

# CAMP DAGGETT

*A tradition since 1925 of providing quality character building experiences through educational and recreational programs in a safe, fun environment; serving all ages with an emphasis on youth.*

Friday, October 8, 2021

To all of the friends of Camp Daggett,

2020 was an extraordinary year. For the second time in 95 years and the first time in 73 years, we had to cancel our summer camp program, disappointing more than 1,000 campers looking forward to a week at camp. We lost contact with many of our annual staffers, and had to reduce the hours of our full-time staff to part-time. We cancelled all of our major events, and even delayed hiring a new executive director.

But 2020 was also extraordinary because we were able to accomplish so much. With the support of dedicated donors, like you, we were able to weather the financial losses from camp, and build a new girls' bathhouse. We made upgrades to our property, reaffirming our stewardship to Camp. We had an unprecedented annual campaign, raising close to \$75,000.00. Our 2020 season campers resoundingly approved staying on the roster for 2021, thereby saving us from refunding all of their deposits.

In 2021, we had a sold-out summer camp, two virtual snowshoe outings, a super successful golf outing, and again, Kayak for a Cause on Walloon Lake. Our year-round staff came back to full-time, and I started as the executive director in June. Our protocols for protecting our campers worked well. We learned a lot.

We could not have done this without the unwavering support of our donors. 2021-2022 will have its challenges again, as the grip of the pandemic has not lessened. We will still have to keep an eye on programming in the era of COVID. We will continue to expand our programs to meet our mission and the continuing needs in our schools and communities. We are still committed to our motto, "The Other Fellow First."

We invite you to join us again with an unrestricted gift to support general operations. Funds raised will be used to meet immediate needs at Camp, which include keeping the facilities and grounds in good repair, improving operations and, of course, our dedicated staff.

We invite you to review the giving options, and give from your heart to support us in our 96th year. Also the CARES Act amends the IRS Code by allowing taxpayers that do not itemize their deductions to take a limited above-the-line deduction of up to \$300 for charitable contributions, reducing the taxpayers' adjusted gross income.

Thank you for your support over the years, and for your consideration of this request.

For the "other fellow,"



Andy Hayes  
Executive Director