

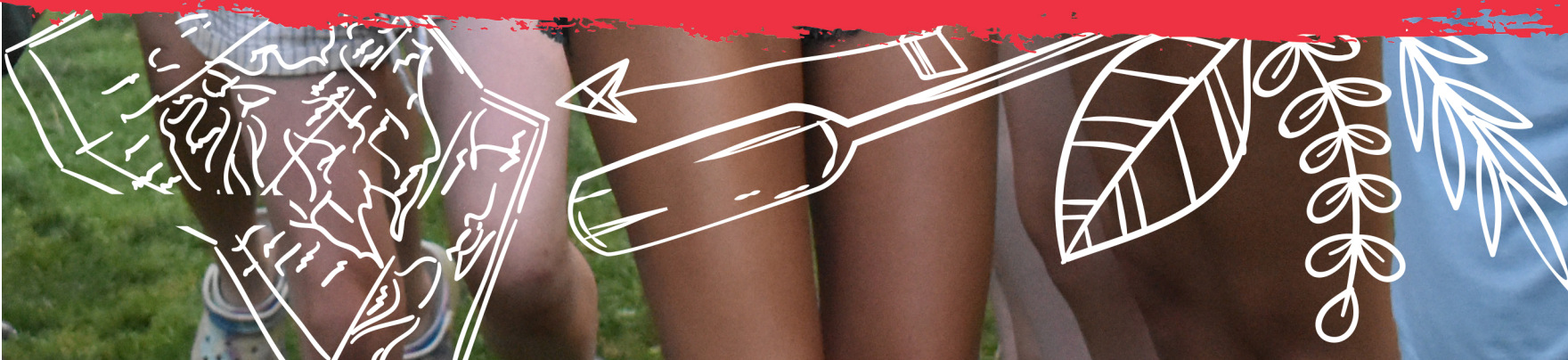


Camp Fire

River Bend



ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022



LETTER FROM OUR LEADERS

DEAR CAMP FIRE FAMILY,

The start of each new school year provides an opportunity to reflect on the work of the previous year, while looking forward to the year ahead. As we conclude our 2022 season, we want to share with you a few of the accomplishments our board and staff are proud of from the past year.

Both of our Before and After School programs completed successful years and are off to a great start for the 2022-2023 school year. We had an excellent group of staff at both programs, and are excited that several of them have returned this year.

The Extended Day program at Good Shepherd Montessori had 67 registered students, and served an average of 20 students each day after school. At the start of the 2022-2023 school year, we have been serving an average of 15 students each afternoon. The Before and After School program at Sam Adams Elementary had 60 registered students and served an average of 29 students each morning before school, and 11 students each afternoon After School.

Our summer camp program at Camp Tannadoonah served a record 1208 campers in the summer of 2022! We were able to go back to a "normal" camp schedule, including eating in the Dining Hall for the first time in three years. We administered COVID tests to all campers and staff each week again this summer, and had only a few cases of COVID during camp.

We continued to look for ways to support our programs through alternative sources of revenue, and received grants from the State of Michigan for our after school programs and for summer camp. Generous contributions from the Kiwanis Club of South Bend, the Becton Dickinson Foundation, United Way of Southwest Michigan, United Way of St. Joseph County, and numerous individuals allowed us to provide many scholarships for youth to attend camp and After School.

We hosted an AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) team at camp this spring. The five-member NCCC team helped clear trails and campsites, build furniture, repair screens and shutters, lead school groups, and prepare our buildings for the start of the camp season. It was exciting to be a part of the NCCC program for the first time, and we were very grateful for all the projects they helped us accomplish!

In September, we held our second-annual grownup camp weekend, and were thrilled to have a beautiful weekend with approximately 70 people in attendance. Participants enjoyed late night singing around the campfire, traditional camp activities, pontoon cruises on the lake, and a silent auction on Saturday evening.

We hired three new full-time members to our team this year, with Joy Hicks joining the staff in October as our registrar and site director at Sam Adams, Carmen Garcia joining in October as our School Year Programs Director, and Brenda Wentzel joining us in November as the Facilities Manager.

Bob Pence concluded his term on the Board in September of 2022. Bob joined the Board in September of 2016, and served two terms as Secretary. Michael Lacognato concluded his service to Camp Fire in January of 2022, after serving as an at-large member of the Executive Committee, Chair of the Board Development Committee, and member of the Marketing and Fundraising committee. We are very grateful for Bob and Michael's years of dedication to Camp Fire and Camp Tannadoonah!

