



Northern Pines

A VACATION WITH A PURPOSE



LEGACY

OUR FAMILY'S LEGACY



In May of 1989 I was doing my student teaching at Minnetonka Junior High. One afternoon I was grading papers in the teacher's lounge when a man I had never met before came in, sat down at my table, and started talking to me. When I introduced myself, he exclaimed, "Dean Jaderston! I've been trying to find you. I'd like you to direct our senior high program at a camp I direct." His name was Ken Kallman, and since that summer, Northern Pines has been one of foundational pieces of our family's spiritual journey and legacy.

Whether as a young couple who left our young children with my parents for a

Week 1 camp and then had them join us for Week 2, or parents of teenagers who needed someone besides us who loved Jesus and would speak truth into their lives, to now as grandparents who are thrilled watching our grandkids sing (or not sing, depending on the child and the year) in the children's Friday program, Northern Pines is the place each year where things seem to come into focus, when God's voice becomes more audible, and connections and friendships are deepened.

It was not always easy. In 35 years a lot of life happens. The deaths of dear friends, staff, and a father only a few days before camp, weddings, illness, job changes, and moves to different states (sometimes the week after camp). A conference center and leadership change, a first year as directors when we had very little idea of what we had got ourselves into (thank you to everyone for all the grace and patience you showed us), a recession, and a little thing called COVID. These are just a few of the things God has walked with us through. And through it all, our relationship with our Savior, each other, and our Northern Pines family grew deeper and more powerful.

That is the legacy of Northern Pines for so many families. We can tell story after story of how God met us, spoke to us, healed us, and brought us back to him. We see our children grow up here, then pass on the things they learned here to their children, and we cannot begin to express the joy that brings to us. We are moved to tears at every children's program, and each year we leave having learned something new and powerful from God's Word.

I've told the story of Northern Pines many times, and I still cannot completely capture what it has meant for Julie, my family, and I. I cannot begin to explain the powerful influence people like Tom and Barb Warner, Ken Kallman, Lindy, Ottie, and so many more students, staff, board members, and friends who have become such dear brothers and sisters in Christ have had on me because of Northern Pines. That is a legacy I have cherished and hope to continue to pass on. And I can't wait to hear your legacy story this coming summer!

- Dean & (Julie), NP Executive Directors



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"When I think of Northern Pines the word that comes to mind is HOME. It feels so comfortable to be with the people you love. Being a CCA is fun. I love to be with the kids and see their smiling faces and get to bond with them. You feel appreciated and loved because you're serving the parents here to give them time away to build their marriages." -Megan Gordon



CCAs COME FREE!
Thanks to a generous donor
all CCA fees
are covered for 2023!

CCA Information





THE BIRTH OF A LEGACY

The story of Northern Pines is a personal story about the experience of Tom and Barb Warner, and a life-changing experience God would use to be the seed to begin this transformational family ministry.

In 1970, Tom's brother called him from California and said, "I need to see you." Tom lived in Minnesota and knew it must be important. When Tom and his brother met at a halfway point in Colorado, his brother simply said, "You need to bring your family to Forest Home this summer." For years he had been sending brochures to Tom for a family camp called Forest Home. Tom was a bit irritated at flying all the way just to hear this again, but he also knew if his brother was willing to do the same, it must be important. That summer, Tom, Barb, and their four daughters (ages 11, 9, and 6 year-old twins) flew out to California instead of vacationing in the Black Hills. Little did they know this would be a week that would change their lives forever. Tom found himself listening intently to the camp speakers, and each day the gospel was presented. Tom had grown up in church but never understood what it meant to truly give his life to Christ. That was about to change. Midweek, Tom went on a run through the camp. He stopped at the chapel and gave his life to Jesus.

That fall at a school board meeting Tom met some men who would eventually also be involved in the birth of Northern Pines. The next summer, two additional Minnesota families attended Forest Home with Tom's family. Over the next five years, 19 families traveled with the Warners to Forest Home. The experience was tremendous, but it began to become difficult to get people to travel such a long distance. On May 10, 1973, Tom and some of these families started talking about the possibility of making this type of life-changing vacation experience happen in the Midwest. There were 13 people

at this first meeting, and they wrestled with the prospect of starting a new ministry from scratch. They came up with a game plan. The first step was to try and hire Don Botsford, the current interim director of Forest Home. He declined, expecting to spend the rest of his life at Forest Home. Subsequently, he reconsidered and agreed to do a feasibility study of the Minnesota project. Shortly after Don arrived, he had a heart attack at the age of 42. Even then, he still directed the efforts from a hospital in Minneapolis!

