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IT IS A NEW DAY AT CAMP HARRIS! We have big plans to reach lots of people for Jesus Christ and we need your help. Our vision is to promote retreats, camps, conferences and seminars that enable churches, organizations, and individuals to have an encounter with God through Jesus Christ by providing facilities and services where groups can fellowship, develop their spiritual lives, and grow in their relationship with God.

Our goal for 2022 is to renovate the old school building, now known as the NEW LIFE CENTER and to replace the Swimming Pool at a cost of \$600,000. We need you and your church to help us achieve this fundraising goal.



The New Life Center houses the auditorium, the gym, and lots of classrooms. Constructed in 1924 as the Harris Community School, the building still has good bones, but needs a new roof, a fresh coat of paint, and updating throughout.

The Swimming Pool was built around 1970 and, after 50 years of service, is ready to be replaced.



Camp Harris is owned by Concord Union, Webster/Claiborne and Bienville Association churches, which includes you. We are your camp. And we need your help. We ask you and your church for a financial gift to support this effort. A one-time gift would be greatly appreciated, as well as including us in your upcoming annual budget. If all of our churches will give an additional 1% of their annual budget, we will reach our goal in 3 years.

This is Phase 1 of more to come. Our next goal is a new dining hall. We want to continue to build Camp Harris into a ministry center that will serve the needs of our churches for years to come.

Please take this fundraising effort to your church, budget committee or finance committee and do all you can to help us reach this goal.



This page is a more detailed description of what we are trying to accomplish. “IT IS A NEW DAY AT CAMP HARRIS” is a fundraising effort to aid in the improvement our facilities, specifically renovation of the Old School, now called “The New Life Center,” and the replacement of the swimming pool. We estimate the cost of each project at approximately \$300,000 each.

The New Life Center needs significant roof repair, including re-engineering the roof to properly shed water and eliminate pooling on the roof which is causing leaks. The entire roof will be repaired and resurfaced and recovered. The gym floor will be repaired and refinished. Many classrooms will be updated and the interior of the building will receive a fresh coat of paint. This will return the Old School to an attractive and welcoming centerpiece of Camp Harris.

The Swimming Pool needs replacing. It is a battle every year to prepare the pool for camp, fighting water leaks and a struggling filtration system. The walkways around the pool are substandard and the area is unattractive. Staying cool during Summer Camp is a top priority and a dip in the pool is an important part of that. We plan to replace the pool completely, including water slides, a kiddie pool and a pool house. It will be an exciting part of camp for the children.

Our \$600,000 goal for the New Life Center and the Swimming Pool is Phase 1 of more projects to come. We want to continue to improve Camp Harris to become a leading camp destination. Our next goal is the replacement of the Dining Hall, followed by the renovation of the Hotel Rooms. We also plan to add more attractions along the way, like a shooting range, archery range, ropes course, rappelling, giant treehouses, and more.

Each year at Camp Harris, we host 2,000-3,000 people, including quilters, scrapbookers, church retreats, disaster relief workers, and children’s and youth camps. Dozens of people make lifetime decisions for Jesus each year at Camp Harris. We want to keep Camp Harris as a vital part of your church’s ministry and we want to provide the best place possible for people to get away from the world and, as our motto says, “be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:10).

Camp Harris has an annual budget of approximately \$500,000. God has sustained the camp in amazing ways through COVID, when church groups waned, by allowing us to minister to a boys home from South Louisiana during Hurricane Laura and a special needs facility during Hurricane Ida. Church contributions to Camp Harris is 15% of our budget.

If your church is already giving, we ask you to consider giving an additional 1% of your church budget to “It’s a New Day at Camp Harris.” If your church does not give monthly to Camp Harris, we ask to consider giving 1% of you church budget to this great effort. God can do amazing things when we work together. Please contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

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