

# FLBC Update

FALL 2022 NEWSLETTER

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for your  
*Summer 2023*  
Brochure

## Join us for the FLBC Golf Classic!

Friday, October 7, 2022 at Polson Bay Golf Course

**golf** /gälf, gôlf/

*noun*

- an outdoor game when played on Friday, October 7th, will allow more campers to experience the life-changing ministry of Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp

*verb*

- play golf.  
"Don went golfing to raise funds for FLBC camperships."

Support the FLBC Golf Classic to ensure that no one is turned away due to inability to pay! Register to play at [www.flbc.net/golf](http://www.flbc.net/golf). Can you, your business, your congregation, your organization, etc., be a tournament sponsor? We are also looking for items for our raffle! Contact [carlee@flbc.net](mailto:carlee@flbc.net) for more info!

For more information, to register to play, or to sponsor a hole visit [www.flbc.net/golf](http://www.flbc.net/golf) or email [carlee@flbc.net](mailto:carlee@flbc.net) to request a form.

- **\$150/player** (includes green fees, golf cart, tournament memorabilia, lunch & heavy appetizers for dinner) – Register as a team of 4 or as an individual free agent!
- Consider donating an item to our raffle, or be a tournament sponsor – many levels available!

This tournament will be played scramble style, with a shotgun start at 12 PM. At the end of the tournament, there will be a celebration at the golf course's clubhouse where we will draw winning raffle tickets and present awards to the winners!

**Thank you for praying for a great golf tournament, and for helping FLBC live out one of our core values: financial accessibility for all.**

## Annual Meeting & Delegate Retreat

October 7–8, 2022

Delegates are invited to join us for our Delegate Retreat to learn the ins and outs of being an advocate for camp in their congregations and communities.

Each of our 55 association churches are able to send 2 lay persons and 1 pastoral representative as voting members for our annual meeting; delegates are also asked to continue sharing about camp throughout the year. However, anyone who is interested in learning more about how to support FLBC and be an ambassador for camp is welcome to join for the delegate retreat!

The weekend begins with Friday dinner, activities, and camp songs. We'll dive into "sessions" on being an ambassador for camp on Saturday. Join us for Friday evening, or come to camp on Saturday (breakfast at 8:15 AM, first session begins at 9 AM) and stay for the annual meeting.

More information will be sent to the congregations; contact [office@flbc.net](mailto:office@flbc.net) if you would like to register now!

### Annual Meeting Notice

FLBC Annual Meeting  
Saturday, October 8, 2022

1:30 PM

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



# 2022 Summer Review

*The magic that is FLBC can be seen through watching our campers/guests throughout their time here. For example, I had a camper in my cabin this week who was a first time camper and very nervous about it. Although there were a couple bumps of homesickness along the way, by the end of the week she was out of her shell and being goofy with us. Before leaving she asked [if she could write to me] and so she could find out what cabin I'll be in next summer and request that one. Experiences like that are so precious and exciting because you know that camper experienced the love of God and they want to do it again.*

~ 2022 Summer Staffer



## Summer 2022 by the Numbers!\*

**7** weeks of regular Summer Camp for youth, families, and groups + 2 additional weeks of serving Intermountain and Montana Youth Diabetes Alliance!

**576** on-site campers (Youth & Grand Camp).

**265** Glacier Wilderness & Senior High off-site campers.

**285** week-long Family Campers, "Custom Week" and Family Weekend campers.

**18** Day Camps in congregations with over **400** day campers!

**79** Incredible Volunteers.

**51** Summer staff from **13** different states and **3** countries joined our year-round staff to make **1 AWESOME TEAM!**

*Thank You!*

\*Numbers are estimates at the time of writing



### THANK YOU TO OUR 2022 SUMMER STAFF!

**BACK ROW L TO R:** Riley Doman, Erik Armstrong, Madison Burke, Ethan Kunka, Ryan Weston, Carlyann Reinmuth, Drew Engellant, Claire Schwarting, Ella Krumm, Mari Shumaker, Nolan McNair, David Lynn, Jesse Christensen, Richie Withycombe, Amari Chenault, Margie Fiedler

**MIDDLE ROW L TO R:** Grey Gillhouse, Mesa McKee, Rawley Johnson, Ali Vorhies, Alex Tooley, Jenna Baccam, Frank Harney, Skyler Earle, Russell Romine, Michelle Thompson, Karen Hesper, Jovenel Pierre

**FRONT ROW L TO R:** Sammi Watson, Mica Riendeau, Bianca Johnston, Savannah Frei, Colby Cronk, Rachel Brendefur, Kari Goodrich, Allison Morton, Brynn Feyereisen, Hannah McLaughlin, James Zarres, Austin Almie, Izzy Burky

**NOT PICTURED:** Pastor Amanda Applehans, Pastor Grant Applehans, Luke Bergstrom, Mary Chidester, Jessica Elliott, Juan Estrada Corrales, Ava Fossen, James Hadley, Anna Morton, Aimsley Shearer, and Sophie Warnberg

