



Camp Bishopswood

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Summer camp made simple

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Dear Friends of Bishopswood,

This is the moment. Bishopswood needs your help right now like we never have before.

In recent months you've been hearing from me and Bishop Lane about the urgent need to replace the camp's primary septic system. (In case you missed it: midsummer system failure, emergency countermeasures, disaster averted, long-term solution needed.)

We have been working as fast as we can to get our plan in place, and the work has to be completed next spring. If we don't complete the project, Camp doesn't open next summer. It's just that simple.

The best estimates say this work is going to cost around \$185,000. The money needs to be raised right now to give us enough time in the spring to get the construction done. Our timeline is very tight.

Will you join me in making a special gift to this emergency appeal? I know we can reach our goal if everyone who cares about Bishopswood pulls together. We need your help now.

And there's good news: two generous donors have stepped up and together offered to match the first \$15,000 that is given in response to this letter. Any gift you make now will have double the impact in helping reach the goal.

In this season of giving, please be as generous as you can in support of this necessary project. If you would like more information before making your gift, let me know. I'd be happy to talk with you more about our plan.

As always, thank you for your loyal support of Camp Bishopswood and for your generosity as we face this emergency situation.

Sincerely,

Mike Douglass
Executive Director