

THE LAKE PATH

THE NEWSLETTER FOR SUPPORTERS OF SKY LAKE



SKY LAKE FOUNDATION, INC.

MISSION

Incorporated as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with the mission to raise awareness and donations to help Sky Lake Camp & Retreat Center remain financially healthy for generations to come.

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GIVING TUESDAY: COMFORT MY PEOPLE

Giving Tuesday started as a response to the ever-increasing weekend of shopping immediately following Thanksgiving. This day is dedicated to donating to nonprofits near and dear to one's heart. Sky Lake has traditionally participated in Giving Tuesday to raise funds for its Annual Fund. This year, we are going to branch out a bit!

To anyone who has recently sat on one of our couches, love seats, or chairs, it will come as no surprise that the cushions and covers are in need of replacement. We have drawn inspiration for this mini-campaign from the Book of Isaiah in which the prophet was instructed to "comfort ye, comfort ye my people." Please see the included flyer for more information and how to give toward making our *This End Up* furniture as comfortable as they were when first purchased almost 25 years ago.

MAKE-A-SPLASH UPDATE

Speaking of mini-campaigns. You made it happen! The Make-a-Splash project was fully funded and was completed over the summer. A new accessible paddle boat was purchased and christened. A new lifeguard shed was purchased and put in place to improve the waterfront. A new set of lifejackets will help to keep campers safe while boating for years to come. A huge thanks to all of you as donors to make this happen!



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20

Order by Thursday, Dec. 18

FAMILY WINTER WEEKEND 2026

JANUARY 16-19

All Ages

SENIOR HIGH RETREAT

MARCH 13-15

Ages 15-18

SPECIAL NEEDS GETAWAY

MARCH 19-21

Ages 18+

VOLUNTEER WORK DAYS

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

SATURDAY, MAY 9

SATURDAY, MAY 16

REJUVENATE: A SPRING LADIES OF THE LAKE

MAY 1-3

Women, Ages 18+

FAMILY CAMPGROUND WEEKEND

MAY 22-24

All Ages

OPEN HOUSE

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

All Ages

SUMMER CAMPS

JUNE 29-AUGUST 7

Ages 5+

FOR DETAILS, VISIT:
skylakecenter.org



GRATITUDE FOR 2025

As we approach the time of year when we pause to give thanks for the many blessings in our lives and world, it seems appropriate to extend our thanks to all those who have helped make 2025 such a great year at Sky Lake.

Every year since 2020, we find ourselves commenting that “this year really feels like we’ve returned to our pre-covid normal.” The difference between the last few years and 2025, is that our camper and guest records support that sentiment.

Sky Lake experienced a 25% increase in summer camp registrations over 2024, being a few campers shy of 2019's total. A fair number of those campers came from our strengthening relationship with the Susquehanna Annual Conference. The number of guest days (the metric we use to track retreat usage) increased by 10% over 2024 and by 22% since 2019.

We are grateful for the individuals, families, organizations, volunteers, staff, cheerleaders, and donors who chose to support Sky Lake this year. What a blessing it has been to welcome new and returning campers and guests to a place so many of us hold sacred.

If you didn't have an opportunity to visit this year, we invite you to do so in 2026!

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED A MID-WEEK RETREAT?

Reservations for groups and families are filling up for the winter and spring. However, if you would like to plan a retreat in the middle of the week, we have some openings that could meet the needs of your group. Consider if your church or family group would like to experience some respite by the fireplace and meals cared for by our staff. Hiking trails are open to experience Creation.

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GIVING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

Comfort My People (with some new cushions)

Help us make our *This End Up* furniture comfortable for the next 25 years! Our overall goal of \$5,610 will provide for all new cushions and covers for the couches, love seats, and chairs in our lodges. We have created three phases for this mini-campaign:

1

PHASE ONE: RILEY LODGE

GOAL: \$1,615

Three sofas, two love seats, and six chairs

2

PHASE TWO: FOUNDERS' LODGE

GOAL: \$2,040

Six sofas, one love seat, and four chairs

3

PHASE THREE: UNDERWOOD LODGE

GOAL: \$1,955

Three sofas, six love seats, and two chairs

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Stay tuned to Sky Lake's social media channels for regular updates on Giving Tuesday, December 2nd.

Give online at skylakefoundation.org
or detach and return the donation form below

SUSTAINABLE FOREST OF GIVING

Set up a recurring gift on our secure website or inquire with your financial institution to automatically send a physical check each month. Inspired by the diversity of trees found in the forests of Sky Lake, the various levels of giving by our monthly donors (collectively known as the Sustainable Forest of Givers) reflect the need for a diversity of gifts to sustain the mission.

While the levels below do not directly cover the examples given, each individual level does essentially equate to the examples :

- **Black Cherry (\$250/month)**—a Sky Lake t-shirt for each summer camper to tie-dye and wear home
- **Sugar Maple (\$100/month)**—salt and sand to keep roads, driveways, and walkways passable in the winter
- **Red Oak (\$50/month)**—new blades and annual service on the zero-turn mower
- **White Pine (\$25/month)**—supplies to make lots of s'mores during the summer
- **Hemlock (\$19.47/month)**—group photos for each camper to take home and remember their time at Sky Lake

MY GIVING TUESDAY 2025 DONATION FOR THE SKY LAKE FOUNDATION

Enclosed is my donation in the amount of ☐ \$7,500 ☐ \$750 ☐ \$75 ☐ Other _____

☐ Charge my MasterCard/Visa for the above amount ☐ Check (made payable to "Sky Lake Foundation")

Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Security Code: _____

☐ I/We would like this gift to support the Comfort My People Campaign.

☐ I/We would like this gift to support the ministry of Sky Lake in general.

Name(s) of Donor: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Preferred Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Please return to: Sky Lake Foundation, Attn: Matt Williams, 501 William Law Road, Windsor NY 13865