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Dear Friends of Camp Onomia,

I'm a '90s kid. I remember flipping through the Toys "R" Us and American Girl magazines, carefully circling every item I hoped Santa would bring. A little consumeristic? Maybe. But it was the '90s!

Looking back, I realize that behind every circle was something more than a toy. There was a hope for joy, connection, and growth. I imagined the fun I would have, the stories I would create, and the person I might become.

This catalog is filled with the hopes and imaginations of your Camp Onomia staff as we imagine more Joy, more Welcome, and more Courage for our campers and guests. Within these pages, you'll find opportunities to support the everyday needs and extraordinary possibilities of this ministry, from programming that sparks discovery to hospitality that helps people feel at home to the maintenance and care that keep this place ready for generations to come.

These are about more than supplies, equipment, or projects. They are about the people whose lives are changed here.

They are about a camper who finds the courage to try again, a retreat participant who discovers the freedom to play, and a guest who experiences the warmth of being welcomed just as they are. They are about creating space for people of every age and stage to encounter Christ through Community and Creation.

Your gift today helps make those experiences possible. Every contribution, whether it fulfills a specific wish in these pages or supports the ministry more broadly, helps Camp Onomia remain a place where people can belong, believe, and become.

As we look toward another year of ministry, I invite you to imagine more with us. What might be possible when we invest together in the people, programs, and place that make Camp Onomia special? What joy might we nurture, what welcome might we extend, and what courage might we help grow?

Thank you for being part of this ministry. Thank you for seeing the possibilities, for sharing in the vision, and for helping turn our imaginations into life-changing experiences.

With gratitude and hope,
Deacon Stephanie M. Engel
Executive Director

How It Works

Gifts for More is a fun way to support your outdoor ministry, Camp Onomia! Choose a gift from our list of current needs, give an in-kind donation, or make a monetary gift to help fuel the ministry of Onomia.

Every gift helps us create life-changing experiences where people encounter Christ through Creation and Community.

Need a receipt for an in-kind donation? Just email camponomia@gmail.com and we'll be happy to provide one.

Shop a Wishlist

Choose the items you'd like to give! Every gift goes directly to Camp Onomia to meet real needs and support our ministry. Scan the QR code, click the link, or visit www.CampOnomia.org/MoreGifts to shop the wishlist.

Have an item at home? Email camponomia@gmail.com with a photo.

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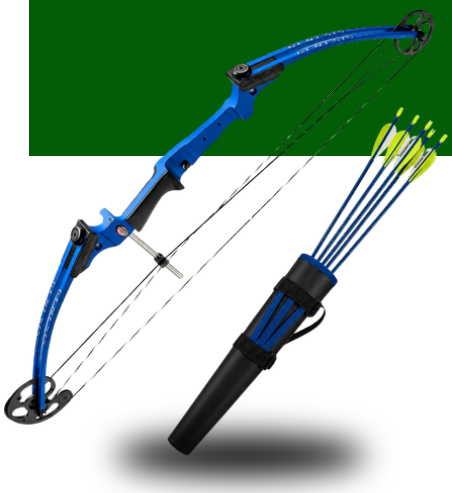
Prefer to give directly? Fuel the ministry of Camp Onomia with a monetary gift! Give securely online at www.CampOnomia.org or mail a check to:
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Make a Difference

No matter how you give, you are making a lasting difference in the lives of children, youth, families, and adults across Minnesota and beyond. Thank you for being part of the Camp Onomia community!

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JOY



Archery Range

Aim. Throw. Celebrate.

Sometimes joy looks like hitting the bullseye. Sometimes it looks like missing completely and laughing as you try again.

We imagine a new outdoor range at Camp Onomia where campers and guests can try archery with compound bows, practice axe throwing with safe faux axes, and discover the simple joy of learning something new. Whether someone is an experienced outdoorsperson or picking up a bow for the very first time, there is something powerful about taking aim, giving it a try, and watching your confidence grow.





Water Front Fun!

Make a Splash! We imagine more ways to play at the waterfront! From RV boats to a giant Slip 'N Slide, we want campers and guests to have more opportunities to laugh, get soaked, try something new, and make memories together.

Your gift helps make more waterfront joy possible at Camp Onomia!

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More moments of discovery, laughter, connection, and faith that campers and guests carry home long after Onomia.

A New Sleep Out!

Some of the best camp memories happen after the sun goes down! Sleep Outs bring campers together for a night of adventure, laughter, and a little bit of magic. We're expanding our options so everyone can find their own kind of fun: sleeping in a tent, building a cozy fort in the Chapel, or rolling out a sleeping bag beneath the stars.

