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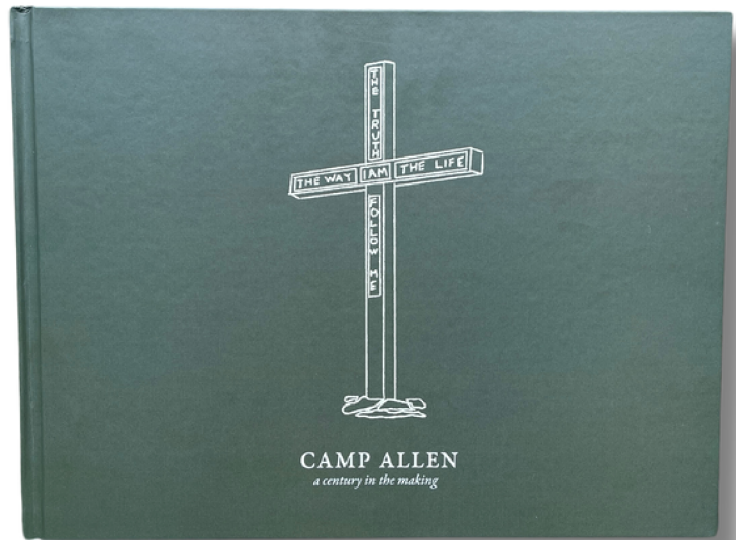
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

As you read this newsletter, I hope you are filled with the same enthusiasm that permeates Camp Allen. It is my pleasure to share with you the latest highlights from the Discovery Program, a remarkable hands-on outdoor education program that is held throughout the school year here at Camp Allen.

For those of you unfamiliar with the Discovery Program, it boasts a diverse curriculum, featuring approximately 25 engaging courses that span the realms of herpetology, organic gardening, mammology, ornithology, orienteering, Texas living history, and an array of adventure activities such as archery, horseback riding, canoeing, and more. The impact of this program extends far and wide, with 91 schools, including 24 Title I Schools, participating last year. Among these schools, West Columbia Elementary holds a special place in our hearts.

In February, students from West Columbia Elementary spent four unforgettable days immersed in the Discovery Program in February. This particular group holds special significance for me, as this Title I public school is 100% funded by scholarships through the Kitty Nash Grose Endowment at St. Mary's Episcopal Church—a place my wife Holli and I visit Sundays when staying at a family river house. In the words of one of the students, Anthony, who eloquently captured his experience in a heartfelt letter:

Dear Jewel,

It was an absolute honor for me to be at Camp Allen, with you being my counselor. It will be a memory that will last in my life from now until I am probably 94 years old (if I even last that long). It was a serene and fun experience, seeing reptiles and amphibians, finding nymphs, doing archery, canoeing, and so on and so on. The food was amazing, with my favorite being the hot dogs (mainly because they are my favorite food... I did stain my pants with the chili that I decided to try). Doing the high swing was something I wasn't ready for, but I will say I will ride it again next year. The skits for the campfire were great, and for me, the behind-the-scenes work took some time. Then, there was the pole jump and zipline, which were scary at first, but I was able to conquer them (mostly). I really loved Camp Allen, so I look forward to returning next year.

*Sincerely,
Anthony*

In addition to Anthony's touching account, the school's principal, Kathy Humbird, aptly summarizes the enduring impact of Camp Allen on their students: "Camp Allen is the event that our students talk about the most each year, and they use their experiences a lot in their writing. The outdoor experience provides the teachers with ways that they can connect their prior and future learning to increase their knowledge."

As we continue to witness the transformative power of Camp Allen, let us celebrate the shared moments of growth, generosity, and joy that make our camp community truly extraordinary.

Warm regards,



Allen Kight
President, Camp Allen





259 CHURCH RETREATS

57 NON PROFIT EVENTS

131 SCHOOLS & UNIVERSITIES

12 MEDICAL INSTITUTIONS

309 INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY RETREATS

838
EVENTS HELD IN 2023

EPISCOPAL CHURCHES **139**

EVANGELICAL & BAPTIST **72**

CATHOLIC CHURCHES **14**

LUTHERAN, METHODIST & PRESBYTERIAN **23**

OTHER DENOMINATIONS **11**



A GLIMPSE OF THOSE SERVED AT CAMP ALLEN IN 2023 • NOTE: THIS IS NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LIST.