"The whole course of his family legacy was changed."

Tom and the others sensed God's plan was different than they had originally thought. Instead of paying Don to do the project, God was saying, "With My help you are going to do this thing yourselves." The group proceeded to "do it themselves" with God's help. Under Don's direction from the hospital, the group met 41 times in 10 months. Each member planned, prayed and worked hard, investing their own time and resources. The vision crystalized and Northern Pines moved in a new direction. Looking for a location was also an adventure. After 120 direct and indirect visits to different sites, they were just about to give up. (The 119th place they checked out was Green Lake Conference Center, but it was just too big at that time!) The one last place to visit was George Williams College on Lake Geneva. The Warner family went with the Dick Marks family and literally knocked on the door, introduced themselves and GWC agreed to rent their facilities to Northern Pines. They now had a home!

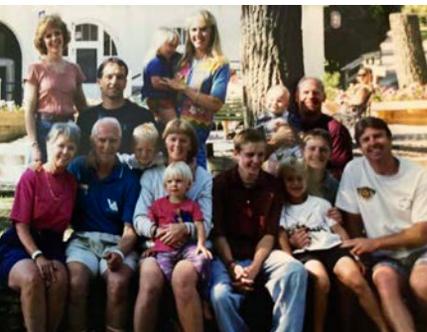
There were quite a few more obstacles to overcome. For example, shortly before the first conference, they realized they were not going to fill the camp as they had hoped. They continued to pray and plan, and somehow it all came together.

In the inaugural year there were 65 families Week 1 and 69 families Week 2. All programming was in place and staffed. Many of the lead staff had been staff at Forest Home and provided tremendous assistance, helping the whole conference run, in Tom's words, "somewhat smoothly." It was clear God orchestrated the whole thing, and in doing so, received all the glory and praise.

The whole course of his family legacy was changed. Tom and Barb's children, and spouses are all Christ-followers and are raising their children to follow the Lord. Each summer many members of their family attend Northern Pines or a camp like it. The lives of his friends who helped start Northern Pines were changed, as well as their families. As Tom and Barb reflected on the history and memories of Northern Pines, they were quick and adamant to point out that this story isn't about them and what they did. Tom said, *"This is about God using me and many other people to start an amazing family camp called Northern Pines – truly a Vacation with a Purpose!"* It is a story about God working in the life of a man, who shared his experience with friends, who in turn experienced God working in their lives. God then worked through them to bring this "Vacation with a Purpose!" to thousands of conferees for 49 years, and to touch their lives in powerful ways!

In 2023 we will celebrate 50 years of Northern Pines and we are all so grateful for Tom and Barb Warner. Many people get excited, have ideas/dreams and it just ends there. Tom was a man touched deeply by Jesus and used his gifts and influence to start a life-changing family camp experience. He was a man with a dream and a vision over 50 years ago. We are so thankful. Because of this vision we too have poured into our families and their legacies. We love you Tom and Barb!





PASSING DOWN THE LEGACY

My dad is Tom Warner and my Northern Pines story began in 1970 with an invitation from my uncle to go to a family conference in California. My uncle kept badgering my dad and I think we finally went to just get him off our back. We flew 6 of us (4 girls) with my parents out to Forest Home in July of 1970. I was going into 6th grade and was in the Indian Village program, and we heard the gospel for the first time. We were religious people but had never understood about having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. My parents, one sister, and I all made faith commitments to Christ that week. We came home a changed family. I saw a drastic change in our family and in my parents. Different church, different friendship groups, Bible study involvement, and it was like before Christ and after Christ drastic change.

We shared our story of how Christ had changed our lives with several other families. They wanted that for their families too. We could not find anything like Forest Home in the Midwest so we began bringing more and more families each year to Forest Home. Eventually the women began meeting to pray and the men began meeting to strategize, set goals and discuss the business end of things to try to start something like it here.

When Don Botsford, the Executive Director of Forest Home resigned in 1973 he was hired to help us start a Forest Home East. He and his family came and

stayed with us while he met regularly with the board. (Don's son Bob Botsford has been a speaker for us at NP many times).

In the fall of 1973 there was a banquet where the name was picked. We went to many camps to find the best facility. We even went to Green Lake Conference center but they had very few buildings at the time so it was not a fit for us. Not the right timing so we ended up at George Williams College campus on Lake Geneva WI.

In 1974 we had the first conference. Two one-week conferences. I was going into 10th grade the first year. All the families who were part of things at the beginning rolled up their sleeves and worked to make it happen. I remember typing name-tags on a typewriter, stuffing packets, making beds, picking up trash, directing traffic and doing whatever needed to be done.

