

Supporting Sky Lake

“WHAT HAPPENS HERE SHAPES TOMORROW...”



Those who have experienced the spirit of Sky Lake...

have a common thread that weaves their lives together. With this bond, comes the opportunity and the responsibility to share that experience and to play a vital role in Sky Lake's history of reaching people in a unique way.

Each gift, no matter to what purpose it may be designated or the amount given, is invaluable to the ministry of Sky Lake. As you review the giving opportunities, please remember that your gift, whether a financial gift, a prayer, or the gift of time, is the gift of life - the spiritual life of all who will spend time on this Holy Ground.

ANNUAL GIVING

The primary goal of Sky Lake's Annual Giving Program is to encourage a pattern of consistent support from past and present campers, parents, guest groups and friends of Sky Lake. Annual giving is designed to foster support for current operating costs to help improve day-to-day operations of the ministry and provide for future ministry opportunities. Contributions to the Annual Giving Program help narrow the gap between actual operating cost and what each individual or group pays for use of the facility and programming.

CAPITAL GIVING

Our commitment to excellence requires constant attention to the job of upgrading and building facilities that provide our guests with the environment needed for spiritual growth.

In the years to come, we hope to embark on several key capital projects that will propel Sky Lake into the next phase of camping and retreat ministry.

CAMPERSHIP PROGRAM

Beginning with our establishment in 1947, Sky Lake Camp and Retreat Center has provided a quality summer camp experience to thousands of children and youth.

Many have credited their Sky Lake experiences with helping to answer God's call to ministry.



USE OUR WISH LIST

Be sure to check out our up-to-date wish list on the Sky Lake web site. This is a great way to donate an item that you'll know we make good use of.

Ways of Giving

The ministry of Sky Lake Camp, and Retreat Center is blessed to receive charitable contributions from friends of Sky Lake that directly impact the lives of children, youth, and adults. These generous gifts provide camp scholarships to those in need, new state-of-the-art facilities, and quality programs designed to promote spiritual, mental, and physical development of all guests. The two methods of giving include current gifts and planned gifts. All gifts given to Sky Lake must meet gift acceptance policies established by the Board of Directors of Camp and Retreat Ministries and in accordance with The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church.

CURRENT GIFTS

Current gifts to Sky Lake provide immediate benefits to a multitude of ministry opportunities.

Gifts of Cash

Cash gifts are immediately available to the ministry for both donor designated or undesignated purposes. Cash gifts tend to be the most popular form of philanthropy.

Matching Gifts

You have the potential to increase your giving with the help of your employer. Many companies encourage giving to non-profit organizations through matching gift programs. Matching gifts are a great avenue for maximizing the impact of your gift. Programs will vary, so please check with your employer.

Memorial and Tributes

Making a charitable gift in memory or honor of one you admire, respect and love is a wonderful way to celebrate his or her life and accomplishments. By giving in memory or honor of others, you further the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ.

Gifts Securities, Real Property, and Personal Property

Gifts of stocks or bonds to Sky Lake can be beneficial to you as a donor as well as the ministry. Gifts of securities allow a charitable deduction equal to the full fair market value and you may avoid paying capital gains tax on your charitable contribution. Gifts of real and personal property can have special benefit for both the donor and Sky Lake. You may give these properties as a current gift and receive a charitable deduction for the full fair market value of the gift.

PLANNED GIFTS

A planned gift is carefully tailored to the needs and objectives of you, the donor, so as to help you maximize your gift to Sky Lake and realize personal, financial, and tax benefits at the same time. Examples of planned gifts include:

Gift Planning Arrangements

The following gift planning methods portrayed below are designed to help you explore possible ways of giving while enhancing the quality of life.

Charitable Gift Annuity

Charitable Gift Annuities are a wonderful way of transferring assets to Sky Lake Camp and Retreat Center while receiving regular payments. The payments to you from the Trust each year will be a fixed dollar amount that you will specify at the time the gift is made. Sky Lake Camp and Retreat Center does not issue gift annuities at this time. Please contact the CRM Office at joan@un-yumc.org or 315-424-7878 ext: 309 for additional information on naming Sky Lake in a gift annuity.

Charitable Remainder Trust

A gift in the form of a charitable remainder trust offers flexibility to you, the donor, while providing a “gift of a lifetime” to Sky Lake. We offer both charitable remainder unitrusts and charitable remainder annuity trusts. These remainder trusts serve as gift vehicles that generate income payments and other tax benefits for you. You can establish one of these trusts with Sky Lake by making an irrevocable contribution of cash, securities, or real property to the charitable remainder trust.

Charitable Lead Trust

Charitable lead trusts are great avenues to fulfill pledge agreements with cash, stock, real property (or a combination of these assets) placed in a trust. The periodic payments to Sky Lake from the lead trust are ideal for establishing endowed funds or to fund other special projects.

Life Estate Agreement

A life estate agreement provides you the opportunity to deed your residence

There are many advantages to planned giving including:

- *Personal satisfaction through the realization of your charitable intent*
- *Obtain relief from management difficulties and anxieties*
- *Transfer family assets to younger generations*
- *Avoidance of Capital Gains Tax*
- *Reduction of Estate Tax*
- *Convert non-producing asset to producing asset – create an income stream*

to Sky Lake, while maintaining use of the property for a lifetime. This method of giving allows you to receive gift and estate tax deductions.

Life Insurance

To share the benefits of your stewardship, you can name Sky Lake as the beneficiary to receive all or a portion of the proceeds of an insurance policy. You may desire to take out a new policy with ownership and beneficiary rights assigned to Sky Lake. You may find that this a convenient way to make a special gift on the installment plan. Life insurance is an excellent way to make a large gift at a low cost, and it may allow you a tax advantage.

Legacy Gifts (by Will)

A legacy gift, a simple provision in your will, is a wonderful way to continue your Christian stewardship after your death by making special gifts to Sky Lake. Your legacy gift will impact the lives of children, youth and adults for generations to come.

Your legacy gift can be made in a variety of ways:

- Cash gifts
- Property
- A percentage of your total estate

Your legacy gift to Sky Lake Camp and Retreat Center may be designated or undesignated. All undesignated gifts are used for Sky Lake's greatest need. Your legacy gift is deductible for estate tax purposes.

Retirement Assets

You can share the benefits of your accumulated retirement assets by making cash gifts to Sky Lake from your retirement assets. These retirement accounts would include IRA's , 401-K plans, etc. You will receive a charitable deduction in the amount of the cash gift.

You can also make a charitable bequest of your retirement assets by naming Sky Lake Camp and Retreat Center as the beneficiary of all or a part of these assets. At your death the remaining balance of the account will be distributed to Sky Lake free of tax. Use a Change of Beneficiary form and indicate the amount or percent you wish to give to Sky Lake. Your beneficiary designation can be changed at any time, should your needs or wishes change.

Your gift of retirement assets to Sky Lake may be designated or undesignated. All undesignated gifts are used for Sky Lake's greatest need.

For more information on the ways you can make a gift to Sky Lake Camp and Retreat Center, we invite you to contact the CRM Office at joan@unyumc.org or 315-424-7878 ext: 309. We look forward to helping you with your gift planning needs.



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