SOUTH MAIN BAPTIST CHURCH



61,179 PEOPLE SERVED IN 2023

52,037 RETREAT GUESTS

2,025 SUMMER CAMPERS

7,117 DISCOVERY STUDENTS & FACULTY



CAMP ALLEN TRUSTEES BOARD CORNER

In the heart of Camp Allen's endeavors, the Board of Trustees and Advisory Committee play a pivotal role, steering the course of the camp's vision and operations. Beyond their strategic guidance, these dedicated individuals serve as ardent financial supporters, contributing significantly to both the annual and capital campaigns.

During the recent board retreat this quarter, we took a moment to honor and bid farewell to two esteemed members who have made lasting contributions: Lamar Hall, Julia Case, and The Rev. Mitch Tollett. The evening's festivities even included a special visit from two of our owls from the Discovery Program.

After 9 years of dedicated service, Mandy Neal passed the mantle of leadership to Eric Moen. Stepping into the role of the new executive chair of the Camp Allen Board, Moen brings a wealth of experience as the Congregational Engagement Officer for the Episcopal Health Foundation and a devoted member of Christ Church Cathedral. With 45 years of involvement in Camp Allen's summer camp program, Moen has traversed the journey from camper to counselor, senior staff, and session director, which provides a personal perspective of the camp's mission and growth over several decades. Mandy Neal will remain on Camp Allen's board as a voting member. Mandy's passion for the camp's mission and brilliant accounting acumen as a CPA has played an invaluable role in the stability and success of the camp during her term.

At the Diocesan Council held last month, we welcomed new members to the board, each bringing unique expertise and a shared commitment to Camp Allen's mission:

- **Katrina Elvig:** A practicing attorney specializing in family law in Schulenburg and a member at St. Cecilia's, Roundtop.
- **The Rev. Dr. Eric Ellis:** A dental surgeon and priest serving at St. Augustine of Hippo, Galveston.
- **Mike Sullivan:** Former Harris County tax assessor and Houston City Council member, currently serving as the Director of Governmental Affairs and Corporate Partnerships for Group 1 Automotive and a member of St. Andrew's, The Heights.

We express our deep gratitude for the invaluable expertise, prayers, and passion that this committed group of individuals brings to advance Camp Allen's mission. Together, we look forward to continuing the legacy of growth and service to our camp community.

Top left: Trustees Ed Ziegler, Eric Moen, and The Rev. Lacy Largent.

Middle left: Allen Kight presents Julia Case with a farewell gift.

Bottom left: The Rt. Rev. Andy Doyle admires the camp's screech owl held by Discovery Director, Lauren Gervais.



SUMMER CAMP & DISCOVERY PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS

**\$198,690
AWARDED IN 2023**

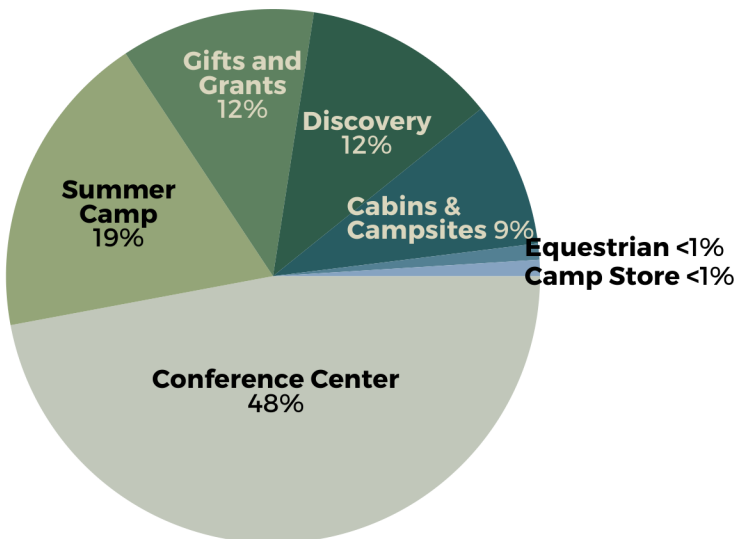
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SUMMER CAMP
SCHOLARSHIPS
(16% OF CAMPERS)

1,411
DISCOVERY
SCHOLARSHIPS
(23% OF STUDENTS)

