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CAMP GHORMLEY

NACHES, WA

Thriving for the Next Generation





Will Today's Young People Thrive?

TODAY, the thriving of young people is threatened. The economic collapse of 2020 brought about by a pandemic has caused many young people to wonder about their future. Even before this crisis, 43% of 12th graders reported feeling sad or hopeless as they graduated from high school.*

In our post-Christian culture, how can our youth thrive emotionally and spiritually? How can we help them find their identity and hope in Jesus Christ?

IN YAKIMA COUNTY:

POVERTY

28% of youth 18 and younger are below poverty*

22% of youth population is food insecure*

2,376 homeless students enrolled in school*

NEGLECT

700+ children in foster care system*

42% of children live in single parent families*

3,400 reported cases of child abuse in 2017**

FAMILY

63% of foster children neglected or mistreated*

8% of 8th graders self report being in gangs*

* YAKIMATRENDS.ORG - 2017

** KIMATV.COM

To Thrive, Kids Need Ghormley



As a Christian camp, we believe young people need to experience God's love. That's why our mission remains to see lives transformed by Jesus through exceptional camping experiences.

We bring the hope and love of Christ into the lives of our campers. Ghormley gives kids the time of their lives with others in the great outdoors, away from the isolation of their screens.

Kids Need Conversations

When kids need to find direction, talk about their identity, navigate their world, and learn about God's love for them, these conversations often begin at Camp Ghormley.

Kids Need Commitments

Kids need mentors that will support them in their faith and life decisions. Ghormley staff are committed to their personal and spiritual growth, taking the time to personally connect.

Kids Need Christ

As unchurched campers come to Camp Ghormley every year, we may be the only place they are presented with an opportunity to follow Christ.



“
Ghormley is one of the first places a young person sees the complete reflection of Christ in nature, worship, fellowship, friendship, and fun. For our family, Ghormley feels like home.
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DANIELLE POLAGE

— Ghormley Parent —

Helping Families Thrive

Family Camp

As today's families struggle to spend meaningful time together, Ghormley's Family Camp provides a bonding experience that builds stonger, deeper relationships between moms, dads, kids and God.

Healing for Foster Children

Camp Ghormley's partnership with foster families gives foster children an extended family that cares about them for who they are as a child of God.



Being at Ghormley didn't just give me the best summer of my life, it completely changed who I am.



NATALIA

– Foster Child, Camper, Staff Volunteer –



Our Community Needs Ghormley



Summer Camps

Every summer, Ghormley hosts more than 800 young people from grades 2 through high school graduates for intensive weeks of fun, recreation and friendship. They experience what it means to be loved and accepted as we share how to grow in relationship with Jesus Christ.

Leadership Development

Camp Ghormley's summer camps are staffed by high school and college students who experience a summer long "leadership lab" as they lead activities with campers, interacting one on one with each other, building teams and overcoming their own fears and limitations.

Outdoor Education

Camp Ghormley partners with local schools to give 5th and 6th grade students outdoor education with topics such as wilderness survival, water, soil, tree and plant studies, orienteering (compass), bird studies, astronomy and field days.



Field Days for Students

Teachers bring their classes to Ghormley for a jam-packed day of fun activities. Kids can enjoy hiking, ziplining, archery and field games.

Partnering with Churches and Ministries

Over 100 churches and like-minded non-profits use Camp Ghormley to build the bonds of friendship and community, and share the gospel in unique and powerful ways using God's creation.

This is why Camp Ghormley must wisely steward our facilities and resources so that the next generation can experience this too.

Lives Are Transformed at Ghormley

SINCE 1939, our singular purpose is to see lives transformed through Jesus Christ. Campers, staff and guest groups all appreciate what Ghormley does to help them grow in their relationship with God.

What Campers Say...

"I learned how to walk with Jesus at Ghormley."

"This camp helped me a lot because my parents don't take me to church."

"I truly feel cared for when I am here."

What Staff Say...

"God has used Ghormley in my life... this place has a powerful and lasting impact."

—Paige, Summer Staff

"Ghormley is where I decided to go all-in with God." —Katy, Summer Staff

What Guest Groups Say...

"I really can't say enough about all the staff, everyone was so pleasant and helpful! Some of the lessons our girls learned on the ropes course were priceless!" —Group Leader, East Wenatchee LDS

"Your kitchen staff went above and beyond to meet all dietary needs and were so courteous."

—Youth Group Leader, NW Assoc. for Blind Athletes

ACCOMPLISHMENTS *

UP TO **5,000** Total Guests Each Year

80% Of Campers Said Camp Experience Grew Their Love Of The Outdoors

800 Attend Summer Camp Each Year

20% Summer Campers Give Their Lives To Christ

96% Of Campers Said They Felt Valued By Our Camp Staff

70% Summer Campers Recommit Their Lives To Christ

90% Of Campers Said They "Belong" At Camp

* FIGURES REFLECT AVERAGES OVER THE LAST 3 YEARS



A Vision to Thrive

TO THRIVE for the next generation, Camp Ghormley must have quality facilities that meet the needs of our partners, enabling us to make people feel safe, comfortable and cared for.

