



CAMP WILMOT

ALL people are welcome to join a hospitable community, united in the love of God and to share His beautiful creation with others through Faith, Hope and Growth.



**2021
Annual Camp Wilmot Report**

Board Members

It is with great pride that we announce the appointment and approval of two new board members, Mary Alice Koon and Brenda Flynn. Mary Alice and Brenda are long time friends of Camp Wilmot and we look forward to working with them and embracing new ideas and enthusiasm. We also are excited that Rachel Allen with her extensive knowledge and Wilmot experience, has rejoined the board after a brief hiatus.

Board of Director and Officers

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Youth Camp

As we returned to our normal(ish) youth camp programs after the heart wrenching decision not to host youth camp in 2020, we wanted to make space for conversations about what we all had lost and how we could begin again together. For that reason, we focused in on the theme of resurrection! We told the stories of literal resurrections in the Bible, including Lazarus and Jesus on Easter Sunday, but also thought more metaphorically about ways God makes us new and calls us to new life each and every day.

After a busy winter and spring of navigating covid protocols and guidelines in the gear up for the summer, we were feeling a little covid-weary. But there's nothing like the arrival of a whole lot of campers to add a burst of energy! By the time summer began we were just so grateful to see how our campers still managed to have a positive camp experience despite the changes! Our campers handled the saliva covid test upon arrival with grace (who doesn't love arriving in a new place and immediately being asked to drool into a tube), and once we got going, they didn't let masks and distancing keep them from enjoying all the fun Camp has to offer!

We were glad to see that, even after a year off from traditional camp, families were still eager to participate! This summer we had three weeks of residential youth programming, welcoming 7 campers to our "Adventure Camp," 39 to Youth Camp 1, and 37 to Youth Camp 2. 2021 also happened to be the rainiest season on record, but that didn't stop us from enjoying Camp Wilmot's favorite traditions - a field trip to help out at a nearby organic farm, creek walks and Mt. Bog hikes, stargazing, s'mores, synchronized swimming competitions, ropes course, archery, boating and so much more!

A special joy of each summer is welcoming first time campers into our Wilmot family, and we were excited to get to do that this summer too! We are so grateful to those who support us by giving to our campership funds, which support both new and returning campers! Through the generosity of local New Hampshire churches, and a partnership with Kearsarge Regional Middle School, we welcomed 21 KRMS children on full scholarship. For many of these campers, Camp Wilmot is the only community of faith they participate in. We couldn't imagine our camp community without the campers brought to us through the KRMS Scholarship program, and we are equally grateful for our Camp Wilmot Campership program that allows us to support non-

local children and respond to camper needs that arise during the summer. This summer, we used the Camp Wilmot Campership funds raised in past Fall 5ks to offer full scholarships for 7 campers. These funds also let us make sure that all our campers are equipped for a positive experience while at camp. When we saw that a handful of campers didn't have the proper footwear for all the playing, running, and hiking that happens at camp, we were able to buy sneakers and insoles to keep their feet comfortable and to allow them to participate fully!

We are so grateful to all the support we receive - from families, our incredible staff, those who financially support us and those who hold us in prayer.



American Camp Association Accreditation



Camp Wilmot is delighted to announce that we are accredited with the ACA (American Camping Association). Once again we passed with flying colors and it was even said by the visitors that it was “the most organized paperwork they had ever seen.” We are very grateful to Evelyn French, Rachel Allen, and all others who have helped to achieve this goal. They have worked tirelessly over the past two years, meeting weekly, to ensure our compliance.

There are over 300 standards that the camp needs to evidence and show policies and procedures for. We are all delighted with this accreditation, a major achievement for a camp of our size which is run by volunteers.

Camp Wilmot Rentals

Throughout the past two years, Camp Wilmot has worked hard to maintain rentals and keep groups using our site despite the ongoing pandemic restrictions. Changes were made to make the site easier for groups to access different areas and spread out including new fire pits being added next to the cabins. We have had several new whole site rentals that stretched us to our absolute capacity during the summer months. It was great to welcome these new groups into our Camp Wilmot family and hope they will return to us. However, the fall and upcoming winter have been tough with every single one of our groups cancelling due to covid restrictions. This has left us with an empty site and no income. We are praying that the situation improves and that we will go back to a busy rental calendar with groups every weekend.

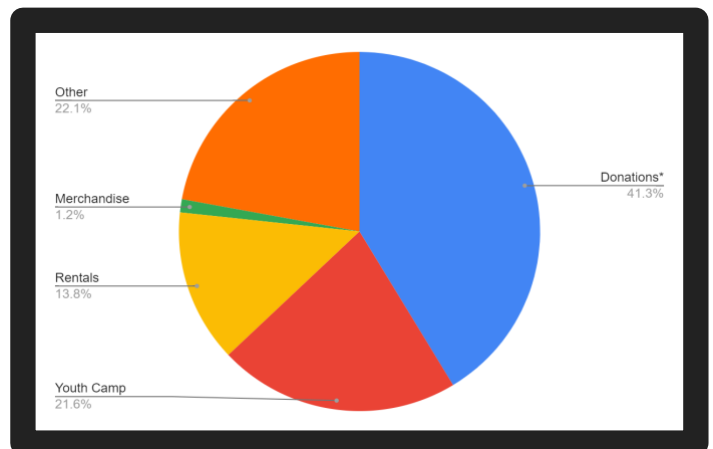


If individuals, family groups or larger groups would like to stay at Wilmot over the winter months, please do let us know. Contact admin@campwilmot.org for more information. Pricing and details of local ski areas can be found on our website.