My parents had a dream. It was bathed in prayer. Many sacrifices were made. The word was spread through word of mouth. If you went and had a story of what Christ did in your life through Northern Pines you shared it with others so they could have a story and share it with their friends. God's faithfulness through the years to many generations was the result. It has become a legacy for many families. It is A Vacation with a Purpose!

- Lynn Schoolmeesters (Tom and Barb's daughter)



Pictured Above: Barb Warner's brother Bob Telander, his wife Peggy, Barb's dad Lawrence Telander and mom Hazel Telander and Barb's grandma Beda and one of her nephew's, David (son of Bob and Peggy) YEAR 1975

*"This was the week that my dad's mom was also there. Both sets of grandparents and my great grandma all made faith commitments to Christ that week. I was in sr high and it was the night the sr high came to the adult meeting. At the end there was an alter call and I'll never forget seeing all of them stand up. It was pretty powerful!"
Lynn Schoolmeesters*

2023 Rates

ALL INCLUSIVE / ALL YOU CAN EAT

Prices include all programming and activities, accommodations, meals, evening childcare, and use of non-motorized rental equipment (boats, bikes, games, etc.).

Adult Program	Campsite ¹	Cabin	Lodge	House	Family Suite
2 Adults	A: \$1070 B: \$965	A: \$1,610 B: \$1,510	\$1,930	A: \$2,200 B: \$2,090	\$2,200
3 rd & 4 th Adult (in same room)	A: \$455 B: \$400	N/A	\$620	N/A	\$620
Single Adult (in own room)	A: \$625 B: \$540	N/A	\$1,335	A: \$1,100 B: \$1,045	N/A
Single Adult (with children 0-11)	N/A	A: \$1050 B: \$995	\$1,230	N/A	\$1,770

Children's Program

Young Children (infant to 5 years*)	No Cost!
Elementary Children (kindergarten to 3 rd grade*)	A: \$320 B: \$255

Youth & Young Adult Programs

Wilderness (4 th to 6 th grade*)	\$455
Junior High (7 th to 9 th grade*)	\$535
Senior High (10 th to 12 th grade*)	\$535
Young Adult (singles 19 and up)	\$465 ²

*Age/grade as of September 1, 2023

A = Full Meal Option B = No Breakfast Option

CCA childcare is available for all locations, although some campsites, cabins, and houses may have drop-off service only. Learn more about housing options at npines.org/accommodations.

1. Hook up sites are available for an additional \$80 per site.
2. Price does not include breakfast. Young Adults stay together in a house or cabin and bring/buy groceries to make breakfast together each morning.

Scholarships & Discounts

In an effort to make a week at Northern Pines affordable to all families, Northern Pines, along with Green Lake Conference Center, offers several discounts and scholarships.

Learn more and apply for ALL scholarships at npines.org/discounts.

Northern Pines Assistance Scholarships

Families or individuals who have additional financial need can apply for Northern Pines financial assistance scholarships.

Special Scholarships

Limited Scholarships are available for members of the military, full-time ministry professionals, and those who have been or have had family members incarcerated.

Multiple Children Discounts

Families with children ages 6 to 11 pay full price for the first two children and then receive a 50% discount for each younger child.

First Time Conferee Discount

10% discount for all first-time families

Generation 2 Generation: A Legacy Gift

A full scholarship for great-grandparents who come with four generations.

Special Needs

We know that sometimes a week away from the comforts and routine of home can be difficult, especially those with special needs. Northern Pines wants to help make a weeks' vacation away possible for everyone. We have scholarships available to help fund an additional staff member to help aid a conferee that may need individual attention. This scholarship is available for conferees of any age.

*Unable to come for the whole week?
Join us on Wednesday afternoon (Both Weeks) for an open house reunion.*

2023 Northern Pines Registration

Register Online at npines.org/register
or mail registration with deposit to Northern Pines, PO Box 1864, Minnetonka, MN 55345

Name _____

 Birthday _____

Spouse _____

 Birthday _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email Address _____

Home Church _____

First Time at Northern Pines

 Introducing Family _____

Children and Young Adults

Age/grade as of September 1, 2023

Name	Gender	Age	Grade	Birthdate

Additional children listed on separate sheet

Additional Comments

Please include any food allergies or other medical conditions

By submitting this registration, I hereby:

- Affirm there is no need for a doctor's examination prior to camp based on current health or that such an exam will be obtained with recommendations supplied to camp staff.
- Authorize camp staff to give medications to children and youth in camp programs based on the parent/guardian instructions.
- Authorize qualified camp personnel to give emergency medical care and determine the need for a physician's service.
- Release Northern Pines, its staff and volunteer workers from any liability or claims which may arise related to registrant's participation in programs or trips sponsored by Northern Pines.
- Provide Northern Pines the authorization to use photos & videos of you and your registered group for promotional purposes.