Whether campers love the thrill of sleeping outside or prefer a little extra comfort, we want everyone to have a chance to join the adventure, make memories with friends, and discover the joy of a night at camp.

Your gift helps us imagine more ways to play, explore, and make joyful memories together at Camp Onomia.



Fort Building Kits



Solar Lights



New Tents



Hammocks

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More Joy



She arrived at the Women's Retreat a little hesitant.

The weekend's theme centered on art and creativity, and she wasn't sure it was really for her. She came willing to participate, but perhaps expecting faith to look the way it often had before: serious, reflective, structured, and intentional. Then something began to shift.

As she created, played, laughed, and tried things simply for the joy of doing them, she discovered something she hadn't expected. Faith could be serious and joyful at the same time.

She gave herself permission to play. To make something without worrying whether it was perfect. To enjoy the process instead of focusing on the outcome. At one point, she made a coaster with markers and then watched as it was set on fire to create the finished design. It was playful, a little unexpected, and definitely outside the lines.

And somewhere along the way, she experienced a different kind of freedom.

She didn't have to choose between a deep faith and a joyful one. She could create. She could laugh. She could play. She could delight in the world God had given her.

That is the kind of joy we hope Camp Onomia makes possible. Not simply the joy of having fun, but the deeper joy that surprises us, opens us up, and reminds us that delight can be part of a life of faith.

Your gift helps create more moments like this. More spaces to play. More opportunities to create. More chances for people to discover that joy, too, can be a sacred encounter.



Your gift helps create the space and opportunity for more moments of delight, discovery, and faith. Scan the QR code or give today at: www.CampOnomia.org/financial-support

Flop on Bunk

Making Room to Recharge

If you went to camp back in the day, you might remember rest hour as a time when everyone had to lie silently on their bunk. Today, we do things a little differently at Camp Onomia.

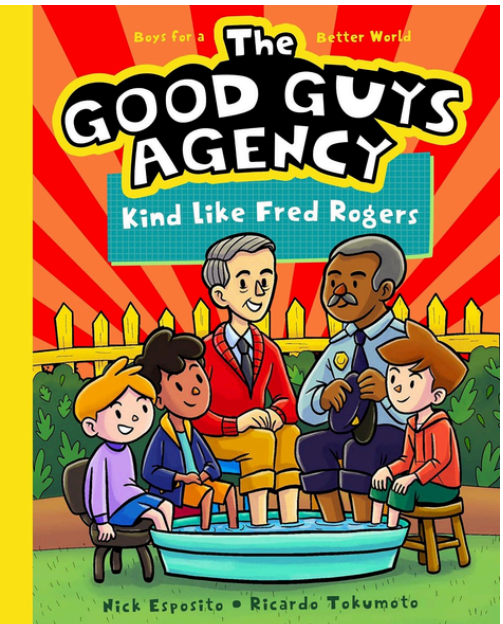
We know that rest looks different for everyone. Some campers need a nap, while others recharge by reading, drawing, journaling, or simply having a little quiet time to themselves. We call it Flop on Bunk, and it is an important part of the camp day. After a morning full of activities, new friendships, and outdoor adventures, campers need time to slow down and reset before jumping back into the fun.

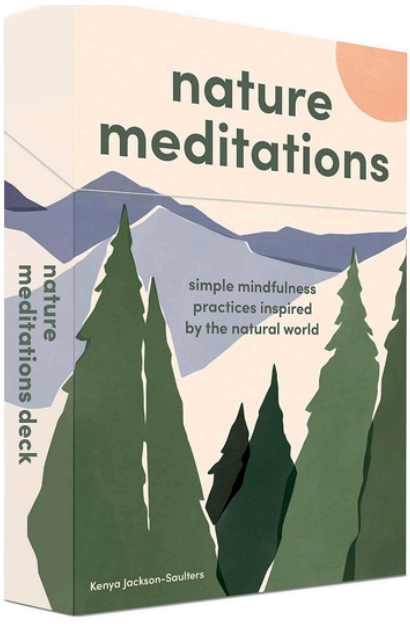
But there has been one challenge: what happens when a camper wants to do something quiet but hasn't brought a book, journal, or activity from home? We have made room for rest, but we haven't always had the resources to help every camper discover what that rest could look like.

