

West Haven Accountability Report 2023

For the summer of 2023, West Haven held 5 week-long summer camps with an overall attendance of 133 campers aged 8-17.

Due to funding constraints, the number of camp counsellors declined this year to 5. West Haven also hired two students in place of a cook since West Haven was unsuccessful in finding a qualified cook for the 2023 summer. We also were assisted by 7 volunteer counsellors in training and a number of adult volunteers.

Despite not having a full slate of counsellors, no professional cook, and no camp administrator, no one went hungry, and neither camper participation, socialization skills, nor overall camper satisfaction were jeopardized. Campers enjoyed swimming, canoeing, nature walks, reflection time, crafts and favorite games such as find the counsellors, survivor, and capture the flag.

Friendships and memories were an everyday occurrence.

West Haven's ability to secure additional revenue from outside user groups was curtailed this past year. In the absence of a full-time cook, and water source issues before and after July and August, applications from several user groups could not be accommodated.

West Haven was granted a generous donation by Dan Spence Refrigeration with the installation of a heat pump in our cookhouse. Mr. Spence arrived at camp to complete repairs to a refrigerator during the hottest week of the summer. The temperature in the cookhouse was approaching 40 degrees with the humidity. Mr. Spence decided to fix that situation and donated and installed the heat pump the following week.

We at West Haven Camp remain grateful to all our volunteers and are reminded that God does indeed work in mysterious ways.

Respectfully submitted by,
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