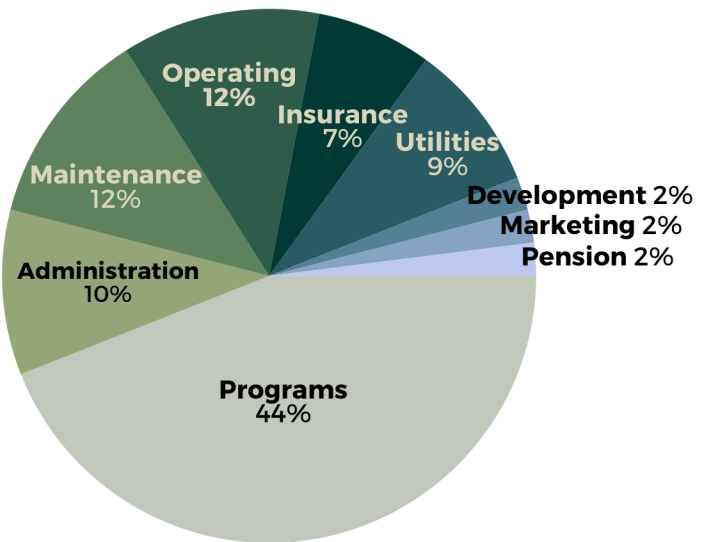


2023 SOURCES AND USE OF FUNDS

FROM OPERATIONS



INCOME
\$8,420,424



EXPENSES
\$8,022,268



SAY HELLO TO LUCY

BELOVED DEER. DEAR FRIEND.

In the midst of the tranquil piney woods of Camp Allen, there exists a special resident who has captured the hearts of all who have encountered her - Lucy the deer. If you've had the pleasure of visiting our beloved camp in the past couple of years, you might already be familiar with the heartwarming story of Lucy.

Lucy (pictured above) became a part of the Camp Allen family at the tender age of two months, arriving through a rescue organization after losing her mother. Under the caring guidance of our recently retired Discovery Director, Candy Moore, Lucy was bottle-fed until she reached maturity. This nurturing period forged a unique bond between Lucy and Candy, a connection that has since expanded to embrace all humans.

Remarkably unafraid of her human companions, Lucy has become a source of joy for those who frequent the camp. Our Discovery staff affectionately jokes that Lucy seems to forget she's a deer, often wandering into the Discovery lodge during staff meetings just to say a quick hello (pictured right). But Lucy's warmth doesn't stop there. Approach her with an open hand, and she'll graciously rest her head in your palm, awaiting a gentle pet. Her friendly nature extends beyond staff interactions, as she warmly welcomes guests with her endearing presence.

Last year, Lucy became a proud mother to two adorable fawns, Sky and Diamond, adding an extra layer of charm to her already captivating story. In many ways, Lucy has evolved into a mascot for Camp Allen, embodying the essence of awakening one's spirit in the piney woods.

Her tale serves as a reminder of the special experiences that await us in this unique place, where even the wildlife serve as a reminder of God's goodness and kindness. Next time you find yourself at Camp Allen, keep an eye out for Lucy and her playful fawns.





TWO CITIES. ONE MISSION.
ALL THE JOY.

Join us for a fun filled evening as we bring the mission of Camp Allen to the city! Featuring dinner, live music, and opportunities to support camp scholarships, this will be an event you won't want to miss!
Learn more at campallen.org/starrynights.



STARRY NIGHTS AUSTIN

Thursday, May 2
6:30 PM
County Line on the Lake

Honoring:
Jane Stone & Don Walker

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at campallen.org



STARRY NIGHTS HOUSTON

Thursday, October 3
6:30 PM
The Revaire, Houston

Honoring:
Sarah and Ben Powell
and Family

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available soon!

BACK TO NATURE

A CAMPAIGN FOR CAMP ALLEN



In an effort to open more doors for campers, guests, and students to transformative experiences, the Camp Allen Board has identified improvement projects that will ensure we can meet the demand for all we serve in the years to come. These improvements were prioritized based on guest feedback and are vital to connecting more families and students with the great outdoors in an impactful way. Last year, we launched the Back to Nature capital campaign to fund these crucial improvements.

These projects will improve every aspect of Camp Allen, and we are excited to share them with you. Most notably, we will replace a 60-year-old cinder block hotel building with a new 34-room hotel wing containing six suites. This project will modernize Camp Allen's lodging facilities and significantly increase our capacity to house families, responding to feedback from many guests who have been unable to find spaces in our popular family facilities. Furthermore, Camp Allen provides an incredible hospitality experience for more than 400 different organizations each year, including interfaith groups, churches, medical institutions, nonprofits, and others. We work diligently to create a profound experience for hundreds of events held annually, and the new hotel wing will drastically improve the transformative Camp Allen experience of thousands of visitors. (Rendering pictured above.)

