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$50,000 FOR INCLUSION!



Inclusion is blooming at HopeWood Outdoors! We're THRILLED to share that HopeWood Outdoors was awarded a $50,000 grant from the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Total Inclusion! Initiative. This money is dedicated to camperships for underserved populations, as well as increasing care for and access to the 10,000-year-old Native American ceremonial mound on site at HopeWood Pines. We're grateful for the trust of Lutheran Outdoor Ministries and the generosity of the Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies (MACP), whose support has sustained Total Inclusion! initiatives across the LOM network.

SILENT AUCTION EXCITEMENT

AUCTION ALERT

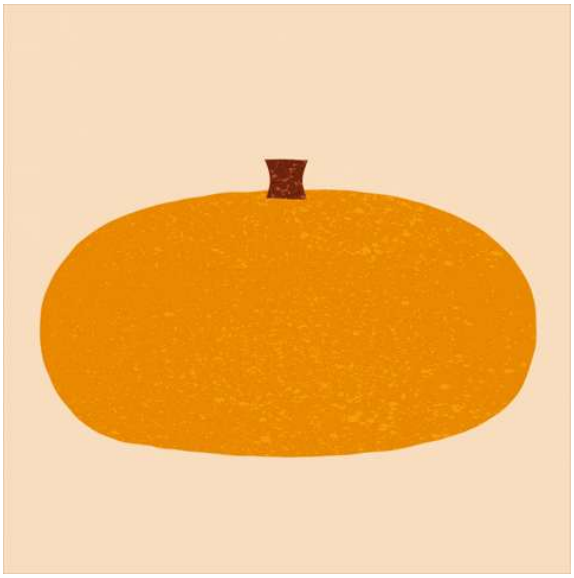
If you thought the HopeWood Gala silent auction was exciting in years past, just wait until you see what we have in store this year! We're bringing together some truly exceptional items and experiences, and you won't want to miss your chance to bid.
Here are three highlights to look forward to:

- *A Bourbon Hunter's Dream: The Full Rainbow Weller Set!*
  This rare collection is a real gem, and bourbon aficionados are going to be drooling over it. Whether you're a serious collector or simply appreciate an extraordinary bottle, this is the kind of auction item that will have people watching the bids closely!
- *Incredible Getaways at Incredible Prices with AmFund*
  We're excited to introduce a new sponsorship with AmFund, bringing exclusive international vacation packages to our silent auction. These are opportunities to experience amazing destinations around the world at approximately half the usual cost. Start dreaming about your next adventure, because this could be your chance to make it happen!
- *Steak, Bourbon, and a Day by the Lake*
  How does a day of steak and bourbon by the lake with HopeWood's Executive Director sound? Enjoy a memorable meal, excellent bourbon, and the beauty of nature in good company. It's a one-of-a-kind experience you won't find just anywhere, and it could be yours with the winning bid!
- *A Private Pool Party at the Brand-New HopeWood Pines Pool*
  This one has been a looooong time coming, and we could not be more excited that it's finally here! The brand-new pool at HopeWood Pines is ready to make a splash, and you could be among the very first to enjoy it. Bid on a private pool party and gather your favorite people for an unforgettable day at camp, with exclusive access to one of HopeWood's most anticipated new additions.

Of course, an auction like this depends on the generosity of our community, and we're still looking for silent auction donations! Do you have a special item, good, service, or unique experience you could contribute? We'd love to hear from you. If you have something to donate, please fill out our silent auction donation form and tell us what you have in mind.

Every donation helps make the Gala more exciting while supporting the ministry of HopeWood Outdoors. We can't wait to see what this year's auction brings, and we hope you'll be part of it!

THANK YOU JENNIE!



As we enter this season of gratitude, we will be featuring some special Thank You moments. Today, we are incredibly grateful for how Jennie White stepped in as Interim Program Director. She helped to bridge an important gap at a critical time between outgoing and incoming leadership While she stepped back from this role as of November 1st, Jennie continues to offer support to Patmon and Ryan as they orient to the programming demands of our growing programs. As Jennie continues the call process, you may still see her around as a retreat host, archery supervisor, or in other roles at camp. Please join us in sharing your gratitude with Jennie!

PARTNER OPPORTUNITIES

Are you a HopeWood Outdoors Partner and want your event/opportunity highlighted in our FireSide News? Reach out to guestrelations@hopewoodoutdoors.org for more information!

Our Vision

Connecting all people with nature & faith to bless a changing world.

Our Mission

Faithfully inspiring people to embrace their callings in creation & community.

Core Values

Vibrant Faith + Cherishing Creation + Developing and Deepening Relationships
Inspiring Leadership + Abundant Stewardship

Welcome Statement

Striving for unity in Christ, your whole person is recognized, welcomed, and affirmed by HopeWood Outdoors. People of all abilities, friends within the LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC communities, and neighbors of varying faith expressions represent the wideness of God's creation. You are invited to fully experience nature and engage in programming that allows you to find comfort and confidence in the ways that you have been wonderfully made by our Creator. Your joy and pain, your highs and lows, your life and your life story are welcome here.

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