Financials

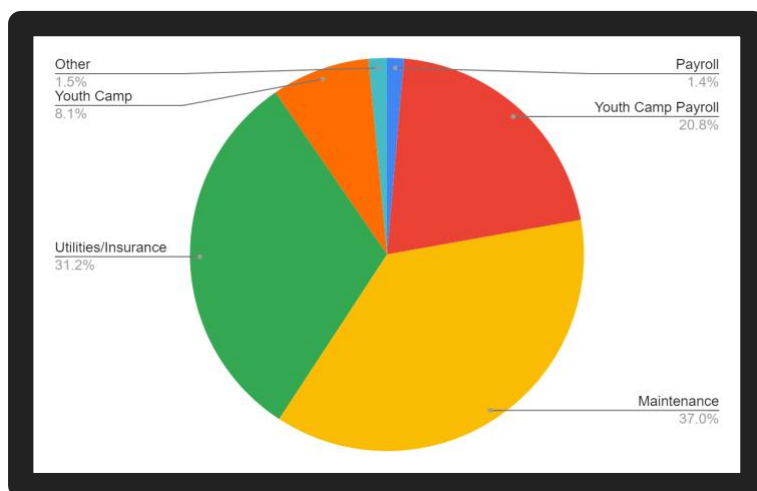
Income

The Camp Wilmot Youth Camp Directors worked tirelessly this spring to ensure we were able to provide a safe environment for our campers. This meant that much of our income returned to pre-COVID normal trends. As always the majority of our income comes from the generous donations of our Wilmot family during our fundraisers. Our other main source of income is our rentals without whom we would not be able to run Youth Camps. For the benefit of our Campers and their families we do not use Youth Camps as a significant source of our revenue. Each year it is our goal to break even with Youth Camps and our directors were able to do so this year.



Expenses

As always our maintenance costs are our greatest expense. It takes quite a deal of volunteer time and money to maintain the upkeep and functioning of a 60 year old camp with 19th century roots. Volunteers worked hard on several projects to help update our facilities and there are several other large maintenance projects in the pipeline for the upcoming year.



Fundraisers

Over the winter of 2020/2021 the Devine Family worked hard to implement a new fundraiser known as the Adopt-A-Cabin. Here families or individuals were able to 'adopt' a cabin through a financial gift. They would have their names displayed on the cabin and were invited to the Sponsor Weekend at the end of August to stay in their cabin and enjoy a weekend at Wilmot. The Adopt a Cabin fundraiser was able to raise \$5,900 this year!

Adopt-a-Cabin - as well as the Sponsor's Weekend - is planned again for 2022! Pick your favorite cabin and sign up by reaching out to Brenda Flynn (brenda@tiltedworld.com). Or if you prefer, become a Sponsor without a cabin and join us for Sponsor's weekend.

Our directors, Robin Leowald and Kalya Mckinsely, were able to hold our annual 5K fundraiser again this year which brought in an additional \$5,378.50 to be used for both youth camp and camperships. We are so happy at the number of people who turned out for the event and to our directors who worked hard to host the event.

And finally a HUGE thank you goes to Bill Burriss who, once again, worked year round to gather donations for our Kearsarge Regional Middle School campers and was able to help 19 individual campers come to camp at a reduced or no cost.

If you would like to donate in some way please reach out to anyone on the board or to admin@campwilmot.org

Annual Appeal

This time of year many charitable appeals are made - and it seems a long way from the glories of summer. Camp Wilmot is coming up to 60 years of serving God through serving God's children. As mentioned above, most of the resources of the camp are dedicated to ensuring as many children as possible are able to attend, and keeping the camp facilities usable. But there is so much more we want to do! And as with any historic facility, we also need to invest in making sure the Camp is thriving and usable for the next 60 years.

Please take a few moments to think about how you might be willing to support Camp Wilmot. Some ways people do so now include:

- End of year gifts to the Camp (do you have an employer who might provide matching?)
- Monthly regular contributions, similar to a tithe to church

- Estate planning - including Camp Wilmot in your will, or dedicating memorials to camp
- Sponsoring a Cabin
- Raising Camp Wilmot as an amazing mission opportunity to your church or religious organization
- Sponsoring a specific project - we currently have needs to help repair Vesper Cabin and refurbish the barn bathrooms. Sponsorship with time and/or money would help us finish these critical projects
- Helping with the grounds: from attending camp closing and camp opening days, volunteering to mow the lawn, or signing up to be on a list of people who can be called on for projects that need many hands

There are many ways to give back to this organization that gives so much! You can donate with:

[Paypal](#)

[Venmo](#)

Or by sending checks to:

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