



**BLACK ROCK**  
Christian Camp & Retreat Center

**A Summer of**  
**LIGHT**



2024 MINISTRY REPORT  
**SHINING FOR 70**

# GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

In May, I traveled far from my home country to an unfamiliar place in the middle of Pennsylvania, USA. I arrived very late at night to a cabin full of strangers, and fear overwhelmed me. I was pleasantly surprised by the warmth of the people, their kindness, and the friendship they offered me from the start. As the days passed, I began to hear the Lord's voice more clearly—a voice that had been calling me for over 20 years. But with all the noise of the city and my busy life, I had never been able to hear it clearly!

Surrounded by His teachings and by people who had already received Him in their hearts, I was able to know Him even more deeply. I came to know Jesus not just by knowing His name and His story, but by living it.

When I started working with the children, I felt very nervous. The campers were full of energy, each one very different from the other—special in their own way, each holding a place in my heart. The Lord filled me with wisdom and patience, enabling me to reach their hearts in the way each one needed. Some needed to be listened to, others needed attention and play, some needed recognition and validation, but the truth is, they all needed to hear the message of salvation.

Kneeling down to tie a child's shoelaces reminded me of when Jesus washed His disciples' feet. In this life, we are here to serve without exceptions. I can say with certainty that, as a team, through acts of service and humility, we preached and faithfully followed that same example of love—as a community, as a church, as a family: The Black Rock Family.



– Silvana Magaña,  
Summer Camp  
International Counselor

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Dear Friends,

**A**t year's end, I'm reaching out with exciting updates from the year and an invitation to join us in creating an unforgettable summer 2025 for the children at Black Rock!

For over 70 years, Black Rock has been a place of adventure, growth, and friendship. Each summer, we welcome kids from all walks of life, many of whom attend camp through our scholarship program. Thanks to generous donors like you, these children can experience the joy and transformation that camp brings—discovering new interests, building lifelong friendships, and enjoying the wonders of the outdoors.

To continue providing the best experience possible, we need to invest in some essential upgrades to our equipment. Many of our most-loved items are due for an update. (See our special "Wish List" below!) With these upgrades, we can ensure a safe, enriching environment where every camper has the tools they need to learn, explore, and make lasting memories.

Your support can make this vision a reality. By donating to Black Rock Christian Camp & Retreat Center, you're directly contributing to the experiences of kids who might not have this chance otherwise. Every donation, whether big or small, brings us closer to outfitting our camp with the resources needed to deliver a summer they'll never forget.

We invite you to prayerfully consider joining us in making this happen. Please feel free to reach out if you'd like to hear more about our plans for the upcoming summer!

Thank you for considering this opportunity to impact the lives of young people. Your kindness and generosity help keep camp alive for our community's youth.

With hope,

Peter Fiorello, Executive Director

## BLACK ROCK'S WISH LIST

### Maintenance Needs:

- New Maintenance Vehicle.....\$25,000
- Dump Trailer.....\$8,000
- Toolbox/Tools.....\$5,000
- Car Lift.....\$10,000

### Summer Camp Needs:

- New Cameras and Videography Equipment.....\$3,500
- Summer Camp Equipment.....\$3,000
- Chapel Lighting.....\$3,000
- New Sports Equipment.....\$500



## 2024 Beyond the Bonfire

### OPERATIONS

- **254,876** meals served
- **\$265,555** projected operations total (Jan 1- Dec 31)
- **241** Retreat Groups
- **381** stuffed animals sold in our shops
- **209** volunteers totaling **1,661.5** hours of volunteer work



### FOOD SERVICE

- Scooped **2,688** pounds of yogurt
- Sliced **3,120** pounds of strawberries
- Chopped **4,758** individual heads of lettuce
- Devoured **45,120** dinner rolls



### OUTDOOR EDUCATION

- Over **3,000** s'mores eaten
- **75** group creek visits
- **70** glow dodgeball sessions
- **19** archery tag sessions
- Nature center animals ate over **8,000** crickets



### CAMP

- **1,367** total camp registrations
- **431** first-time campers
- **715** campers reported that they grew in their relationship with God

### INTERNATIONAL SUMMER STAFF HOME COUNTRIES

- Mexico, Colombia, Madagascar, South Africa, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Great Britain, Romania, Malawi, Paraguay, New Zealand, India



### GENEROUS DONORS

- Over **\$50,000** was provided to **129** campers for full scholarships
- Total sponsorship money totaled over **\$124,000**
- **475** Individual donors from **14** states

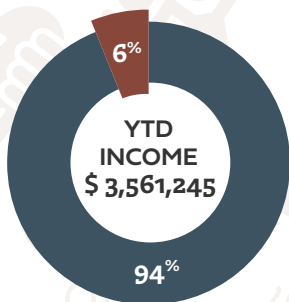


# You helped adVANce our mission!



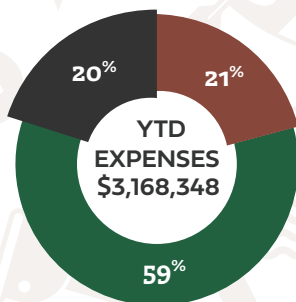
**W**e are so grateful that you helped us purchase a van. Thanks to your gifts, we were able to pick up 44 children and transport them to summer camp at Black Rock!

## Black Rock's Impact in Action



### INCOME

- Retreats and Program Revenue: \$3,336,192
- Donations: \$225,053



### EXPENSES

- General & Administrative and Development: \$665,912
- Retreats: \$1,880,266
- Programs: \$622,170

## WHAT DID YOU LEARN AT CAMP?

- "God is kind, He cares about me, and He loves me."
- "I learned that God will be with you through the highs and lows."
- "God listens when we pray, even if it's just a sentence."
- "Even a child can impact the world."

## WHY SHOULD MORE KIDS COME TO CAMP?

- "Because it takes you away from the world and what the world teaches, and it can be life-changing if you open up and let God change you."
- "Amazing experiences and great peers. I've never been this close to God."





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"This week, I took a break from the world and technology and was able to reset my relationship with God. This camp helped me to reorganize my priorities and rededicate my life to God."

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