Our major project of the year was completing the restoration of Morris Lodge. We completed an incredible transformation of the bathrooms, refinished the original hardwood floors, installed all new furniture, and built a deck and firepit on the lake-side of the cabin. We refinished the Dining Hall floor with an epoxy surface, making it much easier to clean and much nicer looking! We also dedicated the Denton Welcome Center in honor of Miss Dorothy Denton, Director from 1939-1968. We made many other improvements - big and small - all around camp.

Thank you to all of our donors, volunteers, and staff members for your generosity and steadfast support in making all this possible, and for your shared passion for helping our Camp Fire youth find their Sparks. Light the fire within,

Patrick Welch
Chair, Board of Directors

Amber Grundy
Chief Executive Officer

Gabby Bittner
Camp Tannadoonah Director

Carmen Garcia
School Year Programs Director



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



Early Morning on Birch Lake

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

September 30, 2022

Total Current Assets	\$ 914,744
Total Long-Term Assets	\$ 590,206
Total Assets	\$ 1,504,950
Total Liabilities	\$ 67,424
Net Assets	\$ 1,437,526
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 1,504,950

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Financial information presented here is based on the unaudited financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2022. The complete financial statements have been determined to represent fairly, in all material aspects, the financial position of Camp Fire River Bend as of September 30, 2022, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

For regular income and expense, the program-related functional expenses represented 80% of the fiscal year expenses, while the expenses for fundraising, online store, and administration represented just 20% of the fiscal year expenses. The council spent \$175,000 on facilities improvement projects and program equipment upgrades, including completing the restoration of Morris Lodge, and refinishing the Dining Hall floors.

Both of our school programs were back up and running this year, for the entire school year. And Camp Tannadoonah served a record 1208 campers this summer!



Good Shepherd Montessori Extended Day

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES BY CLASS

For year ended September 30, 2022

	Admin	Tannadoonah	After School	Camp Fire Online Store	Unrestricted Fundraising	Total Regular Inc. & Exp.	Capital Improvements
Total Revenues	\$56,657	\$836,369	\$201,551	\$17,724	\$36,240	\$1,148,541	
Total Expenses	\$137,027	\$504,397	\$114,266	\$13,011	\$3,856	\$772,557	\$175,008
Change in Net Assets	\$(80,370)	\$331,972	\$87,285	\$4,713	\$32,384	\$375,984	

REGULAR EXPENSE, 2021-2022

Category	2021-2022 Expense	% of Budget
Year Round Personnel	\$221,318	28.6%
Seasonal & Part Time Personnel	\$168,725	21.8%
Payroll Taxes and Benefits	\$33,852	4.4%
Camp Meals & Daily Living	\$73,177	9.5%
Program and Office Supplies	\$16,103	2.1%
Insurance	\$30,141	3.9%
Cost of Goods Sold	\$34,347	4.4%
Promotion, Professional Dev., & Travel	\$17,541	2.4%
Dues and Licensing	\$35,373	4.6%
Occupancy	\$18,812	2.4%
Regular Maintenance	\$21,704	2.8%
Outside Services	\$24,127	3.1%
Credit Card Processing & Banking Expense	\$23,052	3.0%
Depreciation	\$54,285	7.0%
Total Regular Expense	\$772,557	100%

1015 UNDUPLICATED
PARTICIPANTS ACROSS
THREE PROGRAMS

56% FEMALE, 44% MALE

\$34,907 IN SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED



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WE SALUTE OUR DONORS

On behalf of the youth and families who have benefited from Camp Fire over the last year, thank you for supporting us in fulfilling our Promise, so youth can find their sparks, lift their voice, and discover who they are.

\$50,000+

Bruce and Heather Lane
State of Michigan Department of Education

\$20,000+

Mike and Renee Chapple
United Way of Southwest Michigan

\$10,000+

Rob Dunlop and Kim Price
Paula Kocken

\$5,000+

Community Foundation of St. Joseph County
Follett Notre Dame
Kiwanis Club of South Bend

\$2,500-\$4,999

Chris and Carrie O'Brien
Bob and Barb Pence
Ben and Vanessa Wozniak
Camp Fire National Headquarters
United Way St. Joseph County

\$1,000-\$2,499

Tom and Carolyn Edgerton
Jameson Green
Bob and Beth Kenagy
Rich and Cindy Krupp
Jeff and Jill Robinson
Chris and Ann Schelle
Patrick and Jeannie Welch
Becton Dickinson Foundation

\$500-\$999

Mary Brown
Michelle Griesinger
Heather Holleman and Kate Willms
Bob and Leslie King
Tom Kuhn and Jan Temple
Nancy Maurer
John and Maggie Michel
Jamie Schnoor and Laura Pence
Dan and Sharon Waxman