Select a week:

- Week 1 (July 23 - 29, 2023)
 Week 2 (July 30 - August 5, 2023)

Number your first three housing choices:

- ____ Family Suite
____ House
 Prefer no breakfast
____ Lodge
 Prefer Lawson Lodge (1 Queen bed)
____ Cabin
 Prefer no breakfast
____ Campsite
 Prefer no breakfast

Hookups needed:

- Electric Water Sewer None

If my housing preferences are full:

- I will accept any accommodations
 I would consider attending the other week
 I prefer to be on a waiting list

Housing choice is treated on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you have concerns or questions, please email us at information@npines.org or call 612-861-5100.

DEPOSIT - A non-refundable deposit of \$50 per person or \$100 per family must accompany your registration. This may be paid with check made payable to Northern Pines or online with credit card at npines.org/pay

PAYMENT POLICY - Unless otherwise arranged with the registrar, payments are due as follows: 50% due February 1st; Final Payment due May 1st. If registration occurs after February 1st, 50% payment is due immediately and full payment is due by May 1st or as arranged with the registrar. Monthly payment plan available online at npines.org/pay

LATE FEES - Any payments made after June 1st (unless otherwise arranged with the registrar) will incur a \$40 late fee. Any registrations with no payments made by May 1st will be automatically canceled (and deposit forfeited). Full payment will be necessary to secure a new registration.

CANCELLATION POLICY - Registrations canceled on or before July 1st will receive a full refund of registration fees (minus deposit). Registrations canceled after July 1st will forfeit all paid registration fees (including deposit).

2023 Speakers and Musicians

Week 1: July 23-July 29, 2023

Family Hour: Dave and Donalyn Currie

Dr. Dave and Donalyn Currie | Family Hour



Dr. Dave Currie is the director of Doing Family Right, which he co-founded with his wife Donalyn. They have a passion for helping couples grow their marriages and pursue their faith in Christ. Dr. Dave is a therapist and speaker, and holds a PhD from Trinity International University. This will be their third Northern Pines conference.

www.doingfamilyright.com

Bible Hour: Peter Reid

Peter Reid | Bible Hour



Peter Reid is an itinerant Bible teacher and speaker. He is also the General Director of Torchbearers International and the director and principal for the Torchbearers school in Bodensee, Germany. He also served on staff for numerous years at Northern Pines. This will be his seventh conference as a speaker.

<https://bodenseehof.de/en>

Evening Hour: Joel Johnson

Joel Johnson | Evening Hour



Joel Johnson is the senior pastor at Westwood Church. He has his Undergrad and MDiv from Bethel Seminary. Joel also serves on board of trustees at Bethel. This will be his fourth conference as a speaker.

<https://www.westwoodcc.org/>

Week 2: July 30-August 5, 2023

Family Hour: Tim Breen

Pastor Tim Breen | Family Hour



Tim is lead pastor of the First Reformed Church in Orange City, Iowa. He is also the primary writer and editor of Telos, a blog about dreams and devotions for The Way. He received his MDiv from Western Theological Seminary. This will be his second Northern Pines conference as a speaker.

<http://www.frcoc.org/>

Bible Hour: Peter Reid

Peter Reid | Bible Hour



Peter Reid is an itinerant Bible teacher and speaker. He is also the General Director of Torchbearers International and the director and principal for the Torchbearers school in Bodensee, Germany. He also served on staff for numerous years at Northern Pines. This will be his seventh conference as a speaker.

<https://bodenseehof.de/en>

Evening Hour: Troy Dobbs

Troy Dobbs | Evening Hour



Troy Dobbs has a degree in criminology from Ball State University and a MDiv from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is currently Senior Pastor of Grace Church in Eden Prairie, MN. This will be Troy's fourth Northern Pines conference as a speaker.

<https://grace.church/>

Worship: Mark Alan Schoolmeesters

Mark Alan Schoolmeesters is a songwriter, producer and thought-leader, hailing from Minneapolis, MN. He has been a part of multiple Grammy and Dove Award nominated projects. He has written with artists like Chris Tomlin, Jesus Culture, Brandon Heath and others and has produced songs for artists like Leeland, William McDowell, Darlene Czeck, Common Hymnal, David & Nicole Binion and others.