PHASE **1** ONE

Facilities Makeover

ESTIMATED INVESTMENT: \$1,200,000

We have 41 projects that will completely upgrade our current facilities to provide:

- **IMPROVED MEETING FACILITIES** – Redesign and modernize meeting spaces to provide the ideal blend of rustic beauty and modern amenities our guests need and expect.
- **BETTER SLEEPING ROOMS** – To meet the rising expectations of all of our guests by providing additional privacy and comfort.
- **REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE** – So that all of our buildings can continue to serve campers long into the future.

REAR ENTRANCE - NEW



FRONT ENTRANCE - NEW



Our major Phase 1 project is the remodel of Evergreen. Estimated Investment \$800,000

Evergreen serves as our chapel and largest indoor meeting space for campers and rental groups. It also has bunks and bathrooms upstairs. We will completely renovate this space to improve sleeping accommodations, access to restrooms, and the entire group experience. The result will be first floor restrooms for our groups and a completely redesigned upstairs sleeping quarters.

PHASE **2** TWO

Improved Facilities For More Fun

ESTIMATED INVESTMENT: \$1,200,000

Our goal is to improve the year round usability of our camp so that all guests will have more options for play and having fun. We will significantly improve our indoor recreation areas and storage for recreational equipment. Other critical infrastructure projects such as upgraded water systems, fire suppression, and septic systems required for more campers, will make the camp safer and more accessible for everyone.



PHASE **3** THREE

Big Dreams

ESTIMATED INVESTMENT: \$4,000,000

Camp Ghormley has a long term vision to develop a new dining hall, and convert our current one into meeting facilities. There are many other potential projects that will allow us to be responsive to the needs of the next generation, and offer the best camping experiences to everyone we serve for many years to come.

“
Ghormley has been part of our family for decades. Time at camp impacts lives for Christ and our entire community. We hear people who love Ghormley say ‘That’s where I met Jesus,’ or, ‘the people there showed me Jesus by caring for me...’
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THE TRICK FAMILY



For Camp Ghormley to Thrive, We Must...

STRENGTHEN OUR CAMPING PROGRAMS

As today's youth face unprecedented challenges and pressures in everyday life, our innovative camp programs will continue to help young people grow in their faith and navigate their world.

ACCELERATE OUR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Our businesses, churches and institutions need young leaders with character and wisdom. Ghormley staff positions help young people develop their vision for leading others along with tangible leadership skills.

DEEPEN OUR PARTNERSHIPS

We can accomplish more together than we can alone as we partner with churches, like-minded ministries, schools, and community groups to provide hope, healing, and restoration.



BUILD STRONGER FINANCIAL SUPPORT

A powerful vision requires stronger financial support, not only to keep pace with rising costs, but to reach more young people. A strong and growing base of financial supporters will carry us into a successful future, allowing us to upgrade our facilities, staffing, and programs.

Thriving Generosity



CAMP GHORMLEY is supported financially by people who want to see campers thrive, and to see us thrive too. An investment in Ghormley touches thousands of lives every year!

You are invited to share in changing the lives of kids, youth, and adults who experience Ghormley through your financial partnership.

How to Give

CURRENT GIFTS MAY BE MADE IN A VARIETY OF WAYS:

- Cash gifts may be pledged over three to five years.
- Gifts of appreciated securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds) held for more than one year are tax deductible for their full value and avoid capital gains tax when transferred directly to Camp Ghormley.
- Gifts from retirement plan assets may be appropriate for those over the age of 59 1/2.
- Gifts of real estate, business interests and many other personal assets such as art, royalty interests, or precious metals are welcome. Significant tax advantages are often available for these types of gifts.

GHORMLEY ALSO WELCOMES PLANNED GIFTS:

- Bequests can be arranged through your will or living trust for a specific amount, specific asset or percentage of the remainder of your estate.
- Life insurance policies may be transferred to the camp to provide cash value or a gift upon the death of the insured.
- Please inquire about how to set up a specially designed Charitable Trust which may provide income for your lifetime and a generous gift.

Dear Friend of Camp Ghormley,

After 81 years of ministry, Camp Ghormley is still giving youth a sense of belonging and a vision of hope. We are the connection point where families, kids and groups come together to thrive in their relationship with God, and influence their friends, neighbors, and the world for the gospel.

