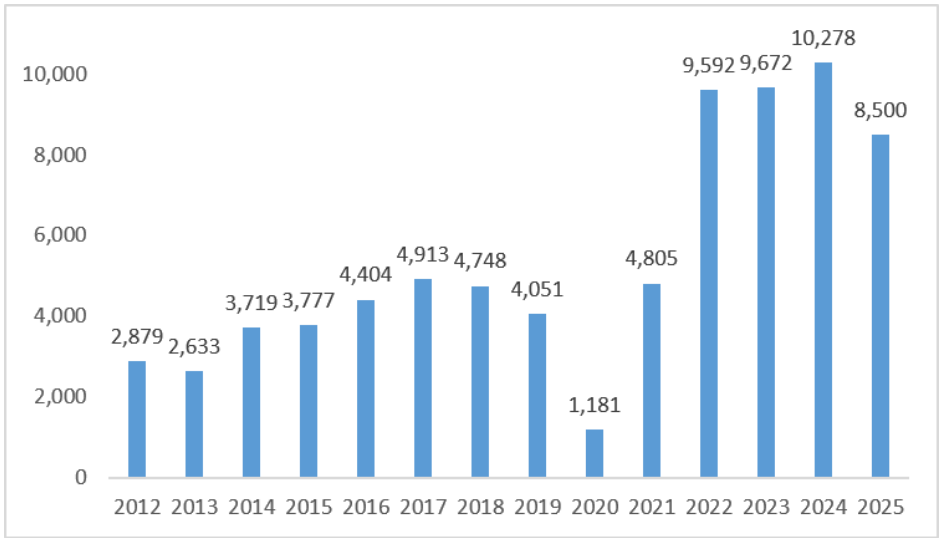
Senior retreats create space for reflection on the years that have shaped students and anticipation for what comes next. Through group activities, time outdoors, shared meals, conversations, and life-changing experiences, students strengthen friendships and create lasting memories together.

As a year round camp and retreat center, we are grateful to provide a place where students can gather during this important season of transition. These retreats remind us that camp is more than a summer experience. It is a place where relationships grow, milestones are celebrated, and people of all ages are encouraged as they take their next steps. It is truly a joy to serve people in every season.



Year Round Retreat Guests

From long weekends to multi-night weekday retreats, groups found more time to gather, reconnect, and deeply enjoy camp experiences together. We gratefully served 8,500 guests in 2025.



“We felt truly at home at Camp Henry. The nature, the facilities, the people, it all came together to provide the perfect place for our retreat.”
~ Brenda Wolfe, Retreat Leader



"My son truly enjoys all of his experiences at Camp Henry. There is not one significant experience I can pinpoint because all of the wonderful experiences that he has had at Camp Henry have had a profound impact on his life. From making friends to enjoying all of the wonderful activities, he looks forward to going every year." ~ Summer Camp Parent



SUMMER CAMP ENROLLMENT

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
1,904	1,919	1,120	1,983	2,068	2,218	2,181	2,140

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CAMPHENRY 2025 Trivia

250 Campers Who Received Scholarship Support

44 Weekends with Campers & Guests at Camp

8,500 Year Round Retreat Guests

May Camp Henry's busiest Month of the Year

576 Square Footage of the New Camp Store

12 Staff Members who live at Camp Henry Year Round

30 Mountain Bikes Purchased for New Trails at Camp

4 New Conferences Spaces in the Welcome Center

18 New Groups at Camp Henry in 2025

118 People Volunteered at Camp Henry in 2025

118 Hours Volunteers Contributed at Camp

\$121,076 Scholarship Funding Given to Summer Campers

12 New Flavors of Ice Cream in the New Ice Cream Shop

138 Ring the Bell Monthly Giving Members

272 4-Season Beds Available for Campers & Guests

60 Summer Staff Members Hired in 2025

116 Retreat Groups Served at Camp in 2025

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INCOME

2022

Year Round Retreats	\$519,251
Summer Camp	\$1,230,670
Camp Store	\$101,870
Misc & Other	\$9,723
Travel Programs	\$35,652
Summer Scholarships	\$124,028
Annual General Fund	\$5,525
Grants and Sponsorships	\$360
Total Income	\$2,027,079

EXPENSES

Personnel	\$994,046
Camp Store	\$67,523
Programs & Equipment	\$100,386
Travel Programs	\$38,401
Food Service	\$224,831
Maintenance	\$153,433
Administration	\$165,745
Contract Fees	\$29,733
Utilities	\$127,206
Promotion & PR	\$12,255
Total Expenses	\$1,913,560

OPERATIONAL NET

\$113,519

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2022

Endowments	\$567,479
Reserves	\$173,000
Capital Campaigns	\$137,750
Designated Funds	\$199,211
Total	\$1,077,440

Operating Budget

2023	2024	2025
\$583,487	\$632,234	\$603,843
\$1,404,028	\$1,420,131	\$1,539,315
\$118,564	\$108,889	\$111,667
\$9,751	\$15,743	\$13,269
\$11,608	\$84,613	\$13,269
\$100,000	\$130,493	\$121,076
\$1,679	\$13,556	\$5,968
\$1,615	\$4,187	\$0
\$2,230,732	\$2,409,846	\$2,405,438
\$1,120,975	\$1,203,950	\$1,247,619
\$70,608	\$75,900	\$62,693
\$118,793	\$120,117	\$102,539
\$11,600	\$82,601	\$17,397
\$260,537	\$263,267	\$286,582
\$147,857	\$160,797	\$159,071
\$182,721	\$197,328	\$192,899
\$21,874	\$23,951	\$22,759
\$121,153	\$127,192	\$142,764
\$24,683	\$17,515	\$15,322
\$2,080,801	\$2,272,618	\$2,249,650
\$149,931	\$137,264	\$155,787

Finance Sheet Report

2023	2024	2025
\$625,443	\$714,022	\$693,267
\$206,000	\$250,000	\$294,000
\$175,743	\$943,049	\$336,623
\$239,710	\$277,049	\$160,170
\$1,246,896	\$2,177,621	\$1,484,060