# Summer Volunteers

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| Russell Aldrich     | Nicholai Khomenko*  |
| Lars Anderson       | Rachel Lauf*        |
| Sandy Baker         | Abby Lavarell       |
| John Baker          | Sawyer Linke*       |
| Lindean Barnett     | Melanie Martin-Dent |
| Christenson         | Wendy McAlpine      |
| Jacqui Bartz        | Pope McHenry        |
| Jay Bates           | Deby McNally        |
| Emma Bates*         | Isaac McNally       |
| Connor Bates*       | Luke Mendenall      |
| Tyler Beane Kelly*  | Judy Merickel       |
| Halcyon Bjornstad*  | Briana Merkle       |
| Dalton Bunnell      | Haley Milton*       |
| Margery Christensen | Kelly Mullin        |
| Grant Christensen   | Cheryl Muncy        |
| Rebekah Cochrane    | Gretchen Munding    |
| Daniel Disch        | Lily Overstreet*    |
| Wendy Doman         | Peg Christensen     |
| Matthew Erdel       | Alicia Reber        |
| Spencer Erwin       | Annela Rova         |
| Natalie Faltin      | Leslee Schader      |
| Scott Fuller        | Sarah Schilcher     |
| Carolyn Fuller      | Carol Seilhymer     |
| Chelsea Gates*      | Stephen Seilhymer   |
| Cathryn Gillhouse   | Julia Seymour       |
| Matthew Gooch       | Susan Stadler       |
| Kayce Grimsrud      | Cobey Strommen      |
| Barb Gwynn          | Mantha Svendsen*    |
| Stacey Heggem*      | Satyn Tomscheck*    |
| Jayden Herschman*   | Anne Trout          |
| Ryan Herschman*     | Maiya Waterstraat   |
| Tiffany Herschman   | Sarah Weaver        |
| Scott Herschman     | Garth West*         |
| Megan Hoewisch      | Kristin Wiersma     |
| Jacoby Holte*       | Hans Wiersma*       |
| Eric Huseth         | Isaac Woldvedt      |
| Mea Johnson         | Daniel Woods        |
| Bridget Jones       | Kristin Young*      |
| Dan Kahl            |                     |

**\*Thanks to all of the FLBC alumni staff who spent time at camp this summer!** From leading worship, to dishes, to helping with day camp and going backpack, we are so grateful that you came and shared your gifts.

# HELP US BUILD A GREAT SUMMER STAFF TEAM FOR 2023!

It's never too early to start thinking about working at camp, or to start encouraging a young adult in your life to consider a meaningful summer at camp.

Applications for 2023 Summer Staff will open Dec 1st, 2022.



# Your 2023 Summer Brochure is here!

## Start planning for summer & share it with a friend!

### Strategic Plan Highlights

THANKS to an awesome committee who have been working for over a year, under the guidance of consultant extraordinaire, Dennis Trotter. A new strategic plan will come to the annual meeting October 8, 2022. The strategic plan is a living, working document, designed to give guidance to the board of directors, but flexible to change with the needs at the time. Task forces have now been established to put the “meat” on the bones of the plan, in areas of organizational structure and branding, program development, property and facilities/master planning, financial development, and Lutheran identity/congregations. **THANK YOU to all who have been a part of designing and listening, as God guides us into the future of ministry at FLBC.**

#### 1. Organizational Structure & Branding

- Aaron Weaver - *Chair*
- Trudi Schmidt\*
- Colter McCarty\*
- Sandy Drollman

#### 2. Program Development

- Jay Bates\* - *Chair*
- Wendy McAlpine\*
- Lynn Steinmetz\*
- Halcyon Bjornstad

#### 3. Property & Facilities Master Plan

- Wade Bitz - *Chair*
- Don Stadler
- Chamene Plum\*
- Gretchen Krumm  
(*Consultant - Mosaic*)
- Dan Richardson\*  
(*Consultant - KLJ*)

#### 4. Financial Development & Capital Campaign

- Doug Scott - *Co-chair*
- Jason Shearer - *Co-chair*
- Bing Crosby\*
- Dave Dickman\*

#### 5. Lutheran Identity & Congregations

- Cindy Pokorny\* - *Chair*
- Patsi Morton
- Brenda Satrum
- Scott Thompson\*
- Mike Wallewein\*

\*FLBC Board Members

### Holy Land Pilgrimage

After a few years of planning and postponing, our Holy Land pilgrimage happened with Elias Tours.

We give thanks for the opportunity to have an enriching trip, making memories and bringing the story of Jesus to life.





# 2023 Summer Program Schedule

Registration opens  
November 17, 2022 at 10AM Mountain Time.

To discover what programs are available for your desired age range/grade entering in **Fall 2023**, look at the legend below the calendar for the matching color and icon. Visit [www.flbc.net](http://www.flbc.net) for more information and program descriptions.

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>JUNE</b>	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	<b>WEEK 1</b> ● COOKING CAMP ▲ BASKETBALL CAMP   COOKING CAMP   RANCH CAMP ■ BASKETBALL CAMP   RANCH CAMP ◆ BASKETBALL CAMP   RANCH CAMP ★ STAFF IN TRAINING ♥ CONFIRMATION CAMP (Pre-Register by Groups)						
<b>JUNE</b>	25	26	27	28	29	30	1
	<b>WEEK 2</b> ● STAR CAMP ▲ STAR CAMP ■ STAR CAMP ◆ STAR CAMP   CLIMB & KAYAK ★ STAR CAMP ♥ CONFIRMATION CAMP (Pre-Register by Groups)						
<b>JULY</b>	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	<b>WEEK 3</b> ♥ FC/80 <sup>th</sup> ▲ OUTBACK CAMP ■ OUTBACK CAMP ★ CLIMB & KAYAK   NORTH FORK RAFT ♥ WEEK LONG FAMILY CAMP ♥ CONFIRMATION CAMP (Pre-Register by Groups)						
<b>JULY</b>	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	<b>WEEK 4</b> + TRADITIONAL ON-SITE ● TRADITIONAL ON-SITE ▲ TRADITIONAL ON-SITE ■ TRADITIONAL ON-SITE ◆ TRADITIONAL ON-SITE ★ SAILING ♥ GRAND CAMP ♥ CONFIRMATION CAMP (Pre-Register by Groups)						
<b>JULY</b>	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	<b>WEEK 5</b> ● TRADITIONAL ON-SITE ▲ TRADITIONAL ON-SITE ■ TRADITIONAL ON-SITE ◆ TRADITIONAL ON-SITE   NIGHT CAMP ★ NIGHT CAMP   NORTH FORK RAFT ♥ CONFIRMATION CAMP (Pre-Register by Groups)						
<b>JULY</b>	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	<b>WEEK 6</b> ♥ FAM WKND + ● ▲ DAY CAMP ON-SITE + TRADITIONAL ON-SITE ● TRADITIONAL ON-SITE ▲ TRADITIONAL ON-SITE ■ TRADITIONAL ON-SITE   TREEHOUSE CAMP ◆ TRADITIONAL ON-SITE   TREEHOUSE CAMP ★ TRADITIONAL ON-SITE   ROCK & RAFT   SAILING ♥ CONFIRMATION CAMP (Pre-Register by Groups)						
<b>AUGUST</b>	30	31	1	2	3	4	5
	<b>WEEK 7</b> ● TRADITIONAL ON-SITE ▲ TRADITIONAL ON-SITE ■ TRADITIONAL ON-SITE   ADVENTURE CAMP   WILD WATER WEEK ◆ TRADITIONAL ON-SITE   ADVENTURE CAMP   WILD WATER WEEK ★ PACK N RAFT ♥ CONFIRMATION CAMP (Pre-Register by Groups)						

