
What difference does your financial support make?

“Dear Silver Lake,

Thank you for giving me the chance to go to your wonderful camp. I had a lot of fun there. I also made lots of new friends.”

“Dear Silver Lake,

Thank you so much for helping pay so we can go to Silver Lake. Silver Lake was so much fun. My favorite part was probably the high ropes course. High ropes course was really fun. I also liked the low ropes course and the waterfront except walking up the hill. I liked doing the water carnival too! Thanks again.”

“Dear Silver Lake,

I really enjoyed going to camp at Silver Lake last week. I had fun on the challenging high ropes course. All 6 of the boys in my conference enjoyed playing basketball with our male counselor during our free time. I made some new friends too. Thank you for the scholarship!”



***Silver Lake Summer Conferences**....it's having a cook-out by sunset down at the Lake; canoeing or kayaking with your new friends; it's taking a night hike under the stars, it's planning a worship on the dock or in one of the outdoor chapels. It's getting up early, to be a 'waiter' for breakfast, it's singing camp songs with two hundred other conferees in the social hall; it's writing an original song or poem or even an entire musical. It's toasting marshmallows by campfire and being sung to sleep by counselors. It's all this and more.*

Silver Lake Summer Conferences....nothing else quite like it. Changing lives, week by week. We offer over forty summer conferences each year for young people entering fourth grade through post high school. A volunteer leader or "dean" leads each summer conference; each conference is designed to offer an age appropriate program based on a specialized theme. We offer a selection of conferences for a variety of age groups each week and we urge people to choose conferences based on their theme description and grade level.



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Silver Lake Scholarships

Outdoor Ministry is an extension of the local church. It is a means of raising up the next generation of disciples – of calling and preparing the next generation of church and world leaders.



How churches, associations and individuals can support the ministry of the Silver Lake Conference Center by providing financial assistance to young people in need.

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Silver Lake Conference Center Mission Statement

Silver Lake Conference Center, a year-round outdoor ministry of the Connecticut conference of the United Church of Christ, is called to covenant in partnership with God and with the churches of the Conference in the work of forming life-sustaining leaders for the Church and world, by offering:

- ❖ *-Experiences of inclusive and nurturing Christian Community*
- ❖ *-Opportunities to grow and participate as Christ's disciples*
- ❖ *-A model of sustainable environmental stewardship of God's world.*

We worship, learn, play, serve and work together, respecting the right of private judgment. We seek to provide a safe environment of acceptance regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation, reflecting our unity in Christ and respecting the faith journeys of all of God's children.



Your church can sponsor youth going to Silver Lake

- ❖ **Campership:** A full campership is the cost of one registration of a week long conference at Silver Lake. Some churches award X number of camperships to conferees based on need. Some churches sponsor the registration cost for all the young people from their church who want to attend, and some churches sponsor a number of camperships for youth not yet attending any church, as an outreach ministry to youth in the community.
- ❖ **Partial Scholarship:** Provide partial scholarships to young people from your church that wish to attend Silver Lake. This is a great way to demonstrate your church's commitment to the youth, regardless of families' economic status, in providing support to experience faith-forming Outdoor Ministry at Silver Lake.
- ❖ **Special Offering to Silver Lake Scholarship Fund:** Many churches take a special offering in the Spring, during registration season, and contribute to Silver Lake's scholarship fund, which we distribute every year to needy families who apply directly to Silver Lake for assistance. We deplete this fund every year, and rely on churches annual donations to this fund to distribute the over \$9000 in scholarship aid requested.

- ❖ **Endow a Campership Forever:** Your church can invest \$10,000 through the CT Conference Endowment Fund, (contact Charlie Kuchenbrod at charliek@ctucc.org) and the interest would fund every year's registration fee, a spending account at the Camp Store for the week, and address any transportation needs of a camper to attend Silver Lake. This would ensure that your church would automatically sponsor a young person's attendance and support, every year for the NEXT fifty years of Silver Lake's ministry and beyond!!!

Financial assistance provided by individuals, churches and associations can be sent directly to Silver Lake. Please always note the name of the recipient or note Scholarship Fund in the memo.



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