

Lord Jesus Christ, you say to your followers, "Let the little children come to me and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." Guide and bless this Capital Campaign for Camp Wingmann so that more of your children can appreciate the gentle breezes off the lake, the beauty of the Celtic Cross at sunrise, and the peacefulness of the live oaks that give glory to God our Creator. As we give, turn our eyes and our hearts to you, Lord Jesus, and fill us with your Spirit. Make us generous, whether we have little or much, so that we might bless others with fun and whole lives, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

– The Revs. Steve and Pam Easterday

Let it Grow!

Planting Seeds of Faith: Generation to Generation

Leadership

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A Fun Place for Kids to Know and Grow in Christ!

*Camp Wingmann is a place where
the veil between heaven and earth is thin.
It is holy ground, consecrated as a place
where young people encounter The Lord.*

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Camp Wingmann is the center for sharing Christ with children and youth and developing Christian leaders for the next generations in the Diocese of Central Florida. It is time to renovate its central facility.

Planting Seeds of Faith: Generation to Generation

Children and Youth

A life-changing decision to follow Christ is most often made before age 18. Camp Wingmann provides children and youth a place and time away from phones, the Internet and video games to encounter Jesus, learn about The Lord, own their faith, and share their prayers and thoughts among friends. Camp Wingmann hosts hundreds of campers entering grades 3 through 12 each summer.

adult, staff or volunteer who participate and lead camps and retreats throughout the year.



The camp also hosts weekend youth retreats for middle and high school groups throughout the year as well as other groups from churches and other ministries. The seeds of faith are planted and nurtured with every child, youth,



"Camp Wingmann is an incubator for leaders."

– Bishop Gregory O. Brewer



Leadership

The seeds of faith planted with campers grow. Youth advance from counselors-in-training to junior then senior counselors, and then Assistant Director to learn to handle serious responsibilities and develop as leaders. They learn to articulate and share their faith in Jesus with their peers and the campers. Their "camp family"

becomes an ongoing source of encouragement and accountability – a critical element of discipleship. They carry their faith through college. Many grow to lead other ministries such as Bible studies, Sunday school and youth groups. Some have been called to serve on their church vestries and search committees. New in 2018, former



counselors are now serving as Summer Camp Director, Bookkeeper and Maintenance Director at the camp. Faith and leadership are gifts that they will carry into any vocation or endeavor. The blessings of Camp Wingmann roll on indefinitely.



Needs

The Diocese of Central Florida sold Camp Wingmann in 1980. When the camp was re-acquired in 1998, every building was in terrible shape and required major renovation. To date, buildings that have been rebuilt and/or renovated include: all 6 cabins, Louttit Lodge, All Angels Chapel, the Retreat House, Director's Residence, Cottage, Duplex and Lakefront building.



The next step is renovating Yates Hall, the physical and programmatic heart of the camp, to preserve and prepare it as the central gathering point of camp life. It is the primary location for registration, programs, instruction, small group discussions, dances and closing ceremonies of summer camps and retreats. Its walls breathe with history, covered with the names of campers and staff dating back to the camp's earliest days. While that heritage must be preserved, it is also over 70 years old. It needs reinforcement of its floor joists, new flooring, insulation, lighting

and an upgrade of its audiovisual capabilities. It needs restrooms and secure storage for equipment. It would also be the best location for camp offices and a welcome center. All renovations will retain the camp's rustic feel and simple functionality – as we have done with the cabins.

This renovation will extend Yates Hall's life for decades to come. It

will retain its hallowed, historic first impression for campers and visitors at registration and improve its capacity as a venue for educational, program and social functions. Adding bathrooms will resolve the current major inconvenience of having to leave the building to use a restroom. (Children have to be escorted as well.) If funds allow, moving the offices to Yates Hall will make them much more accessible to visitors and parents at the center of the camp while freeing the current office space for other uses.

Cost

The full cost of completing essential renovations to Yates Hall, including relocation of offices and driveway repairs, totals \$552,000. A generous lead gift of \$275,000 from the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Foundation in Melbourne, Florida, has moved us well on our way toward reaching this goal. Today, the camp seeks

your support to complete this important project. As with every other renovation that we have completed, the camp will use its pool of skilled volunteers as much as possible to minimize costs and stretch every dollar.

Gifts Essential to Reaching our Goal of \$552,000

Project	Cost
New flooring and Reinforcement of Joists; Lighting, Upgraded A/V, Retractable Stage	\$77,000
Restrooms, Secure storage, Upgrade Electric, Upgrade HVAC, New Septic Tank	\$220,000
Professional Fees and Permits	\$80,000
Primary Projects Total	\$377,000
Offices & Welcome Center*	\$110,000
New Driveway*	\$25,000
Furniture & Fixtures*	\$40,000
Additional Projects Total	\$175,000
Total with Additional Projects	\$552,000

*Primary Projects are essential renovations to secure the life of Yates Hall into the future. Additional projects include moving the offices and creating a Welcome Center there and improving access with a new driveway.