- + Navigators: Entering Grades 1 & 2
- Explorers: Entering Grade 3
- ▲ Pioneers: Entering Grades 4 & 5
- Pathfinders: Entering Grades 6 & 7
- ◆ Trailblazers: Entering Grades 8 & 9
- ★ Senior High: Entering Grade 10 – 2023 Grads
- ♥ ALL AGES: 0 – 105+
- Families
- \* Staff Families come free

## Give The Gift of Camp This Christmas!



*Holy Trinity. Wholly Love.*

This summer, campers will experience the theme *"Holy Trinity. Wholly Love."* by exploring who is God the creator, who is Jesus, and what about the Holy Spirit? Together, we'll study the creed, baptism and the Lord's Prayer, making scripture come alive through all the experiences and activities camp offers.

### FLBC Mission

To experience Christ's grace through meaningful relationships, shared adventure, and purposeful service.

**Every week at camp, all ages will experience a variety of activities such as:**

### Faith Formation

Worship, small group time, journaling, Bible study, campfires, labyrinth, prayer trail, singing.

### Play/Environment

Swimming, archery, hiking, basketball, boats, gaga ball, arts & crafts, hammock village, creation center, pottery disc golf, escape room, garden, and more.

### Hospitality

Great food, awesome volunteers, quality staff trained in First Aid, CPR, and working with people of all abilities.

### Personal Growth

Team building on low and high ropes courses, discovery times, many opportunities to try new things!

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*Community · Joy · Adventure · Fun*

## ◆◆ Adventure Camp

**Dates:** July 30–Aug 4 **Cost:** \$600

Adventure Campers will sleep in platform tents, prepare most meals outside, enjoy fishing on Flathead Lake, go on an overnight backpacking trip on camp property & practice outdoor skills. Encounter God's wonderful creation in the natural surroundings we enjoy in Montana as you learn about MT birds, plants, trees, and care of the Earth, and much more! Go wild at Adventure Camp! Maximum: 14 campers

## ▲◆◆ Basketball Camp

**Dates:** June 18–23 **Cost:** \$550

Basketball camp combines the wonderful experiences of camp with growth in basketball skills! Campers will practice each morning under the guidance of a coach and our staff. All skill levels are welcome! Campers will stay in cabins at camp and be transported to Somers Middle School to use the gym.

## ◆★ Climb & Kayak

**Dates:** June 25–30 ◆ **Cost:** \$650  
July 2–7 ★

The Kootenai National Forest is home to Lake Koocanusa, a spectacular destination for both kayaking and rock climbing. Spend two days paddling on the lake and exploring the sandy beaches that surround it! You will camp near the shore at night, carrying personal and community gear in your kayak! Spend the other half of your week scaling the cliffs of Stone Hill, one of northwest Montana's premier climbing areas!

Haven't climbed before? Never fear! Our guide has routes for all levels and abilities. Spend evenings camping around Koocanusa, cooking meals, and enjoying time for reflection and group Bible study.



## ●▲ Cooking Camp

**Dates:** June 18–23 **Cost:** \$550

Whether you dream of winning Top Chef or just like baking cookies for your family, join in the fun of Cooking Camp this year! Campers will spend their mornings in the kitchen, learning culinary skills and having fun with ingredients while, of course, sampling their treats. An afternoon party is planned for Thursday. After their kitchen sessions, campers will join in for all the best camp adventures.

## Confirmation Camp

**Dates:** Pastors & Congregation **Cost:** \$530  
leaders—contact us for dates

Let's work together to coordinate a week of camp for your confirmation group!

## ★♥ Custom Design Group Trip

**Dates:** Contact us to schedule **Cost:** \$600\*  
a date that works for you!

Want to bring a group to FLBC but not sure which program is right for your group? Contact us about creating a custom trip! Mix and match backpacking, rafting, climbing, kayaking, sailing, traditional onsite, and service experiences to create the perfect week for your crew. All options include time for relaxation, Bible study, and worship. Let us craft an unforgettable week for your group!

\*Baseline price

## +●▲ Day Camp, Onsite Mon–Fri

**Dates:** July 24–28 **Cost:** \$225

Looking for an awesome week at camp without the overnight stay? Onsite day campers experience the joys of camp—such as worship, arts and crafts, and swimming (bring a swimsuit and towel!)—while getting to go home at the end of the day.

Drop off at camp is at 9:00 AM, and pickup is at 3:00 PM Monday–Thursday, **with an 11:00 AM closing worship on Friday (Friday pickup between 11:30 AM–12:30 PM). Lunch and snacks are included each day.**

## ● Explorer Camp (Traditional Onsite)

**Dates:** July 9–12 (4 days) **Cost:** \$450 (4 days)

July 16–21 (6 days) **Cost:** \$530 (6 days)

July 23–28 (6 days)

July 30–Aug 4 (6 days)

Explorers have the opportunity to experience an entire program session (Sunday–Friday) at camp (or a shorter week July 9–12)! Explorers practice teamwork through games, swim in the lake, spend time on the courts, learn how to paddle kayaks and canoes, and so much more!

