



Camp Mason Wish Lists

Camp Mason operates twelve months a year and is, essentially, a “little city.” We annually spend more than \$500,000 on supplies and equipment. An additional \$100,000 is spent on occupancy costs such as electricity, fuel oil, propane and gasoline. Another \$100,000 is used to pay for contracted services (maintenance-related projects, printing, accounting, etc.). The majority of our other annual expenses go toward personnel and benefits.

Our ability to generate in-kind gifts of goods and services will allow us to save significant dollars – funds that can then be used to improve our programs and enhance the quality of our facilities.

We are a 501(C) (3) organization – all contributions to Camp Mason are tax-deductible to the extent of IRS laws.

How You Can Help

As you read through the comprehensive wish lists below, you may identify items that you possess and would be willing to donate to camp. Obviously, we’re looking for items of appropriate quality and with a suitable lifespan. Please contact us so that we can discuss a potential donation.

You may know of others who possess items on our lists. Or, you may be involved in a profession that might lead to a potential in-kind gift. For example, folks in the restaurant business may be aware of the availability of free or discounted kitchen equipment. If you’re in the printing business you may be able to provide free printing services. Frequently offices will update computers, copiers and other equipment and need to dispose of perfectly-usable items.

You may also choose to make a designated monetary contribution for a particular item. Please contact CEO Dave DeLuca if you have a specific interest and would like additional information.

The Lists

Each of our department heads has contributed to the lists that follow – summer camp, outdoor center, maintenance, food service and administration. We’ve also included a “shoot for the moon” section: significant facility additions and enhancements that would require major monetary gifts to bring to fruition. Some of these projects would also have naming opportunities for the donors.

Summer Camp

- Pottery wheels
- Tubes for river trips
- Pool robot (vaccuum unit)
- Ukuleles (6-8) for Uke Class Afternoon Activity
- Hand Drums for Drumming Afternoon Activity (Various hand drums and percussion instruments)
- Woodshop tools (*We’re starting a new program this summer!*)
 - Hammers (3)
 - Jig Saw (1)
 - Handsaws (2)
 - Safety Goggles (6)
 - Wood Glue
 - Tool Chest (1, locking, to fit tools)
 - Slide Square (1)
 - Router (1)
 - Pliers (1 set)
 - Cordless Drills/Drivers (2)
 - Drill Bits (1 set)
 - Yard Sticks (2)
 - Wood Chisels (1 set)
 - Clamps (assorted)
 - Electric Sander (1, random orbital)
 - Sand Paper (assorted)
 - Speed Squares (2)
 - Circular Saw (1)
 - Tape Measures (2)
 - Ear Protection (6)
 - Fasteners (screws, nails)
 - Levels (2, large and small)
 - Screw Drivers (1 set)
 - Bench Vise (1)

Costumes (*The possibilities are endless!*)

Old/Funny Hats	Dresses/Skirts	Interesting Scarves
Old/Funny Suit Coats	Old/Funny Pants	Old Halloween Costumes
Masks	Old/Funny Vests	Anything retro or interesting!

Outdoor Center Wish List

Pond nets (30)	Pond Guides (15)	Waders - thigh high, PVC (8 prs)
Harnesses (20)	Helmets (20)	Skulls for forest ecology
Oars for row boats (7 sets)	Canoes (6)	Rowboats (5)
PFDs (50)	GPS units (2)	Folding tables – plastic (10)
Giant Chess Set (1)	Televisions (2)	DVD players with remotes (4)
Staff uniforms (shirts, vests, jackets)		Binoculars (16 pairs)
Curtains/curtain rods for cabins		Fire place tools (4 sets)
Board Games – variety (20)		

Maintenance

\$0-\$500 in value

passage lock door handles – Schlage or Kwikset
compact fluorescent light bulbs – 60-watt and 75-watt
pneumatic air tools (nail guns for finishing/framing), mechanics tools such as air ratchets, air chisels, die grinder, sander, etc.
rolls of charcoal-colored fiberglass fly screen 36” wide by 100’ long
landscaping/gardening tools such as spade shovels, flat shovels, stone rakes, leaf rakes, digging bars, post hole diggers, picks, etc.
gas-powered push mowers (the simpler the better)
gas-powered weed eaters (Stihl brand preferred)
mechanic’s hand tools such as ratchets, sockets, box/open-end wrenches, screwdrivers. Professional quality metric and SAE..

\$500-\$2000 in value

professional-quality mechanics tool chest with wheels
lumber in a variety of sizes for future projects

- 2” by 4” by 8’
- 4’ by 8’ plywood sheets

mig welder (Hobart brand) 120-v unit and accessories such as welding wire, helmet and gloves, gas
electric paint sprayer – professional or commercial grade
3-point auger attachment for camp tractor
propane on-demand water heater for shop
flail mower for camp tractor – PTO-driven, 3-point attachment, 6’-wide or wider

>\$2000 in value

John Deere riding mower – zero-turn with 60” deck or larger
Skag ride-behind mower with 60” deck
Landscape equipment trailer large enough for gator and mowers
3-point hoe attachment for camp tractor
John Deere gator with hydraulic dump bed
Grit spreader for camp truck. Commercial grade that can be loaded with loose grit or sand
Gas-operated leaf vacuum system for truck. Large, commercial unit.
Leaf-blower system for tractor – Agri-metal brand model 2500 3-point hitch blower
Snow blower attachment for gator or larger one for camp tractor
PTO-driven finish mower for tractor – at least 72” wide

Donated Services

Upgraded electrical system in maintenance shop – to support current needs
Various tree removal and trimming projects
Professional painting services
Professional sanding/refinishing of cabin floors – Algonquin and Apache
Professional re-roofing of a number of camp cabins
Landscaping: repair of the soccer field surface
Printing of various brochures and other literature

Food Service

Ice machine	Ceiling fans	New warmer
Washer/dryer	Double deep fryer	Computer
Can openers (institutional style)	Stainless steel work table	New soup urn
Larger institutional toaster	New carpet for office	

Office/Administration

Easels/pads	Desks/desk chairs	Laser printer
Personal computers (flat screen monitors, Windows XP or newer)		
Miscellaneous office supplies		

Vehicles

15-passenger school bus	Pick-up trucks	Minivan	Backhoe with covered cab
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The “Dream Big” List (*Facilities and equipment we’d love to eventually have*)

Commercial dishwasher for kitchen

Pavilions...

... on the other side of the lake

... at day camp

... in Sioux & Iroquois Villages

Standardized furnishings for Iroquois /Sioux common rooms

- sofas
- benches
- tables/chairs

Day camp bathrooms

Dining Hall bathrooms

Overnight shelters (3)

Big pool slide (corkscrew-style)

Look-out deck and tree house platform up at the top of the horse pasture for views and vistas

Large pole building for equipment/materials storage (maintenance)

Additional high ropes course elements

Replacement staff housing units

Replacement of Algonquin Village Cabins

Ranch camp cabins located near upper barn

Ceramics shed near the arts and crafts building

Volunteer Opportunities

In addition to donations of goods, services and money, Camp Mason has a number of opportunities for volunteer involvement. These include participation on a number of committees and task forces, such as:

Marketing Task Force

Program & Facilities Committee
Fundraising Committee

Finance & Personnel Committee

Alumni Task Force

Participation on a committee or task force is a wonderful way to share your expertise with Camp Mason. It is also a way to learn more about our independent YMCA camp and, could potentially lead, if desired, to a position on the Camp Mason Board of Trustees.

For More Information

Please contact CEO Dave DeLuca for more information about our wish lists or any of our other opportunities to provide assistance to Camp Mason.

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