Estimates indicate that the total cost of these projects will be approximately \$8.9 million. When you visit Camp Allen soon, you will find that several of these initiatives have already begun, and many are in process.

If you would like more information on these improvement projects or the Back to Nature capital campaign, contact Lauren Day at 936-825-7175 or laurend@campallen.org.

COMPLETED PROJECTS



Renovate and improve 16 camper cabins to increase privacy



Update existing Conference Center hotel rooms



Build a new herpetology house for outdoor education students



Replaster camper pools

CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY



Build a housing lodge for outdoor education staff



Build a quiet house for personal retreats

PLANNED PROJECTS



Expand and upgrade the Conference Center kitchen loading dock



Expand and add accessibility to the Conference Center family pool area



Repair camp roads



Construct a new guest lodge for families



Update All Saints' Chapel's lighting system



Expand the conservation fund to conserve resources



Build a new hotel wing at the Conference Center to replace the original hotel wings

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Marianne and Alan Essington

Carvel Glenn
Randall Lamb

Lamar and Warren Hall
Janie and Frank Putman
Cheryl and Henry Garza

Cherry and Chuck Hall
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Kerry and John Hancock
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1921
SOCIETY
LEGACY
GIFTS

The 1921 Society was established to honor Rosa Lum Allen and her significant contributions to Camp Allen starting in 1921. Please consider supporting our planned giving efforts to benefit generations to come. To learn more, contact laurend@campallen.org.

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BISHOP DOYLE INVITES

YOU

THE VERY FIRST GRANDE TEXAS

FAMILY REUNION ²⁰₂₄

**May
3-5**

A weekend of fun just for us at Camp Allen!

**Total Cost for
Hotel Lodging**
\$210 per room

**Total Cost for
Activities/Meals**
\$152 per person

Packages Include
Six buffet meals and
most programming.
Kids age 2 and under
are free.

Family discounts available

Check in at 5 pm Friday
Check out at 1 pm Sunday

Weekend Activities

Archery
Ropes Course
Fishing
Swimming
Paddleboarding
Canoeing
Giant Swing

Nature Hikes
Biking
Labryinth
Live Music
Eucharist
Reptile Show
Pickleball

Outdoor Movie
Petting Zoo
Craft Room
Inflatables
Skeet Shooting
Yoga
Zip Line

The Journey to Now



REGISTER NOW!
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UPCOMING EVENTS

These retreats are open to all! Packages include lodging, meals and most programming.

Register at:
CAMPALLEN.ORG/REGISTERFOREVENTS



**CAMP ALLEN
NEEDLEPOINT
RETREATS 2024**

Join fellow stitchers for these sellout quarterly midweek retreats! The days are all yours to work on needlepoint projects in a forest view stitching room. Bring supplies from home and pick up new skills during your stay.

JUNE 3-6 SEPT 9-12 DEC 9-12



SOLD OUT

**ABUNDANT
LIVING 2024
CONFERENCE**

Designed for seniors and caregivers, this retreat, co hosted by the UTMB Sealy Center on Aging features engaging and uplifting presentations from geriatricians, clergy, and renowned speakers. Top off the joy with exquisite socials, bucket list activities a banquet dinner, & entertainment!

*March 25-27, 2024
Camp Allen*

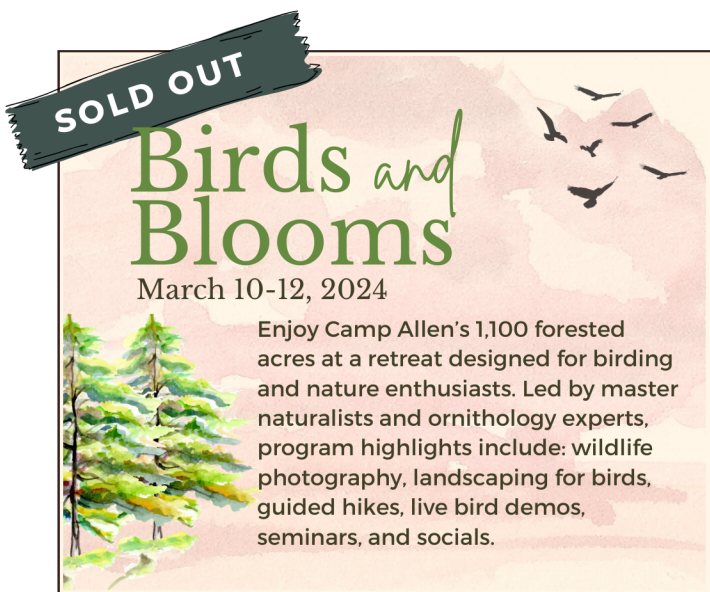


80% FULL

**camp allen
mahjong
retreat**

Escape to the beautiful piney woods for this two night weekday retreat and get your mahj-on! All experience levels are welcome to enjoy and learn this ancient made modern game among friends.