Outside of writing and producing, Mark helps to facilitate the growth and development in other worship leaders and church leaders. On the weekends, you can find Mark leading worship at his home church, Eagle Brook.



Extended bios available at npines.org/conferences



NP Photo Gallery



LEGACY STORIES



Don and Beth Nelson

Many years ago we were invited by a family from our church. We had 3 sons and a daughter at the time. We went to Lake Geneva and had a delightful time our first year. Our kids continued to come but we did not come back right away. Our kids eventually began serving on staff. When our daughter was in the Senior High program she came home and told us she had met a guy who loved Jesus like her brothers. They began a long distance relationship and both eventually served side by side on staff at NP in the Wilderness program which was the Indian Village program at the time. We had 2 more kids and all our kids were CCAs and on staff. Now we have 5 kids and 15 grandchildren. Six are on staff this week. Becky our daughter and Evan Hunter eventually got married and now Evan is chairman of the board of directors. It is truly a legacy for our family.

Mike and Susan Duke

Our story began in 1989 when our friends John and Kathy Hunter invited us to come. We've come every year except two, and it's been a tremendous blessing. Our favorite things to do are golf and spending time at the lake visiting with people we only see once a year. Northern Pines has impacted our life in so many ways. Our kids loved coming and some of them still come with their families and children. Many of our kids have served in leadership roles, the board and different staff positions. Northern Pines has helped our kids build a spiritual foundation. Jesus is a part of our children's lives and also our grandchildren's lives. They have made lifelong friendships through Northern Pines with the center of their friendships being their relationship with Jesus.



John and Kathy Hunter

Our NP story started 36 years ago. Kathy was invited by a friend and insisted the whole family should go so John and their two sons reluctantly came along. Of course, it turned out to be one of the best things that ever happened to us. We experienced growth as a family and knowledge and love of Jesus Christ.

Our boys both ended up serving as counselors and eventually Directors in the Indian Village (now Wilderness) and our oldest son, Evan, met his soon to be wife and we got a daughter in law. Now our grandsons are serving in the Wilderness. The circle of friends is incredible. Every year it's like one big family reunion.

When we think of Northern Pines two words come to mind: Jesus and Family!



Caleb and Liz Atkins

Liz was invited by her best friend the summer before Sr. High. She came back in the young adult program and also has served as a CCA, CCA counselor, CCA assistant director and now as a CCA director. Caleb married into Northern Pines and after they were married (at age 20) they became CCA directors. "As we look toward the 50th the word we think of is LEGACY. Kids who were CCAs move up to Jr High, Sr. High, Young adults and now some of them as parents. It shows the legacy and the way God has blessed generations of families. We are excited to continue that legacy with our girls. We love Northern Pines!"



Matt and Mackenzie Anderson

We came to Northern Pines 7 years ago after being invited by two couples from our small group at church. We had 5 young kids and the free baby-sitting was the thing that was really appealing. Our favorite things at camp are golfing, the speakers, the fellowship with people and hanging out at the beach with people we only get to see once a year. After our first year we invited several more young families. We get to spend more time with them at camp than we do at home. When we think of NP we think of fun, restoration, and growth. It truly is a vacation with a purpose. Not just a vacation but one that has a spiritual purpose all rolled into it. We are the first ones in our family to come and we don't have an older generation. We are hoping to pass this down in our family to future generations as we start with our kids. It's encouraging to hear testimonies from older generations about how God has worked in families and marriages through hard times.



Austin and Jen Renfro

Austin first came at age 15 in Sr. High. "I quickly became a fan of camp. My life and perspective has changed from age 15 to age 36. I've grown as a person and we as a family have grown over the years."

Jen is not a camp person but she loves the connections she makes at camp each year with people. By the end of the two weeks she usually doesn't want to leave.

"It is a sacred place. Time to get poured into and we can work on building our marriage. We look at Northern Pines as making an investment in our children's lives. We're excited to see what God is going to do in the future. We love this place to get rejuvenated and to unplug from our daily lives to reconnect with each other as a family."





