

Family Legacy Gifts - FAQ

What is a Family Legacy Gift?

A Family Legacy Gift is a significant financial gift made up of many smaller donations made by more than one generation of a family who is connected to Camp Lebanon. Often this family has a significant history with the Camp going back multiple generations. In the context of the “Elevate the Impact” Campaign, these gifts can be made over three to four years to enable a family’s biggest and best gift. Combined, a family clan’s donations will provide a significant boost in the construction of Camp’s multi-purpose gym and recreational space.

Why make a Family Legacy Gift?

A Family Legacy Gift is a meaningful way to commemorate a family’s history with Camp Lebanon. Stories from these families consistently testify of the impact Camp Lebanon has had on the spiritual journeys of those who attended Camp. Whether summer youth camp, parent-child retreats, family camp, quilt and craft retreats, or serving on summer staff, lives have been changed and faith has been strengthened!

Eventually, summer campers grow up, raise families of their own, and so continue the camp traditions. One day the matriarch and patriarch of these families look back in awe of all that God has done in their family through Camp Lebanon. A Family Legacy gift then becomes a wonderful way to thank God for His faithfulness.

Making a Family Legacy gift is also a way to ensure that future generations have an impactful experience. While relational ministry is still the focus of Camp Lebanon’s outreach, the “tools of ministry” have never been more important to the health and vitality of the mission. Harsh Minnesota winters and rainy weeks in the summer affect a camper’s experience. Having adequate indoor facilities to experience year-round the “Funnest Fun,” cultivate loving relationships, and proclaim the Truth of God’s love, is necessary in our culture today. When completed, the new gym will feature a full-size basketball court, climbing wall, performance stage for high-quality worship, coffee/snack shop and lounge area allowing for people of all ages to “meet with God”.

How can our family make a Legacy Gift?

Family Legacy gifts can be made in a couple of ways. One way is for each family clan to **set a financial goal** with each individual family prayerfully determining what they can give to help meet the goal. Sometimes one family will make the “last” gift bringing the grand total to the stated goal. A second way is for **each individual family to make a pledge or gift** to make up the clan’s total gift. When all families have participated, the grand total is celebrated. Regardless of how the gifts are made, Camp Lebanon will keep each individual families gifts confidential among the clan. It’s up to each family clan to determine what is shared within the family.

How will Camp help?

To facilitate communication and to simplify the donation process, Camp Lebanon will set up a secure and personalized webpage for your family clan. Donations can be made confidentially while still allowing the family to follow progress in workings towards the “grand total.” Additional resources, including project details and a summary of the multiple forms of donations will also be available on the site.

What about memorial gifts?

Families may wish to dedicate their Family Legacy Gift in honor of a deceased patriarch or matriarch who had a significant connection with Camp.

Can children make gifts?

Making a Family Legacy Gift can be an excellent way for children to learn biblical stewardship and to grow a sense of ownership in the ministry of Camp Lebanon. Camp has developed an online resource to help kids discover fun, age-appropriate options.