We want to change that. With new resources for Flop on Bunk, campers will have opportunities to explore different ways of recharging, from creative activities and quiet reflection to reading and journaling. These resources will help campers discover practices that work for them, building skills they can carry home and use long after their week at Onomia ends.

Because rest isn't wasted time. It is an opportunity to listen to our bodies, care for ourselves, and make room for what comes next. Your gift helps us meet campers where they are, giving them the tools and freedom to discover how they rest, recharge, and thrive.

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Welcome

Guest Room Updates



Camp is a place set apart, but being set apart doesn't mean leaving comfort behind. We want every guest to feel welcomed, cared for, and at home from the moment they arrive. Guest Room Updates will bring small comforts to our spaces, from convenient places to charge a phone or watch to thoughtful touches that make a retreat stay feel a little easier.

Your gift helps us create guest rooms that say, "We're glad you're here." Because sometimes a little more comfort makes room for a little more rest, connection, and renewal.

Conference Ready



Camp Onomia welcomes ministry leaders, professional groups, and organizations for retreats, trainings, and gatherings. We want our spaces to be ready for the way groups meet today. Your gift helps us update technology around camp, from reliable presentation equipment to better audio and connectivity, so leaders can focus on their work, not troubleshoot the technology.

Help make Camp Onomia conference ready, so every group has the tools they need to gather, learn, lead, and connect.

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More spaces where people of every age and stage can belong, be known, and encounter Christ through Creation and Community.

Hospitality

We are dreaming of a Hospitality Room that becomes a true hub of welcome in the Retreat Center. A place where guests can grab a cup of coffee or tea in the morning, make hot chocolate after a chilly day outside, gather for a conversation, or simply find a comfortable place to pause.

With the addition of our Director of Hospitality, we are thinking more intentionally about how every part of the guest experience communicates, "We're glad you're here." That includes creating spaces that are warm, inviting, functional, and ready to care for the groups we welcome.

Your gift will help us update the Hospitality Room with more guest-friendly appliances, improved serving and gathering spaces, and the capacity to care well for larger groups. These may seem like small details, but hospitality is often found in the little things: a warm drink waiting when you arrive, a space to gather, and knowing that someone has thought about what you might need.

Help us create a Hospitality Room that becomes the heart of welcome at the Retreat Center.



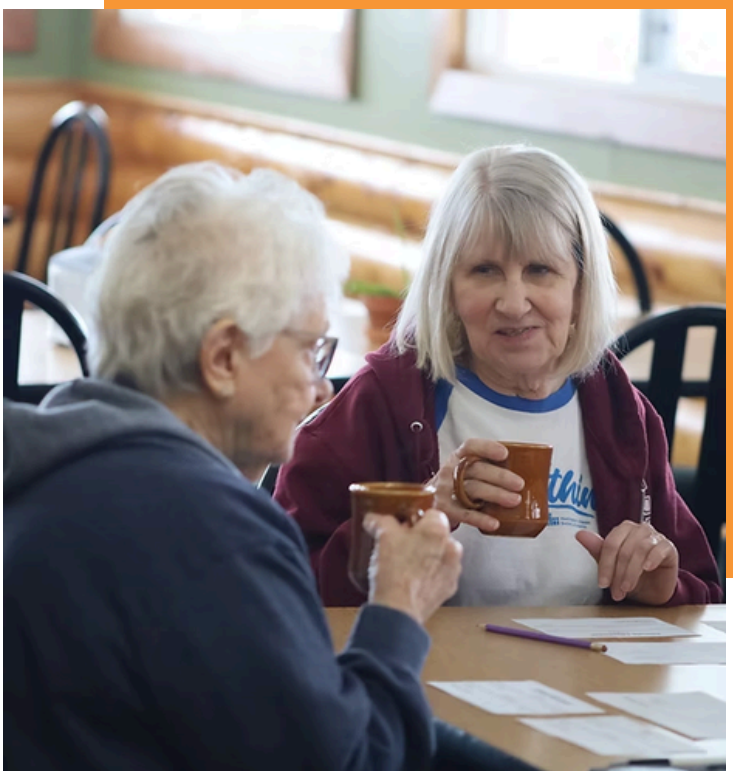
Cold Drink Station



Drinks on Demand

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More Welcome



When a group of ministry leaders came to Camp Onomia for a retreat, they arrived with more dietary needs than most groups. For some retreat centers, that might mean a few substitutions and meals that simply meet the requirements.