***NORTHERN PINES WAS THE PERFECT
PLACE TO RENEW OUR VOWS***





Ian and Kyrstan Topping have been attending Northern Pines as a family for the past 7 years. Ian was baptized in the lake at Northern Pines, and a lot of his faith story grew there. Over the years they have had some difficulties in their marriage and Northern Pines was also a very healing place for their marriage! According to Ian, *"So many beautiful and magical things happened at Northern Pines."*

For their 10 year anniversary, Ian decided to be a man of action and talked to NP family hour speaker, Pastor Ron Harris, about doing a vow renewal. Originally he was going to completely surprise Kyrstan but decided he should probably let her know so she could be prepared. Ian approached Kyrstan the night before and said, *"I always want to be a man of action, and will you marry me again?"* She said *"anytime, anywhere"* and he said *"good we're getting married tomorrow."*

Everything fell into place. Kyrstan's mom had a white dress she could wear for the service. It was a beautiful day, and it was especially nice for their children to witness it and participate in it. On the street where the Toppings live, many people are getting divorced, so they both felt this was a good thing for their kids to see just how much they love each other and that they plan on being married forever.

"I couldn't have thought of a better place to renew our vows!"

- Ian Topping



BLAST FROM THE PAST PHOTO GALLERY

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF FAMILY LEGACY BUILDING

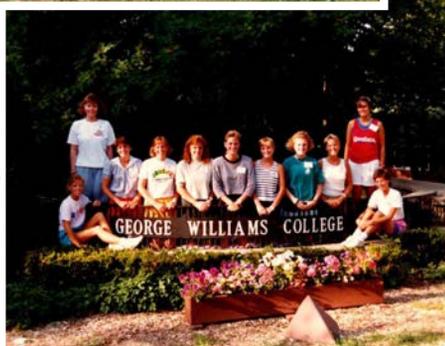


80s



90s

70s



“Love the Lord our God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children, talk about them when you sit at home, when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up” Deuteronomy 6:5-7

The beginning of the above verse is set to music and sung each year in our children’s program at Northern Pines. I can’t read it without singing it out loud since our kids have gone through the program. Now we continue to play “Seeds Family Worship” in our home regularly! The second part of the passage points toward family spiritual legacy. We all want to leave a spiritual legacy that ripples out in our families far beyond our wildest dreams.

I am so grateful that Northern Pines is helping all of us foster the spiritual legacy of our families. The multigenerational legacy of faith is already apparent after 49 years, and we intend to continue to support families in their faith journey for years to come.

As we approach the 50 year anniversary of Northern Pines, the board would like to thank everyone who helps to make Northern Pines accessible to all ages and generations. We are committed to keeping costs as attainable as possible for all families, but especially young families who are just starting out. We all

know costs are going up everywhere. Food, staffing, housing, and travel are just a few of the rising costs we are dealing with. Would you be willing to help? We are working hard to steward the resources God has provided to us, being confident that God will provide for all our needs through people like you.

To this end, members of the Northern Pines Board have also contributed to create a matching fund for our year-end appeal. Every dollar given up to \$15,500 will be doubled!

In Him,

Mackenzie Anderson - Development Chair and the Entire Board



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Thank you for your generous support!

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Bolt, Dan & Kate
Bolt, Jack & Lynn
Bolt, Richard & Jacque
Bond, Dan & Elizabeth
Booster, Ken & Charlene
Boudet, William & Marcia
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Kirchoff, Tim & Joanne
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Klick, Ron & Jaci
Kooiker, Jerome & Louise
Koshiol, Dan & Martha
Kramer, Gina
Kugel, Robert & Ruth Ann
Livingston, Scott & Kimberly
Loftsgard, Nate & Brianne
Long, Lois
Lueders, Martin
Mahoney, Tim & Jill
Maranan, Dan & Julia
Marek, Trevor & Linda
Marine, Konrad & Kay
Matta, Barbara
Maurer, Barry & Pat
Mays, Donnell & Karen
McCollough, Alfred
McKown, Sandy
Milkspout, Mendy Roudebush
Montgomery, Joshua
Moore, Scott & Michelle
Moulder, Lucas & Gretchen
Narr, Greg & Karen
Neitzel, Ken & Jennifer
Nelson, Don & Beth
Nelson, Jim & Ellen
Nelson, Keith & Susan
Nelson, Mark & Hillary
Nelson, Phil & Janine

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Nowack, Anita
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Olsen, Kevin & Lisa
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Peabody, Mark & Joy
Pellow, Sheila
Peterson, Jonathan & Emily
Proebstle, Michael & Catherine
Putbrese, Mark
Rau, Todd & Janelle
Reid, Peter & Gaby
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Roose, John & Mary
Roth, Scott
Rounds, Roberta
Rutschke, Michael & Jennifer
Ryan, Lydia
Sadlack, Hans & Janet
Scheer, Dan & Kate
Schellhammer, Tim & Katie
Schmidt, Cecil & Barb
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Schut, Lawrence & Loretta
Schwarz, Radonna
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Solberg, Jonathan & Joette
Speer, Grant & Kaylee
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Stanislav, Jerry & Binnie
Staricka, Robert & Naomi
Steiner, Marilyn

