



WOHELO, FRIENDS!

**“Boys and girls, who owns Camp Talooli?”** For more than thirty years, our campers have known how to answer Jeff when he asks that question - **“We do!”** This affirmation helps foster work ethic, responsibility, and stewardship as they help maintain and grow this not for profit facility. This notion is also true for our larger community - whether you are a parent, former member of our staff, or a friend of Talooli, you are part of our extended camp family. It is in this spirit that we are reaching out to request your participation in our ongoing capital campaign.

Camp Talooli is experiencing a period of sustained growth. Our flagship summer camp program is thriving, with our office reporting record registration this year. We have also broadened our offerings to schools and universities, and have tripled the number of students coming to camp in the spring and autumn for field trips and trainings. There is a need in the community to expand further, but we have reached the capacity of our current facilities.

To this end, we broke ground in October of last year on Nokomis Lodge, an 8,000-square-foot multi-purpose building. Nokomis will provide a large assembly area, breakout space, room for specialized programs, and winterized lodging for 48. This will allow us to extend our program season into the winter months, with space for a variety of educational purposes. We can also offer this space as a community resource, reaching out to other service groups and business organizations as a meeting and retreat venue.

If you would like to have a preview of this exciting new project, we invite you to camp for a tour of Nokomis Lodge. This will be an opportunity to see the progress we have made in making this dream a reality. These tours will be given on Tuesday, July 16th and Wednesday, August 7th, from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.

Phase I of construction is complete. We have cleared land, laid foundation, and erected the structure of Nokomis Lodge. Phase II is now underway, with the goal of making Nokomis a habitable and functional space. This spring the electrical, plumbing, and septic systems were laid, with flooring to be added by the time this letter goes to post. Phase II will continue with interior construction, masonry, and furnishing. Phase III consists of a series of smaller projects designed to revitalize Camp Talooli, such as replacing our aging docks, financing a new camp truck and snow plow, building a new shower house, and expanding our Challenge Course to include high-ropes elements.

It is with these goals in mind that we come to you, our camp family, to ask for your help. For 75 years, Camp Talooli has thrived as a self-sustaining *Happy Gathering Place*, lovingly maintained by volunteers and seasonal staff. Major improvements, however, have always required additional support from you, the community. For the first time in over a decade, we are asking you for that financial support.

We here at Camp Talooli are very excited to bring this capital campaign to you. This is the culmination of years of planning, research, and programming. We believe that every young person can benefit from time in the natural environment, learning and practicing critical social skills, making connections, and simply having fun. With your help, the construction of Nokomis Lodge and associated campwide upgrades will be a catalyst, providing long-term security to Talooli and ensure the continuity of its mission for another generation.

Yours In Camping,

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I would like to make a financial gift, in honor of  
**75** years of Camp Talooli.

*\$75 Gifts at this level and above will receive an engraved, commemorative dog tag.*

*\$750 Gifts at this level and above will be recognized in Nokomis Lodge.*

*\$7,500 Gifts at this level and above will receive a personalized Camp cabin sign.*

*\$\_\_\_\_\_ .75 Gift at a level of your choosing.*

- I would like to volunteer my time.
- I would like to make an in-kind donation.
- I would like to contribute in some other way

*Please make checks payable to: Camp Talooli*

*We are also registered with PayPal, a link to which is on our website: [camptalooli.org](http://camptalooli.org).*