## + Navigator Camp (Traditional on-site)

**Dates:** July 9–12 (4 days) **Cost:** \$450 (4 days)

July 23–25 (3 days) **Cost:** \$350 (3 days)

July 26–28 (3 days)

Is your younger camper ready for a two or three night sleep-away camp experience? Navigators enjoy playing on the courts, exploring the woods with their cabins, swimming and paddling in the water, crafts, and more, all alongside supportive and skilled staff members. Enjoy a fun-filled snapshot of camp! Navigator Camp begins with check-in at 3:30 PM on the first day of your camp, and finishes with an 11:00 AM closing worship, on the last day before pickup (pickup from 11:30 AM–12:30 PM).

## ◆★ Night Camp

**Dates:** July 16–21 **Cost:** \$600

Calling all night owls! Campers will stay up progressively later until Tuesday night & return to a more normal schedule by Friday. Night Campers will have all kinds of adventures by moonlight: late night high ropes, night swimming & canoeing and all the glow in the dark games you can think of! Campers will also participate in the day to day fun of camp through worship, Bible study & team building. Campers will sleep in our platform tent cabins, practice outdoor cooking for most meals, and do their activities in small groups. Maximum: 14 campers

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# Camps & Programs

## ★ North Fork Raft

**Dates:** July 2-7 **Cost:** \$650  
July 16-21

Float all 58 miles of the North Fork of the Flathead River! This Wild and Scenic designated river forms the boundary between Glacier National Park to the east and the Flathead National Forest to the west. Views of the mighty Livingston range on the west edge of Glacier NP dominate the first few days of the trip, and the end provides an 11-mile stretch of class II and III whitewater. Your crew will pull your boats onto the banks at the end of the day, and will set up camp right along the river. This is a special trip through one of the most stunning and pristine river corridors in the American west!

## ▲ Outback Camp

**Dates:** July 2-7 **Cost:** \$600

Outback campers spend even more of their week at camp in the great outdoors! Outbackers prepare most of their own meals using outdoor cooking skills and sleep in platform tent cabins while enjoying fun camp activities like boating, archery, and the low ropes course. Plus, campers will spend a night in our awesome treehouses! Primitive portapotty and limited access to shower (1x during the week). Maximum: 14 campers

## ★ Pack 'N Raft

**Dates:** July 30-Aug 4 **Cost:** \$650

Spend your camp week exploring the rugged terrain in northwest Montana on foot! This trip allows participants to spend time in some of the beautiful and remote areas we are fortunate to have access to, including the Jewel Basin Hiking Area, the Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex, the Swan crest, and the Kriklehorn Peak area of the Whitefish Range. There is no more intimate way to spend time in these areas than on foot. You'll carry all your gear with you, and learn skills such as water filtration, backcountry camp site selection, navigation, and backcountry cooking. End your trip with a half day whitewater float on the Flathead River!

## ■ Pathfinder Camp *(Traditional on-site)*

**Dates:** July 9-12 (4 days) **Cost:** \$450 (4 days)

July 16-21 (6 days) **Cost:** \$530 (6 days)

July 23-28 (6 days)

July 30-Aug 4 (6 days)

Pathfinders enjoy all the classic fun of camp alongside new adventures! Try your hand at pottery in the art barn, spend a night sleeping out, and experience a team building element on the high ropes course, including our new climbing wall! Join in for a week of growing in faith and adventure with new friends!



## ★ Rock & Raft

**Dates:** July 23-28 **Cost:** \$650

This week is for climbers of all abilities! Spend time climbing at Stone Hill, one of Northwest Montana's premier climbing areas. You will learn climbing technique, knots, and belaying. Our climbing guide will set up routes for all climbing levels. Evenings will be spent cooking meals, relaxing, and spending time in Bible study. At week's end, your group will spend a half-day whitewater rafting on the Middle Fork of the Flathead River.

## ★ Sailing

**Dates:** July 9-12 (4 days) **Cost:** \$550 (4 days)

July 23-28 (6 days) **Cost:** \$650 (6 days)

Ever wondered what it would be like to live on a boat for a few days? Sailing trips at FLBC let you have that experience! Spend time exploring our corner of Flathead Lake and sleep on our sailboats during the week. Learn sailing skills and techniques as you cruise down to the waters near Wild Horse Island. Your week will culminate with time on FLBC's high ropes course and a half day whitewater float on the Lower Flathead River.

## ★ Senior High Camp *(Traditional on-site)*

**Dates:** July 23-28 **Cost:** \$530

This traditional on-site camp experience is open for all senior high students! Your counselors will guide you through a wide range of on-site programming during your week. Spend time in community and enjoy all of the fun camp offers, such as hiking, swimming, worship, arts and crafts, the high ropes course, and so much more! Remember, Senior High includes 2023 graduates!

## ★ Staff in Training

**Dates:** June 18-23 **Cost:** \$530

Are you excited to work as a camp counselor one day? Get a taste of being on the FLBC summer staff through a week of leadership development, learning tangible skills, and fellowship! Shadow staff members and help lead games, worship, and

## ▲ Pioneer Camp *(Traditional on-site)*

**Dates:** July 9-12 (4 days) **Cost:** \$450 (4 days)

July 16-21 (6 days) **Cost:** \$530 (6 days)

July 23-28 (6 days)

July 30-Aug 4 (6 days)

Pioneers enjoy faith formation, community building, and all of the fun activities of camp such as archery, hiking, team building on low ropes courses, and canoeing while they explore camp, and even sleep under the stars for a night!

## ▲ Ranch Camp

**Dates:** June 18-23 **Cost:** \$825

Ranch campers take in the beauty of Montana by horseback! Join the talented staff at Artemis Acres (a ranch near Kalispell) and practice your horsemanship, and grow through games, workshops, and Bible studies led by your counselor! Campers will spend their nights at FLBC and be transported to the ranch (approx. 30 minutes away). One night will be spent sleeping at Artemis Acres in tents, and preparing dinner, breakfast, and lunch while there. When not taking trail rides around the beautiful forests of NW Montana, ranch campers will enjoy the fun activities camp offers.