Steuernagel, Bruce & Patricia
Stevens, Gina
Steward, Gene & Barbara
Stoel, James & Esther
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Vrooman, Andrew & Leigh
Wachtler, Missy
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Walter, Bill & Marilyn
Walz, Joshua & Linda
Warner, Tom & Barbara
Weber, Stephen & Desiree
Weinand, Jim & Kira
White, Jeffrey & Lyn
Willoughby, Carol
Wine, Aaron & Dawn
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Wold, Gail
Wold, Kevin & Jodi
Yates, John & Doris
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CELEBRATING LINDY

LINDY'S MANIFESTO

1. Wake up and thank God for another day.
2. Read the word and let the Spirit lead you.
3. Pray continuously.
4. Listen for His voice and obey.
5. Worship your face off.
6. Love everyone.
7. Hug as many as you can.
8. Pray and lay hands on others.
9. Pray against spiritual warfare.
10. Share testimony.
11. Seek strength from the Spirit.
12. Find rest in Him.
13. Thank God all day long.
14. Repent
15. Believe
16. Confess your will to God.
17. Lay hands on them.



On July 6, 2022, beloved Northern Pines conferee and teacher, Lindy Siefker went home to be with Jesus. Lindy has been attending Northern Pines and serving on staff since 2002. Children's Directors Lee and Leah Nelson shared a beautiful tribute to Lindy at our 2022 conference. Here are excerpts from their tribute.

Leah: Lindy has been part of the DNA of our Children's Program through the years. Lee and I have had the privilege of serving a total of 11 weeks together with her. But even if you only knew her for far less time than that, you quickly saw the example of her humble service, felt her spiritual joy amidst the physical pain she often suffered, and if you were lucky enough - felt the love that came with a Lindy hug. Serving in the children's program for a week can be physically challenging for even healthy and able people, but she would consistently come and serve two weeks in a row. Even with all of her cancer ailments and challenges, two weeks serving at Northern Pines seemed to energize her rather than drain her.

Last year when I was having a particularly hard moment at camp I saw her cleaning up in her classroom. I knew I was about to cry because of how I was feeling and I didn't have the words or really even the time to explain what I was going through, but I knew I could walk up to her and hug her for a good long time. She didn't ask me any questions, didn't give me a pep talk or platitudes. She just gave me the long hug she

knew I needed. She was like that. You could be real with her, you could go deep with her, and she would love you right where you were at.

Lee: There's no one else I've known who's embraced the preciousness of time at Northern Pines quite like Lindy did. And she absolutely lit up any chance she had to share her week here with her family: whether it was time with Tim or seeing her boys serve in our Children's Program or other ones or taking time to be with extended family members. She knew she was deeply loved by her family, and she loved them beyond what words can express. Thank you, Siefker & Holt families, for sharing her with us here at this camp.

She loved so many things about this place and lived each day to the fullest while she was here. That's certainly something we can all take from Lindy's life - a lesson on how to have a conversation out on the dock, how to make the most of time painting pottery with others, how to listen well during a meal, how to spread joy with a delicious and beautifully decorated cookie, or how to worship authentically - whether singing SEEDs songs with four year olds or with adults in Pillsbury.

Each year here at Northern Pines with Lindy was truly a gift. Hearing her give testimony each year at Victory Circle was both a blessing and an inspiration to the rest of us to stand up and speak boldly about what God can accomplish.

When cancer first made Lindy's return to Northern Pines less certain, we began a tradition of praying over her following the dinner meal in the dining hall on Friday night after Victory Circle. We'd surround her, a huge circle of Northern Pines family all lifting up prayers - laying hands on her and pleading for God to allow us to see our friend again another year.

Lindy was not one to draw attention to herself and yet she humbly expressed her gratitude for this show of spiritual support. But Lindy was also not one to mince words and she admitted how this often made her feel uncomfortably warm - being surrounded by so many all at once. One year as we were praying over her, she said she sensed and felt - mid-prayer - light coming from above her, and she told us later that she partially wondered if it was heaven calling her home at that very moment. But she had opened her eyes and learned it was actually just the bright flash from a cell phone camera being held directly above her. She laughed about it with us afterwards. Lindy was really good at making others laugh and consistently brought smiles to those who spent any amount of time with her.

Leah: She would not be called home that particular year, but returned for many years beyond what was medically anticipated. And while we miss her immensely, we're so grateful for the extended years God allowed her to be with us here at camp.