At Onomia, we wanted to do more. Our hospitality team paid attention. They planned carefully, prepared thoughtfully, and made sure everyone had food that was not only safe, but nutritious and genuinely delicious. No one had to wonder what they would be able to eat. No one had to feel like their needs were an inconvenience.

Months later, those leaders were still talking about the meals. More importantly, they were still talking about how cared for they felt.

That is the kind of hospitality we are working to cultivate at Camp Onomia. It is found in the details: remembering a dietary need, making a room feel inviting, noticing when someone needs a little extra help, and creating an environment where people can settle in and be fully present.

And this story is becoming less of an exception and more of a pattern. We are increasingly hearing from retreat groups, families, ministry leaders, and guests of all ages that something about their time at Onomia made them feel cared for.

Because when people know they are cared for, they can spend less energy wondering whether they belong and more energy being present for the experience, the community, and the work God has brought them here to do. Your support helps us imagine more welcome, one thoughtful detail at a time.



Your gift helps create spaces where every person can feel welcomed, cared for, and truly at home. Scan the QR code or give today at: www.CampOnomia.org/financial-support

Shalom Room

Welcome means making room for people to show up as they are, with different needs, different ways of experiencing the world, and different ways of finding peace.

Camp Onomia is full of exciting activities, new friendships, and the sights and sounds of life together. But sometimes, all that excitement can become overwhelming. Everyone deserves a place to pause, take a deep breath, and reset.

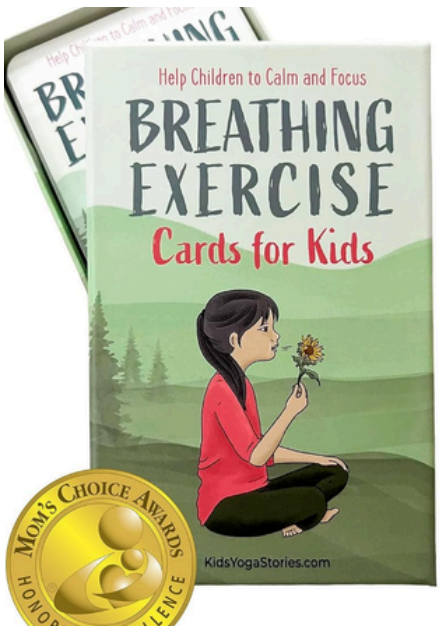
With generous congregational support, we are moving forward with the Shalom Room Project, a major renovation that will create a dedicated space in our Retreat Center for guests of all ages to find calm and comfort. This work builds on steps we have already taken, including adding noise-canceling headphones and fidget tools to camper and guest spaces. The Shalom Room will offer something important: permission to step away without stepping out of the experience. Whether someone needs a quiet moment, a break from sensory stimulation, or simply a peaceful place to gather their thoughts, this space will help them care for themselves and return when they are ready.

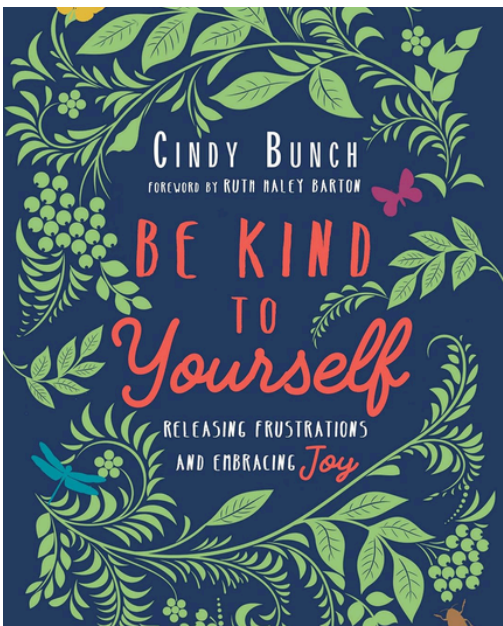
Because welcome is more than opening the door. It is creating an environment where people can participate in ways that work for them, knowing their needs matter.

Your gift helps Camp Onomia become a place where more people can find peace, feel cared for, and know they belong.

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Couage

Storage Essentials



Good ministry needs good systems behind it.

We are imagining more courage by tackling the often-unseen work of organizing our third floor, creating dedicated spaces for programming supplies, events, administrative materials, and Camp Onomia's history. This project will help us care for what we have, find what we need, preserve our story, and make room for what comes next. Your gift helps turn clutter into capacity and creates a more organized, intentional foundation for the ministry we are building together.