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Bible study. SIT campers will also learn about the philosophy of our mission at FLBC and are invited back for a week to volunteer as an assistant counselor or member of support staff free of charge! These skills and experiences will serve you in a future role at FLBC or with another organization/employer!

●▲◆★ **STAR Camp**

**Dates:** June 25-30 **Cost:** \$650

Show us your artistic side! Sign up for one of three core areas (Singing, Theater, & Art) and learn new skills from our awesome instructors in all areas! STAR Campers also experience all the joys of a week of camp, like swimming, archery, team building and worship. Theater campers will perform the Passion Play on Thursday, June 29 at 9 PM. There will be a singing performance and an art show at our closing program (11 AM on Friday, June 30). All are welcome!

◆ **Trailblazer Camp** *(Traditional on-site)*

**Dates:** July 9-12 (4 days) **Cost:** \$450 (4 days)

July 16-21 (6 days) **Cost:** \$530 (6 days)

July 23-28 (6 days)

July 30-Aug 4 (6 days)

Every year is a new adventure for Trailblazer campers. Take on an early morning polar plunge, experience the full high ropes course and go on an overnight camp-out. Trailblazers form new friendships through team building, Bible study experiences, prayer services & time in the great outdoors!

◆ **Treehouse Camp**

**Dates:** July 23-28 **Cost:** \$600

Treehouse campers spend the week amidst the trees and sleep in the coolest spot at camp—our outdoor Treehouses! Campers will experience the fun of camp through Bible study, daily worship and age group activities, with the added excitement of sleeping with a great view and an overnight in Hammock Village. Campers will also cook most of their own meals over the fire and backpacking stoves! Come for a week of growing in faith, making new friends, and adventuring. Maximum: 14 campers

◆ **Wild Water Week**

**Dates:** July 30 - August 4 **Cost:** \$600

Sailing, paddleboarding, pontoon rides & much more await you during this week of camp! Campers will canoe to a nearby camp-out spot, enjoy swimming at night, take on an obstacle course in the water (and more!) as they build relationships with others and learn more about their faith. Wild Water campers will sleep in platform tents and use new outdoor skills to prepare most of their meals. Maximum: 14 campers



- Jan 13-16** **Winter Retreat** (Ski, board, or hang out at camp!)  
*Jr + Sr High youth groups or individuals, adults, and families*
- Feb 5-7** **Montana Winter Theological Conference** with Dr. Michael Chan
- Feb 24-26** **Couples Care Retreat**
- Mar 27-31** **Spring Break Camp** (Grades 1-6)
- Apr 9** **Easter Sunrise Service**
- May 14** **Mother's Day Brunch**
- May 26-29** **Memorial Day Work Weekend + Family Retreat**
- June 9-11** **Women's Retreat** with Pr. Kelsey Beebe
- June 10** **Partners Luncheon**
- June 30-July 2** **Family & Friends Weekend + 80 Years Celebration**
- July 21-23** **Family Weekend** with Pr. JP Carlson (MSU Campus Ministry)
- July 28-30** **Wild Women on the Water**
- Sept 1-4** **Labor Day Work/Family Retreat**
- Oct 14** **Harvest Festival**
- Oct 20-22** **Grief Retreat**
- Oct 29-31** **Flathead Theological Conference**  
*Sunday evening - Tuesday morning* with Dr. Wrenn - "The Bible in 24 Hours"
- Nov 9-12** **Crazy About Quilting and Crafts Retreat**
- Dec 8-10** **Advent Retreat**
- Dec 27-29** **Young Adult Retreat**  
*Wednesday-Friday*

♥ **Wild Women on the Water**

**Dates:** July 28-30

**Cost:** \$250

Add-on Rafting: +\$75

Join us for a weekend on the water at camp! Camp out in tents at "Murphy Brassett" (a few minutes walk from camp; has an outhouse on the property!) and cook most of your own meals using our off-site menu. Spend time on the water on stand up paddleboards, kayaks, and canoes, and choose to add rafting to your Saturday itinerary!

Retreat begins with Friday dinner and ends with Sunday morning brunch + worship.



## Glacier Wilderness:

### High School Youth Group Adventures & Servant Trips

Groups come from Montana and all across the country! Bring a group from your community or congregation and choose your adventure. We offer backpacking, kayaking, rafting, sailing, rock climbing, and service trips, or mix and match to create the perfect week for your crew.

Our Wilderness Director will help you choose activities and design a program that will meet your needs.



*My youth were given the opportunity to explore the wonders of God's creation and grow beyond their comfort zones with such a great adventure. We also genuinely had a blast doing all of it.*

*There are so many reasons our week at FLBC was so special. Our leaders, Amari and Frankie were stellar. Both were so authentic, loving, and made us feel safe all week. The overall programming, the delicious coffee (life saver!), the beautiful liturgy of the passion play, and the incredible adventures are just some of the ways we encountered God's love this summer.*

~ Glacier Wilderness Participant



#### ♥ Grand Camp

Dates: July 9-12

Cost: For ages 12+ = \$400  
Ages 4-11 = \$200  
Ages 0-3 = free

Grandparents! Bring your grandkids for a 3 night, 4 day camp! Activities and Bible Study offered for all ages. Enjoy the ropes course, sandbox, art barn, archery, and more (depending on age!) as well as a mid-week Talent Show! Plus, youth campers will have a chance to do an overnighter at one of our sleep-out spots with our staff.

#### ♥ Family Camp Weekends

Dates: June 30-July 2 (80th Anniversary Celebration)  
July 21-23 (All are welcome; staff immediate family members are free)

Cost: Adults 12+ \$250 ea  
Children 4-11 \$125 ea  
Children < 3 Free

Bring your family for a weekend of fun on Flathead Lake! Adventure in the water, through the woods, or to the Art Barn while enjoying time with your whole family.

