

Indian Lake Nazarene Camp

"ILNC is providing a place where we can all live reconciled with God and with each other. Come join the mission."

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The Sun was going down on Indian Lake the other day and this picture captured the work of God's paintbrush. It would be hard to improve on these daily art pieces. The sun is also going down on our summer camping season. Wow! What a great season it was! We had many changes, but one of the most impactful changes was starting our **ONU Intern Project**, led by Camp Program Director, Jon Croft. We have heard so many anecdotes about the care and skills of our ONU interns and how they led and loved our campers. You can only imagine how hard the interns had to

work to keep up with the energy levels of five children/teen camps, one family camp and one week of training. They did it! The practical aspects of having well-trained counselors is one thing, but the long-term impact of college age students praying and caring about campers is even more significant. We owe great amounts of thanks to everyone who helped make this happen. Let's list some of the contributors: 1. ONU for the intern pool and for the \$1,000.00 scholarships provided; 2. ILNC & the Michigan District for the \$1,200.00 in scholarships and weekly pay (\$500 scholarship + \$700 weekly pay); 3. The Michigan District NYI & SDMI for their \$20,000 & \$10,000 support to subsidize the portion of camp costs not covered by the \$270.00 Camp Fee paid by parents or churches; 4. Annie & Jon Croft for opening their home, food & campfires to interns; 5. Our residents for "adopting" our interns for the summer, making them feel at home and lifted in prayer; 6. Chapman Memorial for holding an intern commissioning service to bless their impact; 7. The interns themselves for committing to a very intense summer filled with hard work and equal amounts of fulfillment. In short, a lot came together to make this happen and it worked!



ONU Intern Project 2015



Interns & Campers make a great combo!

Summer Family Camp & ILNC READY Giving

We are thrilled with the support provided to the concept of "Family Camp Meeting" and the mission of ILNC! We can say this because the Family Camp Meeting Week was "pre-paid" again this year through early giving to the Michigan District. That

\$25,000 sure seems to say Family Campmeeting @ILNC is NOT a thing of the past. We evidently still believe putting time aside to seek God and encourage each other is worth our commitment.

Also, our giving to ILNC during Family Camp went from \$15,000 last year (2014) to \$31,000 in cash & pledges this year through our R.E.A.D.Y. Campaign donations! Thank You! This is so encouraging to those volunteers and staff who are putting the “elbow grease” to our facilities. It also has to be encouraging to those who govern, plan and serve. If ILNC is something we want, it will show. This doubling of giving from one year to the next, seems to say, “keep going ILNC!”

As most of us know, many districts have closed their camps, thinking they are a thing of the past. That may be the right decision for their circumstances. However, we must keep asking, “Is ILNC a relevant tool for participating in God’s reconciliation of the world?” Your/Our giving and participation indicates we believe ILNC is a relevant tool and has a relevant mission. As long as we keep saying this with our minds, mouths and means...ILNC will thrive.



“Interim” Is Coming to a Close

When Myra and I have moved to ILNC in November of 2013 we did so for the opportunity to assist ILNC with its challenges. At the time I was meeting with the ILNC Governing Board to discuss the “crisis” actions needed to make progress. At the end of one meeting, I agreed to serve as the “interim” executive director for “a year or so” until some of the urgent actions needed were done. As we all know, the work of a camp is never done. But, some of the needed actions and tasks are completed and now it is time for us to find the next Executive Director of ILNC. I notified the governing board that the latest date I would continue as Interim Executive Director is February 29, 2016.

However, I’m optimistic that someone can be hired before that date who will come ready for the next set of challenges.

What the ILNC Governing Board, ILNC Staff, ILNC Residents and ILNC supporters from around the world have done to stabilize and create an impetus for success for the past two years has been remarkable. PLEASE REMEMBER, every previous Executive Director, Camp Board Member, District Superintendent, Resident and Supporter of ILNC, dedicated their prayers, time, energy and best to oversee ILNC in each season. The improvements of the past two years are simply a visible continuation of the work of the people who call ILNC their home, their camp and an important place where God acts.

Below is a letter from Jeff McVay, who has been serving as the Chairperson of the ILNC Governing Board the past seven months. I have appreciated his leadership and that of the entire board. Individually and as a group they have expressed their care for ILNC in numerous ways. Their individual contributions will remain mostly unknown. But I have witnessed true caring, astute thinking and God-honoring decision-making. That has made this “tour-of-duty” great fun and full of meaning. Thank you Randy, Mike, Don, Ken, Russ, Jeff, Wes and Scott.



A Letter From Jeff McVay, Chairperson of the ILNC Governing Board

Dear Supporter of Indian Lake Nazarene Camp,

I am writing on behalf of the Interim Governing Board for ILNC to inform you of our intent to begin, in earnest, our search for a permanent executive director. As you know Ed Richardson has done an outstanding job as our interim executive director and we, as a board, believe that God has used him and Myra to “do far more than we could ever ask or imagine.”

Last night, in accordance with our ongoing agreement, Ed informed the board that he believes he has fulfilled what he committed to do as our interim executive director and has given the board the date of February 29th, 2016 as his final day as executive director (or sooner if needs be). In truth, the board feels that Ed has more than fulfilled his duties and commitments and has, in deed, exceeded our expectations on every level.

Here are just a few things that have been done during Ed’s tenure:

- We have stopped deficit spending
- We have increased donations
- We have a working, viable budget
- We have increased camper registrations,
- We have brightened the campus
- We have seen more support from our churches
- We have re-established trust with many of our supporters
- We have paid down \$200,000 in debt in 2 years
- We have paid our bills and have a plan in place for continued viability

I know that Ed would be quick to say that all of this was accomplished through volunteers, the governing board, the residents and churches, but in this letter we are bragging on him and we know that all of these things were accomplished as a direct result of his leadership.

We, the board, cannot say enough about the way that Ed and Myra care about Indian Lake Nazarene Camp in all its many forms (residents, workers, campers, and volunteers). We want to thank both of them for their tireless service and devotion and we pray that God will richly bless them for what they have done for us and for ILNC.

In the coming months, we believe that God will lead us to the just the right person to continue the great work that Ed and Myra have begun. We ask you for your direct prayer in this endeavor. God has been faithful and we do not believe that He has brought us this far to leave us or to let us fail. So let us continue to follow His lead and see what great plans he has for ILNC in the near future.

Better days are yet to come,

Jeff McVay

Chairperson, ILNC Governing Board