Story Telling



Every camper has a story worth telling. We want to make sure we have the tools to help those stories be heard. From updated cameras and supplies for handwritten notes to better invitations and ways for campers to share their own experiences, these essentials help us capture the joy, growth, and faith that happen at Camp Onomia.

Your gift gives us the tools to document what happens here while, most importantly, making space for campers to tell their own stories in their own voices.

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More opportunities to step outside what feels familiar, try something new, discover strengths, and encounter God in unexpected places.

Behind the Scenes

Courageous moments at Camp Onomia rarely happen without a lot of work happening behind the scenes. Before a camper arrives, someone has prepared the space. After a group leaves, someone cleans, repairs, restocks, organizes, and gets everything ready for the next welcome. Behind every meaningful conversation, campfire, retreat, and moment of discovery are the daily tasks that keep Camp Onomia running.

Your gift to Behind the Scenes Essentials supports the often-unseen work of administration, housekeeping, facilities, and maintenance. It helps us keep buildings welcoming, supplies stocked, equipment working, paperwork moving, and our grounds cared for. These may not be the moments that make the highlight reel, but they create the foundation that allows the courageous moments to happen.

We are imagining more courage by investing in the everyday work that makes ministry possible. Because when the details are cared for, our staff can spend more time caring for people, our guests can focus on their experience, and Camp Onomia can continue to be a place where people feel safe, known, and loved.



Housekeeping Upgrades



Office Essentials

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More Courage



Last summer, one camper returned to Camp Onomia with understandable nerves. The year before, an overnight experience had been difficult, and some of his physical needs had not been fully met. He wasn't sure camp was a place where he could belong.

We listened to what he needed to feel safe and comfortable, and together, we decided to try again. This time, things were different. Improvements to our facilities and a deeper commitment to each camper's needs helped him settle in and begin to trust the people around him.

He offered to read from the Bible. He stopped needing to call home every night. He began to fully participate in the life of his cabin, building relationships and discovering confidence he hadn't shown before. When his grandmother arrived to pick him up, she nearly cried. He was smiling. Before leaving, he asked, "You need to take a photo of me with my cabin. I have friends here."

His youth director later noticed a difference in his confidence and comfort at youth events. One congregation member put it simply: "I understand now when you call camp life-changing. His life has changed because of his time at Onomia."

Sometimes courage begins with knowing you are safe. A comfortable place to sleep, support for physical needs, and people who listen can open the door to something extraordinary. When campers know their needs matter, they have more room to take risks, try new things, and discover what they are capable of. That is more courage. And that is why we invest in Camp Onomia.



Your gift helps people discover their strength, try something new, and find the courage to grow beyond what they thought possible. Scan the QR code or give today at: www.CampOnomia.org/financial-support

Support our Summer Staff

Every summer, young adults take a courageous step into something bigger than themselves. They choose to live in community, care for children and youth, learn new skills, navigate challenges, and grow in faith. They are willing to try, fail, learn, lead, and try again. Their courage makes Camp Onomia possible.

Your gift to Summer Staff Essentials helps us support these young adults with the resources they need to learn and lead well. From training materials and ministry supplies to the everyday essentials that help staff thrive, your gift invests in the people who spend their summers investing in others.

When we support our summer staff, we are doing more than filling a supply closet. We are creating space for young adults to discover their gifts, deepen their faith, and become the kind of leaders who carry what they learn at camp into their churches, communities, and lives beyond Onomia. Help us have the courage to invest in the people who make courageous moments possible.

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Imagine more this summer.

More joy. More welcome. More courage.
More moments that remind us we belong.

Camp Onomia has something for every age and every stage. Bring your kids, invite your friends, gather your congregation, or come experience camp for yourself. **There is a place for you here.**

Registration opens December 1. Plan ahead and register by March 15 for Early Bird pricing.

Invite your people. Make the plans. Come to Camp Onomia.
Let's imagine more together.



More Ways to Give!

Your support of Camp Onomia becomes something tangible. It becomes a meal around a campfire, a welcoming room, a well-trained summer staff member, supplies for a camper discovering something new, or a space where someone can take a deep breath and feel at home.

There are many ways to make that impact. Become a **Monthly Giver** and provide steady support throughout the year. Use a **Donor Advised Fund** to make a charitable gift. **Volunteer** your time, skills, or energy to help care for this place. Donate needed supplies, **share** Camp Onomia with your congregation, or **invite** someone new to experience camp.

Every gift, large or small, helps turn the vision of Imagine More into something people can see, touch, experience, and carry with them. When we give together, we make more possible.

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