In 2020 camps got hurt by the pandemic and the ensuing economic downturn. This is an even greater reason why Ghormley needs to survive into the future with better facilities and doors open to everyone who can benefit from using them. We recognize that parents and caregivers may be more cautious about sending their kids to camp or even attending themselves. So we must make appropriate accommodations to ensure the safety and well being of everyone who comes.

As a result of these events, there are many more people to reach and help. The need for Ghormley will not go away. The next generation and then the next one will need Camp Ghormley to thrive.

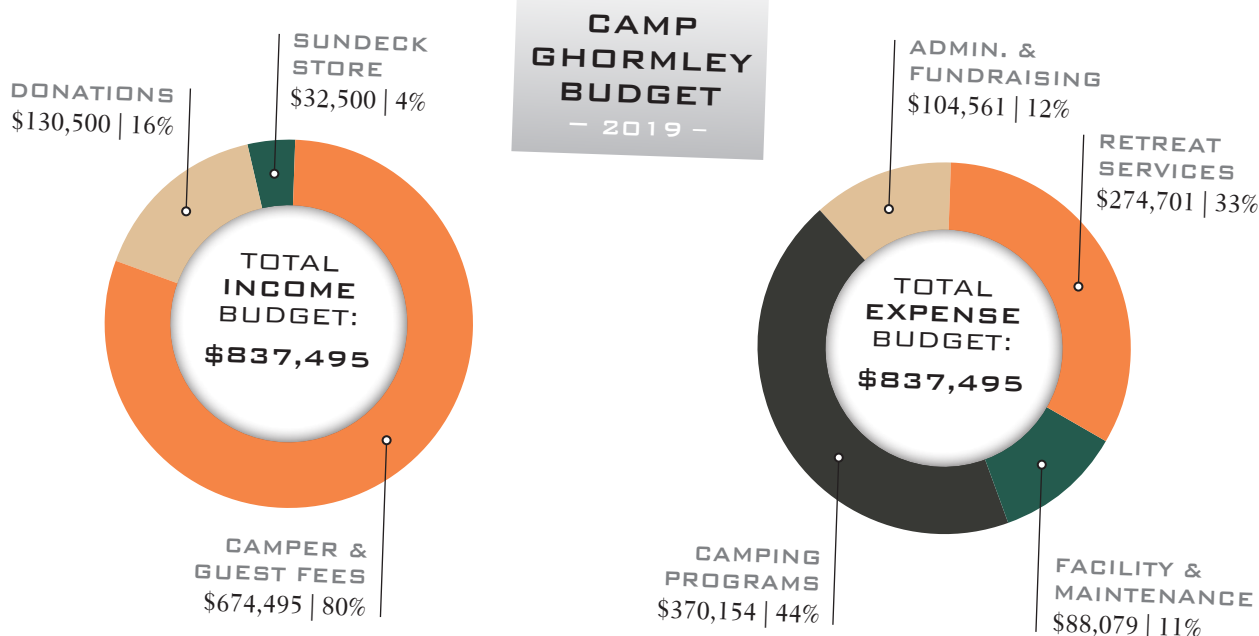
That's why we must wisely steward and improve our facilities today. So we will continue to hear people say: "I feel the presence of God more at Ghormley than anywhere else in my life."

Today, by God's grace, Camp Ghormley operates year-round and is used by churches, schools, and community groups from throughout the Pacific Northwest.

With your help, we will continue to meet the needs of youth in new and innovative ways. Please join us in bringing God's love to children, youth and adults who want to experience life in its fullness through Jesus Christ.



Joel Whitehead
Executive Director



GHORMLEY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS are stewards of the land, facilities, financial resources, and personnel that make Camp Ghormley a powerful ministry to our region.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*Lives transformed by Jesus
through exceptional camping experiences.*

By accomplishing our mission, we envision communities transformed by Christ as we partner with others to share God's love.

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Ghormley has been an important foundation for our church for 80 years, providing a place for people to come into the presence of Jesus. It was certainly true with our family. My wife Carla, as a young girl in the 7th grade, was introduced to Jesus as her savior at Camp Ghormley. 25 years later, our oldest son would accept Jesus at Camp Ghormley.

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JAKE KUPP

Former NFL player, Outreach Camp Planning Team Member

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The staff at Ghormley has always expressed a genuine interest in our ministry. The camp provides a great location to get our youth away from the distractions of life so we can spend intimate time in God's word, and enjoy the beauty of His creation. Ghormley Meadow has become an important part of what we do as a local church in our youth ministry.

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PASTOR JASON MONTGOMERY

*Grace Baptist Church,
Kennewick, Washington*

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Our church has used Ghormley for both men's and women's retreats. Our daughter has spent time teaching and counseling at summer camps. We are truly blessed by the ministry at Ghormley Meadow Christian Camp.

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DAN DOORNINK

*Former Seattle Seahawks player,
30 years as M.D. in Yakima,
Washington*