

Lions Camp Merrick Sponsorship Opportunities

ITEM AND COST

POOL FURNITURE \$4800

Our pool area is in need of equipment: an umbrella with base along with chairs and tables. We currently do not have any pool furniture. New chairs and umbrellas would provide shade for those who want to be around the other campers and activities but may not be able to be out in the sun for a long time or able to swim due to medical issues.

Water Bottles \$900

When working with campers who have special needs part of our responsibility is to make sure their health is monitored and we keep them healthy, safe, and hydrated during the hot summer days in July. Each camper and staff is given a water bottle that they keep with them and filled with water during the entire day.

Medical Packs \$1150 *Thanks to a Ellicott City Lions Club this wish has been fulfilled!*

Working with campers who have special needs in an outdoor environment requires staff to be competent to handle any medical issues that may come up. We train each staff in CPR and First Aid and have a nurse on site during the program. Each staff is required to have a fanny pack with them at all times that has first aid and emergency supplies from band aides to insulin to inhalers. We also purchase medical supplies to assure we can meet the basic needs of our campers and staff.

Camp Shirts \$3,000

Each camper is given a camp shirt at no charge and they look forward to receiving and proudly wearing this shirt each year. The staff is given shirts to help identify them as camp employees during registration day when campers and parents arrive and on the day campers are picked up.

Climbing Tower \$34,000 *Thanks to a Charles County Grant this wish has been fulfilled!*

A climbing tower is a piece of equipment in the challenge course. The wall is about 30 feet high and has different challenges depending on what side of the tower is used. Campers will enjoy the activity because it will help them to build self-confidence and challenge themselves to new levels. Our current wall is nearly 15 years old and will need to be replaced immediately in order to keep this activity in our program.

Low Ropes Course \$12,000 *Thanks to a Charles County Grant this wish has been fulfilled!*

The low challenge course is designed to teach participants that working together will result in better outcomes than working on your own. One example is an element called the "Port Hole" which is a tire mounted between two poles and the tire is about four feet off of the ground. Staff presents a challenge for the group to get all the team members thru this "Port Hole". Guidelines are put in place on how this should be done based on the group's abilities. Our current course is about 12 years old and I need of renovations and updates.

Mattress with Protective Cover \$1800

Each staff room is in need of a comfortable mattress with protective cover. Staff live at camp for up to eight weeks taking care of campers 24/7. A good night sleep is essential to everyone and a good mattress helps. Our plastic camp mattress accommodates our guests quite well for the short term but staff need something more comfortable.

Corn Hole Game \$300 *Thanks to a Ellicott City Lions Club this wish has been fulfilled!*

A great game for camp that gets children outside playing or can be moved inside during rainy days to keep campers engaged in an activity!

Rustic Cabin \$25,000 a cabin

We have three cabins that are considered "rustic" that we do not use during our camp sessions for campers with special needs. They are rustic in the sense they have screen windows, no air conditioning, they are not insulated, and are in need of general repairs to make them useable. We had a camp "friend" donate and install central air and heat but until we get the rest of the repairs completed before we can hook the central air up. We are seeking funds to insulate walls, install windows, repair siding and flooring, and other general repairs. Each cabin would give us about ten more bed spaces so more children could come to camp each week.

Gaga Pit \$ 1650

This wildly popular game at summer camp is a new activity LCM campers would love! This game is designed to engage a lot of campers that is fast paced and high energy. The activity is designed to develop eye hand coordination, increase activity level, and be fun for all!

Saturday Community Program \$ 1200

Our local community has many low-income families that live in conditions many of us cannot even imagine. They may not have running water, central air and heat, and have limited resources for leisure activities. We are working on a program where the camp pool and some of our recreational area would be available to these families at no cost on Saturdays during the summer months. They would be able to enjoy the pool, sports activities, and the water front area on the Potomac River. These funds would provide four weekends during the summer for our local community

Copier Machine \$5,000 *Thank You John Theil and Wayne Magoon for making this wish come true!*

Our current copier is in need of being retired. We could use a newer model that can handle copying and faxing.

Paddle boards \$2400

Another great activity for LCM since we are located on the Potomac River would be paddle boarding. Paddle Boarding has many benefits that include developing strength, balance, and fitness level. Paddle Boarding is a great way to relieve stress doing an activity where you can relax and enjoy the beautiful setting at LCM right on the Potomac River.

Life Jackets & Boating Supplies \$ 1000

Our water front activity area is in need of replacing and adding new equipment that includes life vests and paddles.

Emergency Generators \$7,500 per building

Install propane emergency generators at the Administrator cabin, and staff cabin so if power goes out we have areas were campers and staff can gather that has electricity, air, and a safe place to store medication.

Adopt a Building \$2,500 a Year

This would help alleviate the general maintenance costs of a building at camp. It would cover yearly maintenance from replacing a fan, buying mattresses, paint, and utility costs.

Four wheel utility vehicle \$15,000

Used to get back into the wooded areas in case of emergency when campers are out on the trails or at the challenge course.

Copier - Color \$ 600

This would be used to print our monthly newsletter, awards, and other office documents we use for marketing.

Renovate Old Canteen \$20,000

Repair and update building and purchase new washers and dryers.

Renovate Swimming pool \$160,000

Install new concrete deck, add a handicap ramp, and repair filter system.

Camp Vehicle \$25,000

We currently do not have a reliable vehicle on site to use for camp activities. We need a vehicle to get supplies, run errands, use for camp business, along with any emergencies.

Frisbee Golf \$3,000

This is an activity that is great for a camp dealing with children with special needs. It is an aerobic activity that gets kids moving, is a lot of fun, and can be adapted so all kids can participate. This can also be a great activity for groups using the facility during the off season and requires minimal upkeep and staff to maintain and operate.