#### ♥ Week Long Family Camp

Dates: July 2-7

Cost: Adults 12+ \$575 ea  
Children 4-11 \$280 ea  
Children < 3 Free

Adventure for all ages! Bring your family together to experience the joy of camp and dwell in the beauty of God's creation. Adults will have time to participate in Bible Study or enjoy camp activities while FLBC staff lead Bible Study and activities for youth. Plus, consider coming for Family Weekend & 80th Anniversary Celebration (June 30-July 2) to extend your fun!

*This camp has meant so much to these kids and to us. You have helped us in every way grow in Christ. These years of camp will always be part of their lives. The impact that Flathead Lutheran Camp has on children's lives is priceless.*

~ Camper's Grandparents

**Registration for Family Camps opens January 19th, 2023, at 10 AM MST. Call 406-752-6602 to register.**



## Congregational Day Camps at Your Place!

There are many ways to host an awesome summer Day Camp! Bring your group to FLBC for an on-site day camp or have a team of staff come to you. FLBC works with congregations to provide day camps for children in grades 1-6, youth events for grades 7-12, and outreach opportunities for families and adults. Call for availability and more information.

Sign-ups to reserve your week of day camp opens November 17, 2022, at 10 AM!

Application  
opens February 16, 2023



## B.Y.O.F.

### Bring Your Own Event

Create your own retreat or event at FLBC!

Our amazing venue is available year-round for custom retreats, family reunions, celebrations, corporate groups, team building events, youth retreats, Christmas dinners, and much more

Our talented staff are ready to help you plan your event. We would love to have you join us!

Contact us for prices and availability.

## There is Always SOMETHING to be Done at Camp!

Whether helping in the kitchen, cleaning, leading activities for campers, completing a work project or joining in with a group for Bible study, volunteers are invaluable! All volunteers will be housed (with other volunteers), fed & taken care of during their time at camp. We ask that all volunteers share a skill or talent with campers during a one hour "Discovery Time" 4 days of the week (or 2 nights during our short week, July 9-12).

- All volunteers must be 21+ years old (with the exception of alumni staff members).
- Volunteers are asked to consider a \$75 contribution toward their time at camp.
- Cost for non-working family member, age 12+ accompanying a volunteer is \$525.
- Volunteers may not bring children or grandchildren unless they are enrolled in a camp program or are an infant in arms. We ask that camp nurses not bring any guests or children.

### For more information or to apply:

- Download the Volunteer Packet at [www.flbc.net/donate-volunteer](http://www.flbc.net/donate-volunteer) and return it to the camp office or complete it online.
- Call 406-752-6602 to have a packet mailed to you.
- Application opens February 16, 2023!

Spaces fill quickly, so apply early!

Volunteers bring the LOVE!

### Opportunities Include:

#### Camp Grandparents:

As a grandparent for the whole camp, you will serve as a comforting presence while connecting with campers and assist in day-to-day activities such as helping in the kitchen, cleaning, and more.

#### Adult Volunteers

Your week at camp may include helping with maintenance (i.e. cleaning, painting, gardening) and kitchen work, along with sharing your gifts with campers.

#### Nurses/Doctors

You will help care for the physical well-being of FLBC campers, staff, and guests, plus help with other areas—cleaning, discovery centers, etc. as needed.

#### Pastors/Youth Directors

You provide spiritual support by assisting in leading worship, joining Bible studies, and being a warm presence throughout camp, as well as kitchen, cleaning, maintenance, etc.

#### Alumni Staff

Return to camp and share your gifts! We would love to have you join us!  
*You must fill out the volunteer application.*



## Frequently Asked Questions

### I'm registered, what's next?

You will receive an email confirmation and welcome letter which includes a list of what to bring to camp. You can also find this on our website.

### Add [office@flbc.net](mailto:office@flbc.net) to your contacts to make sure you receive emails from FLBC!

### When is everything due?

For campers registered before June 1st:

- Full payment, health form, and required waivers are due by June 1st.

For those registering after June 1st:

- Full payment is due at time of registration.

Please complete forms online at the time of enrollment or as soon as possible.

### Having forms filled out online early will:

- Make registration go much smoother for you and your camper.
- Allow your camper's counselor to review their information and better care for your camper
- Improve your church campership communication
- Help us have your camper's medical information readily available at a moment's notice.

### What time should I arrive at camp for my week?

Camp registration takes place each week on

Sunday afternoon from 3:30–5:00PM (Wednesday afternoon for Half-Week campers). Registration will be located near the basketball court or, if it's raining, in the Cockrell Center. All programs begin & end at FLBC!

### When is the camp week over?

Camp ends with a closing worship/program at 11 AM on the last day of your camper's session (this could be Tuesday for first-half, half week campers, Wednesday for Week 4 campers, or Friday for full week sessions). Family and friends are invited to join us for worship in the Amphitheater, located just beyond the parking lot. Departure is around noon!

### May I send my camper mail while at camp?

Yes! However, consider mail travel time to ensure it arrives in time! **Please NO care packages, gifts, or food.**

### Mailing address:

FLBC "Camper Name and Program" (i.e. Pioneer)  
PO Box 790  
Lakeside, MT 59922

### You can also email your camper!

Send a message to [camper@flbc.net](mailto:camper@flbc.net) with their name & cabin information in the subject line.

**Refund Policy:** FLBC will refund all but the \$100 deposit up to one month in advance of your week at camp. Sorry, no refunds within a month of your camp stay.

### What if I want to come to camp, but can't afford it?

FLBC believes that every person who wants to come to camp should be able to do so! No one is ever turned away for financial reasons.

25% of all program fees are already funded through generous gifts from FLBC supporters. If your camper or a person you know needs financial assistance, "Camperships" are available beginning April 15th.

Call the office at 406-752-6602 to request a Campership form after you have already checked with your congregation and/or family for other scholarship availability.