THE GIFT OF OTTIE

Duane "Ottie" Benard Otnes, age 71, of Buffalo passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at the St. Cloud Hospital from the progressive illness of pulmonary fibrosis.

The Otnes family first came to Northern Pines in 1986 after being invited by friends to attend a Hearthside. They were hooked after their first week and 36 years later, have rarely missed a summer. It truly was a "vacation with a purpose" for Ottie and his family, as their faith and relationships deepened and camp became the highlight of every year. Ottie would fondly recall memories of raccoons in the rafters of Lewis Auditorium, tipping a sunfish sailboat into the swimming area as he mowed people off the pier at Lake Geneva and his competitiveness of searching for the 35th anniversary medallion.

He LOVED to tell people how important Northern Pines was to his family, often sharing the story of asking his girls in early elementary school if they would rather go to NP or Disney World, to which they enthusiastically chose Northern Pines. He loved the life-long friends he met at Northern Pines, especially those who shared his love for wrestling and race cars who he got to see throughout the year outside of camp.

There was only one Ottie. To have met him once was to instantly love him. His smile brightened any room, and his laugh was unforgettable. Ottie was known to be genuine, supportive, servant-hearted, detailed, positive and as many would say, one-of-a-kind. He simply loved people. It didn't matter who they were. He cared about them, he was interested in them, and he gave them his time and attention. Ottie did love to talk!

His faith was quiet and strong. It was the cornerstone of his life. There was nothing more he wanted for his family than for them to know and follow Jesus and then love others like Jesus did!

Ottie is survived by his loving wife of forty years Rita Varner Otnes; daughters Sheila (Andrew) Smude of Buffalo and Gretchen Otnes of Willmar; grandchildren Connor, Emma, Nathan, Malachi, Nova and Maya Smude; grand-pup Gus, as well as other extended family.

"There are always so many things we looked forward to while at Northern Pines. Right up there on the list of favorites is Ottie Otnes. His smile was priceless, his robust laugh contagious, his attitude heartwarming. It was more than evident that everyone Ottie came in contact with, he loved...None more than that of his beautiful family. He was easy to love as he always made you feel special. When Ottie asked "how are you?" it was because he genuinely wanted to know and cared, would look you in the eye, and was completely engaged! His incredible smile and laughter were as big as his heart and the love of Christ truly shined through him. Ottie was one of a kind and will be incredibly missed. We thank God that we had the opportunity to know him and call him friend. Ottie's legacy will live on forever in our hearts and we look forward to the day when we can smile and laugh together again in eternity. Until then we will love and care for his family and cherish fond memories. We pray that God will bless his family and friends and give us peace and strength as we grieve our loss of him on earth. We thank God for His gift in the man of Ottie Otnes."

- John & Chris Niederer



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We Need CCAs ...

And we need your help!

Once again, we have record number of children registered for our upcoming conferences and we will need 70 - 75 CCAs each week. A personal invitation is the best way to recruit new CCAs. Please reach out to your favorite baby-sitter, contact your youth leader, and/or that amazing teenager you know! Email Julie at jjaderston@npines.org with potential CCAs.

During a week at Northern Pines, CCAs:

- Assist teachers in the Children's Program
- Participate in worship, Bible study, and small groups designed just for them
- Enjoy free time with several activity options including swimming at the beach, biking, volleyball, disc golf, and being with friends each afternoon
- Babysit for the same family each evening
- Enjoy their own housing, directors, counselors, and programming

**ALL CCAs
COME AT NO
CHARGE!**

Young Adults

AGES 18 AND UP

The Northern Pines Young Adult program is designed to meet the needs of those who have graduated high school but are still students and/or single adults. It provides a community of peers who support each other through similar life experiences and want to continue to discover how to live out their faith every day.

Throughout the week, the young adults also enjoy additional activities and excursions outside of the Green Lake campus such as bowling and mini-golf (cost is extra). Staying together in a house, they experience community together as they wrestle with trusting Jesus not just as their Savior, but also as their Lord as they deal with the challenges of living as an adult in the world today.



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Unable to come for the whole week? Join us on Wednesday afternoon (Both Weeks) for a 50th anniversary open house reunion. More information to follow.

“As I drive in the gates of Green Lake Conference Center and descend the road to the lakeside, I slowly feel the weight and stress of the prior 51 weeks diminish. For the one week of Northern Pines, I’m assured of physical relaxation and spiritual renewal. Truly, a vacation with a purpose.” -2022 Northern Pines Conferee

