THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF FLORIDA

HELP US TO CONTINUE OUR CAMP WEED LEGACY OF LOVE, LEARNING, AND WORSHIP FOR ALL

Camp Weed, named after the late Right Rev. Edwin Garner Weed, the third Bishop of Florida, began its journey in 1924 holding camp sessions for Church school teachers, leaders, and youth in and around the surrounding communities of St. Augustine and then Panama City, Florida.

At the beginning of WW II, the US Army commandeered the Camp for training, and the Camp activities were moved to St. James Bay, but that property was also claimed by the Army for the war effort. As such, the Camp once again moved to Hibernia on the St. John's River, after which the Camp returned to St. James Bay when the war ended, where it remained until 1971.

In 1971, the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast was formed and in the process the Diocese of Florida lost 9 parishes and 13 missions in the panhandle. As such, in 1976, the Diocese authorized the search for a centrally located site for the Camp with equal land mass. The current location in Live Oak was selected in 1978 with 500 acres on White Lake, where it remains today.

The first permanent facilities were constructed in 1981, cabins were added, roads were cleared and the swimming and recreation areas were built. A kitchen and dining hall were constructed in 1983. A beautiful worship facility and a noted Florida Architecture recipient of 100 Years, 100 Places, Mandi's Chapel, was dedicated in 1995.

Today, Camp Weed, Mandi's Chapel, the Cerveny Conference Center, the Ravine Building (guest rooms and conference room) and the Snell/McCarty Youth Pavilion serve our Episcopal Diocese leaders, members, guests and communities for year-round worship, community outreach and Christian development.

This beautiful, peaceful, happy, holy place is a mainstay for our current Episcopal Community and continuing generations for years to come. Maintaining the structures, facilities and landscape is an ongoing effort. We have been fortunate through the years to have support from the Episcopal Foundation, Member Parishes and businesses for the cost of maintenance. We appreciate all of the support we have been provided over the years. Being located in the "Sunshine State" has blessed us with year-round use of these facilities and the surrounding natural elements. However, the Florida weather can be challenging on man-made structures over the years, and as such, we are currently in a "Repair and Replacement" Phase to ensure that our beloved Camp Weed Facilities continue to be of service to our communities for many years to come.

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Repair and Replacement of Facilities and Grounds

To date, the total estimate for the construction costs equates to approximately $4M. With support from the Foundation and parish donations, $2.2M has been received. We need YOUR support to further these projects.

With the monies we have received to date, the following projects have been completed:

- Replacement of roofs, the addition of gutters on all buildings, replacement of HVAC in the Varn Dining Hall, as well as room AC replacement. *Each of the rooms has received microbial growth remediations.*
- The remodeling of all 36 rooms, and replacement of siding.
- Refurbish the Director's House and replace a section of the Entrance Road.
- Removal of damaged and dead trees
- New Signage through the Campus and Highway Entrance

Current needs:

- Refurbishment of Cabin Bathrooms and Decks
- A new roof and painting for Yerkes Hall (Hay Barn)
- Repairs to the roof, ceiling and HVAC upgrades in the Youth Pavilion
- Refurbish decks, balconies, doors and windows of the Cerveny Conference Center
- Finish the siding repair and painting of the Cerveny Conference Center

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