### Where are you located?

We are located on the west side of Flathead Lake along Highway 93, 17 miles south of Kalispell, Montana, 3 miles south of Lakeside.

### Directions to FLBC:

From Highway 93—Turn onto Lutheran Camp Road (between mile markers 94 & 95). After half a mile, turn left at the 'Y' and continue another half mile to the parking lot on the right (just beyond the Gathering Pavilion).

**REGISTER EARLY & SAVE!**  
Register by:  
March 1 = \$100 off  
April 1 = \$50 off

## FLBC Registration Form

### REGISTER ONLINE FOR 2023 YOUTH CAMPING PROGRAMS – REGISTRATION OPENS NOVEMBER 17, 2022!

Registration for Family Camp Programs open 1/19/23 at 10 AM.

### YOUTH CAMPER INFORMATION I am a first-time camper at FLBC!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M F

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Ph#: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Entering Fall 2023: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Congregation: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

### PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Ph#: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Ph#: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Email (Required): \_\_\_\_\_

### PROGRAM INFORMATION

#### First Program Choice:

\_\_\_\_\_

Week #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Second Program Choice:

\_\_\_\_\_

Week #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Cabin Mate Request (optional):** \_\_\_\_\_

For STAR campers, pick one focus:  Singing  Theater  Art

COST: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPOSIT ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Minimum \$100 non-refundable deposit

TOTAL DUE: \_\_\_\_\_  
**BY JUNE 1, 2023**

### METHOD OF PAYMENT

Check

*Please make payable to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp*

Please charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to my credit card:

Visa  AMEX  Discover  MasterCard

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Card No. \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_ 3 or 4 digit code: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the Campership Fund to assist those in financial need.

## 3 WAYS TO REGISTER!

1. Register online at [www.flbc.net](http://www.flbc.net)
2. Complete and fax this form to **406-752-6670**
3. Complete and return this form to our office:  
**Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp**  
603 S. Main Street, Kalispell, MT 59901

# Meet Doug & Grace!

## How did you first hear about FLBC?

We first became acquainted with FLBC through friends who had life-enriching experiences here as campers and summer counselors. We were drawn to make a site visit during a Summer Camp week more than 12 years ago.

## What has inspired you to stay involved with the camp ministries?

Over time, we learn more about the breadth and value of camp ministries offered year round; and we are inspired to participate and help expand FLBC's long-term vision.

## Tell us about your giving.

## What has inspired you to give of your time and resources?

We care about generously supporting the ministry of FLBC because it nurtures Christian faith and values with a mission statement that is alive and transformational rather than passive and collecting dust on a shelf! We care about making a positive difference in the lives of youth and families who come for camp. We believe FLBC offers great programs for youth and adults to engage in valuable, life-changing experiences.

## What would you tell a young person who is thinking about working for a summer at FLBC?

FLBC has a spectacular location on the west shore of Flathead Lake surrounded by gorgeous mountains. Summer staff have an opportunity to meet and work with college and university students from across the country and beyond. Lifelong friendships are formed. This is a great place to come and grow in faith and servant leadership.

## Next year (2023) the camp will have its 80th birthday. What are your hopes and dreams for the camp?

Our hopes and prayers for the camp continue to grow. We believe God is encouraging FLBC to expand its mission and vision to become Flathead Lutheran Ministries with three primary programs: Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp, Flathead Christian Conference Center, and the Flathead Christian Outdoor Education School (an accredited certificate program). We want to encourage donors to contribute generously to the FLBC Endowment Fund to provide sustaining support for the year round staff, summer counselors and staff, programs, buildings and grounds and to share financial gifts, volunteer time and talents to support the current operating budget and help with capital projects.

We are guided to discover and assist donors who value the long-term vision, mission and goals of FLBC. We embrace and value the camp's amazing 80-year history and strong foundation. Now is the time for FLBC to work with Partners, Legacy Partners, and new donors to build a strong and transformative "bridge to tomorrow." Faith will guide the way. Blessings abound!



*Doug and Grace Schroeder Scott live in Northfield, MN, and in Bigfork, Montana. Doug serves on the FLBC Strategic Planning Committee; and Grace works with FLBC as a Senior Development Consultant. They both love FLBC!*

## Endowment

THANK you to all who have made a special gift, or a gift in your estate plan to an FLBC Endowment fund. One branch of our endowment is for general purposes, and a percentage is given each year to the camp to be used for improvement and/or fun new activities for campers and retreat guests. The other part of our endowment is for camperships... so camp is accessible to all! Prayerfully consider an outright gift or a planned gift to FLBC! Contact the FLBC office if you would like a staff person to visit with you!

**Our Total Endowment: \$980,000!**

**Can we get to 1 million in 2023?**

**THANKS for your prayerful consideration!**

Endowment distributions have helped purchase new backpacks for our wilderness program; continuing education for our staff; new beds and mattresses; our strategic planning process and camperships!

# Musings from Margie

by Margie Fiedler, Executive Director

Nearly daily, I am asked, "How did summer go?" And it is wonderful to say "Great...God is Good and faithful and abounding in steadfast love." Our wonderful staff loved, cared for, worshiped with, played with and shared the love of Christ with campers. The stories of faith growth and fun are endless!

*"I thank God each day I wake up, that I get to serve in this amazing place, and in this amazing community in Christ,"*  
~ Jovenel, 2022 summer staff member from Haiti

*"This camp changed my life... if someone would have told me I could lead backpacking and sailing trips, I never would have believed them. Now my studies and degree is in Wilderness therapy. I owe everything to what I learned at FLBC; I love this camp."*

~ Mantha, Summer Staff 2018, 2019, 2021; and alumni staff volunteer 2022.

