

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF LOVE, GENEROSITY, AND COMMUNITY AT CRYSTAL LAKE CAMPS!

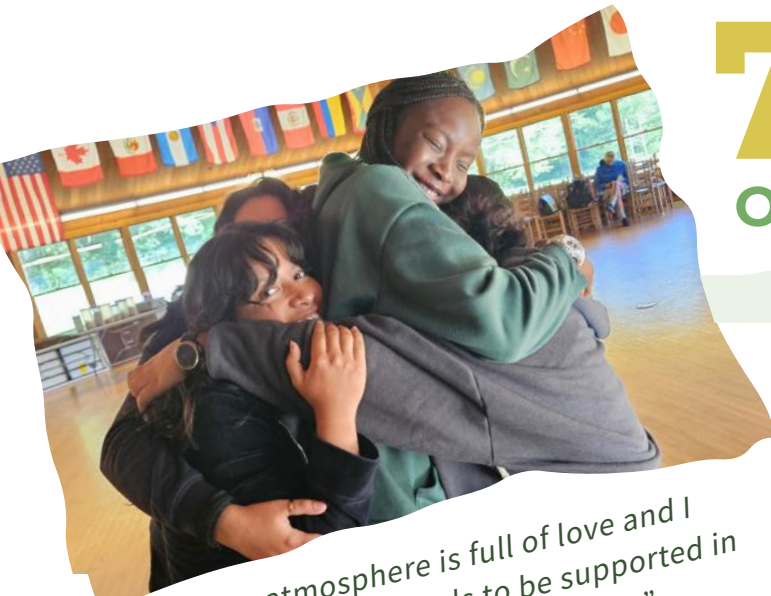


“... in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength;”

Isaiah 30:15

75 YEARS

OF FAMILY AND COMMUNITY



“The atmosphere is full of love and I just like how it feels to be supported in a Christian Science community.”
— 2024 STAFF MEMBER

For over 75 years, Crystal Lake Camps has been home to so many. While our programs have grown, the heart of CLC — family, community, and a deeper connection to Christian Science — remains unchanged.

A summer here offers campers from around the world a chance to immerse themselves in Christian Science within a loving, supportive family.

AS ONE STAFF MEMBER SAID:

“There’s a real family feeling here. No matter where you’re from, we find a way to communicate. What better thing can you do for your children than put them into this atmosphere?”



“[Camp] made Christian Science really fun for me.”
— 2024 CAMPER

MARK MAYNARD REMINISCENCES

For Mark Maynard, a camper in the 60s and 70s, CLC was more than just a camp — it was home, family, and a rich cultural experience. His time here sparked a lifelong passion for music and a deep love for the outdoors — just like it does for many campers today.



**SUPPORT
OUR LEGACY**
**CONTRIBUTE
TODAY**
to support CLC’s
ongoing journey!



As we look ahead to an unforgettable 2025, your support is vital to keeping CLC thriving. Donations like yours create lasting memories and ensure every child experiences the life-changing programs of this special place.

Can we count on you to help make this happen?

Make a gift by using the enclosed envelope, visiting crystallakecamps.org/give, or scanning the QR code.



Be Part of Something Bigger— Join the Owl Clan!

Become a vital part of CLC's future by joining the Owl Clan. Your monthly gift — whether \$5, \$25, \$75, or any amount — directly supports our year-round programs and keeps the camp experience alive for generations to come.

Fuel CLC's mission and impact.

Set up your monthly gift today at crystallakecamps.org/give and choose "Monthly."

Be part of something lasting!

A LIFETIME OF GROWTH STARTS WITH YOUR GENEROSITY TODAY!

"Thank you for keeping this place alive. [...] It's an effort inspired by God. There's so much Life and Spirit here, but you guys do the practical work that we need to keep the lights on and the water running."

— 2024 STAFF MEMBER

- Just \$250 helps to provide essential supplies for camper activities and programs.
- By giving \$1,500, you can sponsor a camper's experience, covering their tuition and incidentals for a week at CLC.
- A donation of \$2,500 supports the maintenance and operations of our facilities, ensuring a safe and welcoming environment for all.
- Donors' support helped bring campers from 13 countries to CLC in 2024



75 YEARS OF LOVE IN ACTION: CRYSTAL LAKE CAMPS' LEGACY

During the October holiday weekend, Crystal Lake Camps buzzed with excitement as we hosted participants from across the U.S. for our annual Fall for All event. This year's celebration held special significance as we honored our 75th anniversary!

Attendees enjoyed a weekend of community and celebration, including:



PUMPKIN CARVING AND SCENIC HIKES THROUGH THE FALL FOLIAGE

ENJOYING A CAMPFIRE WITH OLD FRIENDS



ADDING TO THE MURAL STARTED DURING THE SUMMER



UPGRADING THE CAMP GATE SIGN, BRINGING FRESH LIFE TO AN ICONIC SYMBOL



UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Winter Camp (Dec. 28–Jan. 1)
- Rest and Study events — call for more details

Could an event at CLC support your church community? Get in touch!

It was a weekend filled with reflection, connection, and renewal — honoring our past while looking toward the future.



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Dear friends,

A summer at Crystal Lake Camps leaves a truly remarkable legacy in the hearts of campers and staff alike. It awakens in us an understanding both of our own potential and of our status as “citizens of the world” (Mary Baker Eddy, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures 224:27): We learn that we are more capable than we thought; that we have more in common with our brethren than we have differences from them; and that a family is so much more than the brothers and sisters you live with.

Recently, alumnus Mark Maynard wrote to share a number of reminiscences from his days at CLC. Here are some snippets from Mark’s wonderful comments:

“Camp was a savior for me. My parents dropped me off at Crystal Lake Camps in 1961 for the first summer four-week session, and I would return every summer. Crystal Lake was home to me ...”

“Camp was my big extended family.... My parents dropped me off at Crystal Lake Camps in 1961 for [my] first summer, and I kept returning as a counselor into the early 1970s.”

“Crystal Lake Camps is a treasure trove of cultural experiences. I learned new things every day from campers who came from so many regions”

He concludes his reflections: “It has been more than 40 years since my CLC experience, but its memories and my camper friends are fresh.” That comment speaks volumes about what CLC does. Even after so many seasons away from CLC, it remains near and dear to his heart—as it is to the hearts of so many.

Campers today express a similar sense of the impact and value of a Crystal Lake experience. During their time at camp, young people and adults alike come to recognize just how powerful they can be as a force for good, a support to others, and a critical link in a strong and broad family structure that uplifts everyone. That understanding persists even when campers return home: Undergirded by the strong metaphysical foundation in Christian Science that a CLC experience provides, many participants in our programs go on to become leaders and healers in the movement.

Year after year, it is your support that makes this impact possible. A gift today helps us provide a fun, growth-filled camp experience to as many participants as possible in 2025. You can be sure that they, like Mark, will be transformed as a result—and will treasure their memories of CLC for decades to come.

With much gratitude,



Nathan Bowen
Executive Director