\$250-\$499

Anne Aubouin
Mike Beyer and Eileen Rochford
Tom and Laura Buti
Patty Curran
Chas and Amber Grundy
Bryce and Nicole Milligan
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Amazon Smile Foundation
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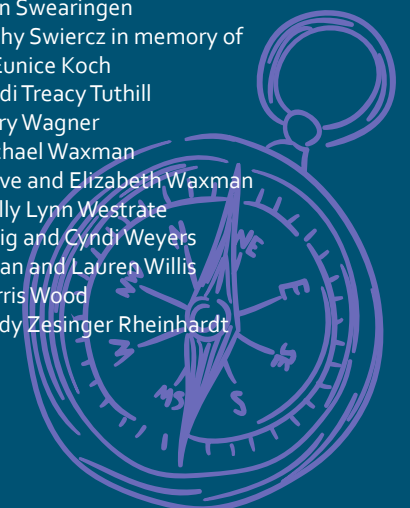
GIFTS UP TO \$249

Sue Abshagen Wilder
Danny and Brigitta Adkins
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Debra Ball
Dorothy Ball
Nick and Gretchen Batalis
Bill and Jennifer Benton
Kristi Beyer
Gabby Bittner
Linda Block
Danni Bloss
Lisa Botka
Louis Botka
Mike and Mary Clark
Shannon and Sarah Cullinan
Dave and Julie Deahl
Dave and Catherine DeFauw

Dave and Cathy Drzewiecki
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Jamie Glassburn Smith
John and Lois Groszek
Lee and Tara Grove
Bruce Harlan
Jimmy and Michele Harlow
Janet Hartwig
Rob and Sharon Hayward
Cheryl and Dennis Henry in memory of Carolyn Dobski
Emily Heynacher
Karen Kazmierczak
Sean and Katherine Kelly
Anja Keppeler
Mike and Melissa Klaer
Dolan and Susanne Klein
Chris and Barb Kolber
Vivian Kolber
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Carey Krueger and Mike Schroer
Charlotte Lenyo Hutti
Robert and Emma Jordan
Carly Lindley
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Heidi Treacy Tuthill
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Steve and Elizabeth Waxman
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Craig and Cyndi Weyers
Bryan and Lauren Willis
Dorris Wood
Cindy Zesinger Rheinhardt



After School at Sam Adams Elementary





2022 Grown Up Camp

CAMP FIRE RIVER BEND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chair—Patrick Welch, retired from AlphaGraphics; Vandalia, MI
Vice Chair—Mike Chapple, Ph.D., University of Notre Dame; Granger, IN
+Secretary—Robert Pence, J.D. retired from the Mosaic Company; Marshall, MI
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Bob Bender, retired from Commodore Corporation; Granger, IN
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Tom Kuhn, retired from Northern Trust; Vandalia, MI
+Michael Lacognato, Laidig Systems; Granger, IN
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+Andrew Roche, Creative Design Solutions; South Bend, IN
Lily Schinbeckler, Youth Representative; Edwardsburg, MI
Tricia Stitz, enVista; Westfield, IN
Lauren Willis, University of Notre Dame; South Bend, IN

**Elected during the 2021-2022 year*
+ Term concluded during the 2021-2022 year

VOLUNTEERS

Camp Tannadoonah

Brigitta Adkins
 Jessie Beyer
 Megan Louise Burns
 Chas Grundy
 Kelsey Herwick
 Bill Holleman
 Heather Holleman
 Sherry Holleman
 Emily Matz
 Betsy Siber
 Erin Velthouse

Camp Fire Committees

Melanie Como Dits
 John Engel
 Lissa Eshowsky
 Tom Kuhn
 Emily Matz
 Yolanda Roche
 Mike Sheffleck
 Ethan White



After School at Sam Adams Elementary



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YEAR-ROUND COUNCIL STAFF 2021-2022

Chief Executive Officer —Amber M. Grundy, Ph.D.
Camp Tannadoonah Director —Gabby Bittner
School Year Programs Director —Carmen Garcia
Ranger / Facilities Manager —Brenda Wentzel
Registrar / Sam Adams Site Director — Joy Hicks



OUR PROMISE



Camp Tannadoonah

YOUNG PEOPLE WANT TO SHAPE THE WORLD.

Camp Fire provides the opportunity to find their spark, lift their voice, and discover who they are.

In Camp Fire, it begins *now*.

LIGHT THE FIRE WITHIN



YOU CAN BE A CHANGEMAKER. HELP YOUTH IN YOUR COMMUNITY GROW, SUCCEED, AND THRIVE.

HELP KIDS THRIVE NOW

Visit donate.riverbendcampfire.org to donate today!

Your contribution helps a kid or teen get the life-changing life skills they need to be the best person they can be today.

Contributions may be unrestricted, or designated for camperships, programs, or facilities.



After School at Sam Adams Elementary



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THANK YOU!