

LAKE DELAWARE BOYS' CAMP
LAKE DELAWARE
P.O. BOX 31
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'Changing Lives Since 1909'

July 2019

An army marches on its stomach.

– Napoleon Bonaparte

Napoleon understood what all great military leaders know: that an army, big or small, relies on wholesome and plentiful food for its sustenance and morale. Food plays an even greater role in the physical and moral development of boys every summer at Lake Delaware Boys Camp.

For over a century, the daily nutritional needs of an army of boys, TACs, nurses, chaplains, and staff have been met in our simple, but efficient, Mess Hall. In addition to feeding campers and staff three times each day—for some campers over the years, due to the Gerry family's generosity, it was the only time throughout the year that they received three square meals a day—the Mess Hall serves as a gathering place where lessons are taught, camp lore is passed from generation to generation, and spirit and camaraderie is built. In fact, the Mess Hall is the second most important building in Camp, following only St. Joseph's Chapel.

After 100 years, our Mess Hall, constructed in 1912, must now be replaced. The structure of the building has become compromised as the building has aged. Despite numerous repairs and improvements over the decades, the Mess Hall is now beyond its useful life and must be replaced.

Over the past two years, a group of alumni and staff, in consultation with the best engineers and architects, have carefully assessed whether the building could be saved or required replacement. The decision was made that the extensive costs to reconstruct the existing building would outweigh its replacement costs.

An added benefit of a new Mess Hall is that it can be better designed to accommodate modern food service and dining needs in its upper level with a lower level dedicated to programming and camper activities, especially during inclement weather. The kitchen will be furnished with new, state of the art equipment, and the entire building will feature modernized ventilation, acoustics, and lighting. The new Mess Hall will be an enduring structure which will be critical to the ongoing mission of LDBC.

Construction is planned to begin immediately following the close of the 2019 Camp season to complete the project before the start of the 2020 Camp season.

Unfortunately, due to New York State construction and camp operations requirements, the price tag is steep. The overall project cost is approximately \$1.7 million. Fortunately, we already are well on our way to achieving the necessary funding through the generous support of the Gerry family. The Gerry's have demonstrated their overwhelming continuing commitment to LDBC by funding the majority of the project costs through their own generous donations from their extended family members, friends, and various foundations. In addition, a small group of Grads already have pledged an additional \$100,000!

Our Grads, parents, and friends of Camp have been charged to raise the last \$300,000. It is now up to us to raise the additional \$300,000 needed. We invite you to be a part of the future of LDBC through a contribution of any amount. We ask that you dig deep on this critical opportunity to help build for the future success of LDBC on our continuing mission to change boys' lives for the better.

Enclosed is information for making your donation now, as well as making commitment to donate over a three-year period. In addition, for a limited time, all donations will be matched dollar-for-dollar by a private foundation. This is a painless way to double your donation. We thank you in advance for your support of LDBC and look forward to celebrating the success of this project together.

Sincerely,

James McQuade '86
Mess Hall Fundraising Chair
Enclosure

LDBC CAPITAL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

All donors who make a contribution of over \$1,000 before January 1, 2020 will have their names included on an engraved plaque which will be hung in the new Mess Hall.

Please make checks payable to "Lake Delaware Boys Camp," write "Capital Campaign" on the check, and mail to: Lake Delaware Boys Camp, P.O. Box 31, Delhi, New York 13753.

Payments also may be made online at <https://lakedelawareboyscamp.com/donations/> by clicking on the "Donate to Lake Delaware Boys Camp" link, following the provided instructions, and noting that your donation is for the "Capital Campaign."

If you wish to make a donation over two years, please complete the Pledge Form below. The completion of this Form is not necessary if you are making a one-time only donation.

LDBC is a non-profit 501(c)(3) camp, and all donations are tax deductible. Please inquire with your employer if you are eligible for a matching donation from your employer.

If you have any questions, please contact Camp Secretary Laurie Gullow at the office at 607-832-4451 or ldbc@delhitel.net

LDBC Capital Campaign Pledge Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I/We wish to make a gift to the LDBC Capital Campaign. I/We commit the following:

Total Amount of Gift \$ _____

Initial Payment \$ _____

Balance \$ _____

Payable Over 1 Year__ 2 Years __ 3 Years Beginning Date: _____

May we list your name publicly as a supporter? ___ Yes ___ No

My gift is in Honor/Memory of _____

Signature _____ Date _____