As any summer camp season goes, it was not without challenges. Coming "off of Covid" where every system was changed, and with so few campers in 2020 and 2021, came a shift in thinking, planning, and execution! What do we want to bring back? What has changed and what do we want to keep? Our program directors were new since our last full summer in 2019: Program Director Karen began in March of 2021, and Wilderness & Environmental Education Director Richie joined us in November of 2021. Many of our summer staff were new. I remember someone saying "well in Covid, we had to take our life jackets to be scrubbed; where do we put them now when we are done using them?!" Everything was different... Everything, except the unending, boundless love of God!

Personally, this summer I experienced many joys...the joy of seeing staff grow in their faith and leadership, hearing campers giggle with delight playing disc golf, on the flying squirrel, trying to get out of the escape room, and singing "Trumpet sounds" with gusto!! I also experienced the joy of being with 30 adult campers on our Holy Land trip and having my own family experience FLBC family camp with a reunion held at camp (yes finally...after planning both of these for 2020 and 2021, we finally did them in 2022)! Other highlights were having Loni Whitford Taylor, who is from Box Elder, MT, and serves on ELCA church council, at our staff training, hiring therapists to come to camp on Fridays to work with our staff, having the Passion play again after 2 years, and having Sunday morning worship open to our community!

I hope you will look at our 2023 programs that are planned throughout the year, and plan to come to one or more! We are opening registration earlier, in response to requests from campers that need to plan their 2023 schedule before the end of 2022. Remember we celebrate 80 years of ministry in 2023!!! Join us for the parties throughout the year!!

THANK You for your faithful support, and prayers for this ministry. Lives would not be changed without your care.

In thankfulness for Boundless love!



## FLBC Outreach: WE WANT TO PARTNER WITH YOU!

FLBC is partnering with congregations to bring camp-style programming events to youth!

Programming is available in the Fall/Winter/Spring, from October to April. We work with a variety of age groups to lead confirmation, team building, worship, Bible studies, games, service projects, arts and crafts, and more!

Events might look like monthly youth nights with FLBC staff, lock-ins, youth-led Sunday worship, intergenerational family fun nights, or anything else we dream up together!

Our staff will work with your leadership to find a program that meets the needs of your community.





## Thrivent Action Team Ideas

**thrivent**<sup>®</sup> Thanks to all who support camp with their Thrivent Choice dollars and Thrivent Action Teams! Thrivent Choice dollars help us provide financial support to campers of all ages, make improvements around camp, and purchase new equipment to make the camp experience even better! Additionally, Thrivent members can apply for a Thrivent Action Team grant and help camp complete a project! Past Action Teams include building new campfire circles, repairing and providing benches and picnic tables, and much more!

Call our office for help with applying for an Action Team project such as:

- Art Barn roof painted-supplies needed, paint, rollers, brushes, etc.
- Roof for staff summer bathhouse
- Screen doors for cabins
- Fans for cabin spaces
- Storage + organization for art barn

Contact the FLBC office if you would like help directing Thrivent Choice dollars or applying for an Action team!

## The Shalom Home!

Staff housing at FLBC has been an issue since the beginning of the camp in 1943!! Early directors will tell you about living in tents (when camp was only open in the summer!), and Gary and Carol Cockrell have stories about the 2-bedroom home they raised 4 boys in at camp (which also served as the welcome center, office, reception area and more, and currently is the on-site camp office).

With the need for on-site housing to allow us to continue to find the best staff and to protect the camp, the FLBC board has been working on this issue for years. Given the high prices for rent in the Flathead Valley, the time to act is now!

FLBC is working to build a home on Hughes Bay (near our sailing/boating area) on a foundation that was built several years ago. Having a staff residence on this side of camp offers security and protection for this area, while also giving staff a little more privacy from the busy year-round traffic of camp.

As always, flexibility is the name of the game; thus, the home has been designed to meet the needs of the camp in different ways. The home will be able to accommodate one family or two couples, or 3 single people. It is also built with the idea that if it is not needed for staff housing, it can be used as a small retreat center or guest housing throughout the year.

**Estimated cost:** **\$534,000**

**Time frame for building:** **When funds are raised!**

As of August 2022, a total of **\$360,500** has been committed to this project!

**THANK YOU... and thanks for caring for our staff and FLBC!!!**



**JUST IN –**  
A \$237,000 top-off grant committed from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust for the Shalom Home!!  
*Thank you!*





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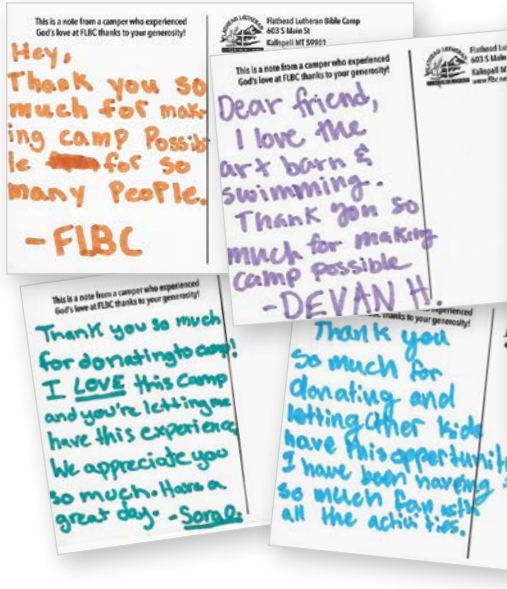
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## Thank yous from our campers!



## Hey Alumni Staff!

### We want to celebrate life's milestones with you!

If you would like to share life news—engagements, weddings, new family members, career updates, etc.—with the FLBC community, send a note/photo to [updates@flbc.net](mailto:updates@flbc.net) to be included in future FLBC communications.



Congratulations to FLBC's Program Director, Karen, and her fiancé Luke, on their engagement!



## 2022 UPCOMING RETREATS



- Nov 4-6 Father/Son Retreat
- Nov 10-13 Quilt & Craft Retreat
- Dec 2-4 Advent Retreat
- Dec 29-Jan 1 Youth Retreat  
3rd-6th Graders

**We hope to see you soon!**  
Mark your calendar and register soon for these upcoming events & retreats!