April 29 - May 1, 2024



SOLD OUT

**Birds and
Blooms**

March 10-12, 2024

Enjoy Camp Allen's 1,100 forested acres at a retreat designed for birding and nature enthusiasts. Led by master naturalists and ornithology experts, program highlights include: wildlife photography, landscaping for birds, guided hikes, live bird demos, seminars, and socials.



SOLD OUT

CAMP ALLEN

MOM CAMP

**TOTALLY RAD WEEKEND
RETREAT JUST FOR MOMS**

JULY 19-21, 2024

JOIN MOMS OF ALL AGES FOR AN ALL INCLUSIVE WEEKEND OF 80'S THEMED FUN FEATURING TONS OF BODACIOUS ACTIVITIES.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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50% FULL

CAMP ALLEN
Labor Day
FAMILY CAMP
2024



August 30 - September 1

Load up the family and burn rubber to get to our beautiful piney woods! This perfect back to school weekend retreat is full of sock hop themed fun and activities for all ages!

60% FULL

A RETREAT FOR WOMEN
 AGED TO PERFECTION

FOREVER YOUNG

SEPT. 23-25  CAMP ALLEN

Designed for women 50+, this midweek retreat offers a perfect blend of relaxation and activity. Enjoy crafting, facials, yoga, massages, hiking, workshops, bingo night, delicious food, and time getting to know other women.

SOLD OUT

CAMP ALLEN

GRAMPS CAMP
 2024
 NOVEMBER 8-9

Spend quality time with your grandchildren in the beautiful piney woods at this overnight retreat full of nature exploration and adventure!

ACTIVITIES

-  Archery
-  Snake Class
-  Bird Class
-  Hiking
-  Giant Swing
-  Canoeing
-  Campfire
-  Stargazing

FILLING FAST

NOVEMBER 8-10, 2024 RETREAT

FLY FISHING



Grab your rods and reels for this weekend co-ed fishing retreat at Camp Allen. All levels and abilities are invited to attend sessions on fly fishing, Texas fly fishing, and fly casting.

50% FULL

HOLIDAY IN THE PINES

Join us in the land of tall pines and sugar plum dreams for one sweet family weekend retreat! With activities planned for all ages, this is a great chance to take a break from the hustle, connect with loved ones, and get into the Christmas spirit.

DECEMBER 13-15, 2024

Camp Allen Conference & Retreat Center

2024 SCHEDULE

SESSION 1

June 2-8

Primaries | Middlers
Juniors | Seniors

SESSION 2

June 9-15

Middlers
Juniors | Seniors

SESSION 3

June 16-22

Primaries | Middlers
Juniors | Seniors

SESSION 4

June 23-29

Primaries | Middlers
Juniors | Seniors

SESSION 5

July 7-13

Primaries | Middlers
Juniors | Seniors

SESSION 6

July 14-20

Primaries | Middlers
Juniors | Seniors

SESSION 7

July 21-27

Primaries | Middlers
Juniors | Seniors

SESSION 8

July 28 - Aug. 3

Middlers | Juniors

SESSION AGES

Based on Grade as of Fall '24

Primaries | 3rd-4th
Middlers | 5th-6th
Juniors | 7th-8th
Seniors | 9th-10th

RATE: \$894

Scholarships Available!

CAMP ALLEN

SUMMER CAMP 2024 IS FILLING FAST!

Since 1921, Camp Allen has been providing kids with the best week of their lives! Located one hour northwest of Houston, Camp Allen offers week long residential camp sessions for ages 8-16.

Camp Allen is the largest Episcopal summer camp program in the nation and welcomes over 2,000 campers annually. Our mission is to provide a unique environment for young people to experience God, establish valuable relationships with their peers and counselors and grow through a variety of creative, safe, and challenging opportunities.

To view camper activities, check out videos, and get answers to frequently asked questions, visit campallen.org/summer-camp.