

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

January 18, 2018



Our Mission

Empowering children by providing a safe place for growth and enrichment in the great outdoors while prospering a respect for the environment.

Outdoor Experiences not readily available to most children.

Canoeing Fishing
Shooting sports
Pond swimming
Fitness Trail
Outdoor play Hiking



Unique outdoor experiences

Leadership

Camp Alexander of Kansas, LLC is led by a volunteer Board of Directors who are a working board, as there are no year round fulltime employees. The board is committed to ensuring that the organization's financial resources are invested and property is maintained to meet the mission of camp.

Board of Directors

Carmen Leeds, Chair
Emporia State University

Eric Porter, Vice Chair
ESB Financial

Jon Proehl, Secretary
City of Emporia

Alicia Redeker, Treasurer
Pool & Associate Chartered

Bob Burenheide, Maintenance Dir
Modern Air

Mike Alpers
American Family Insurance

Corey Bacon
Frontier Farm Credit Services, Inc.

Gary Bacon
ONEOK, Retired

Wayne Fessler
Valunet, Retired

Steve Hollar
Independent Handyman

Brett McEvoy
Hopkins Manufacturing

Kevin Olge
Ogle Construction

Al Slappy
Emporia Recreation Center



Seasonal Staff

Jen McKay Camp Director
USD 253, Village

Carla Fessler, Offseason Coord
USD 253, Riverside

Juan Ramirez, Program Director
USD 253, Village

Financial Advisor

Tracy Edwards, Ameriprise Financial

2017 Volunteer Hours

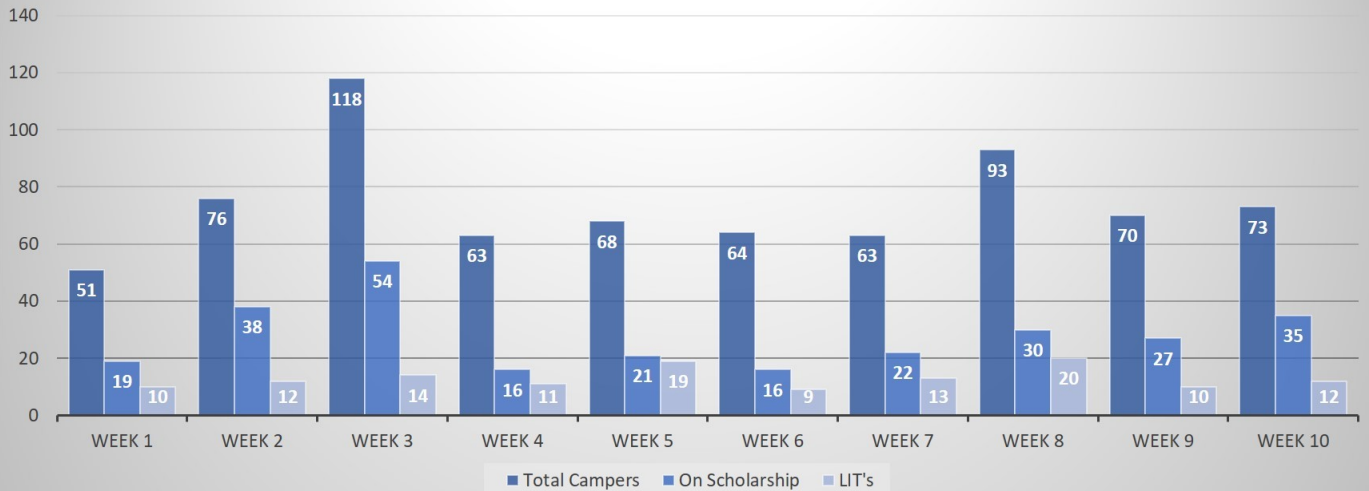
Over 900 hours by 11 board members

Over 700 hours by community members

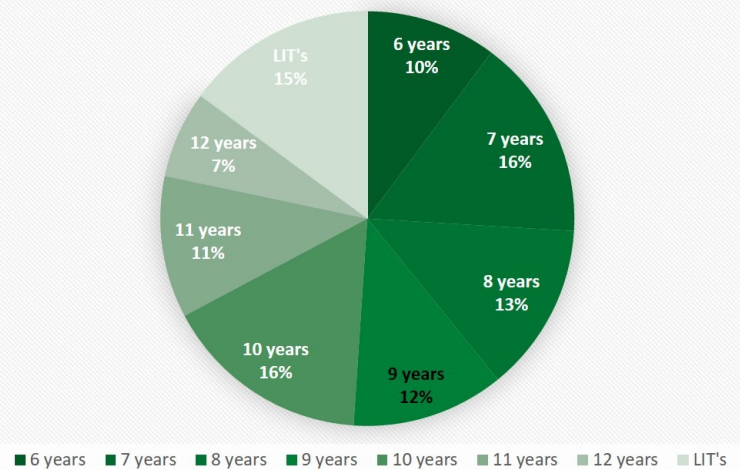
Camper Breakdown

Individual camper numbers increased again this summer serving 235 individual campers for a total of 770 campers in the summer. Leader in Training Program (ages 13-16) was enhanced to require a resume and extensive application to ensure the applicants were prepared for the leadership responsibilities they would be given. Two local businesses participated in the corporate program to provide children of their employees scholarships.

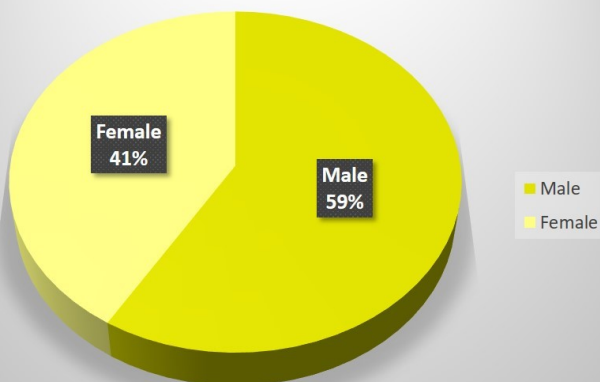
Weekly Numbers



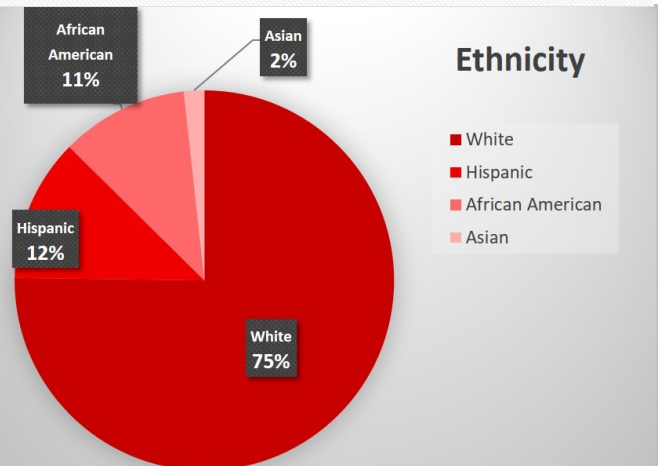
Age of Campers



Gender



Ethnicity



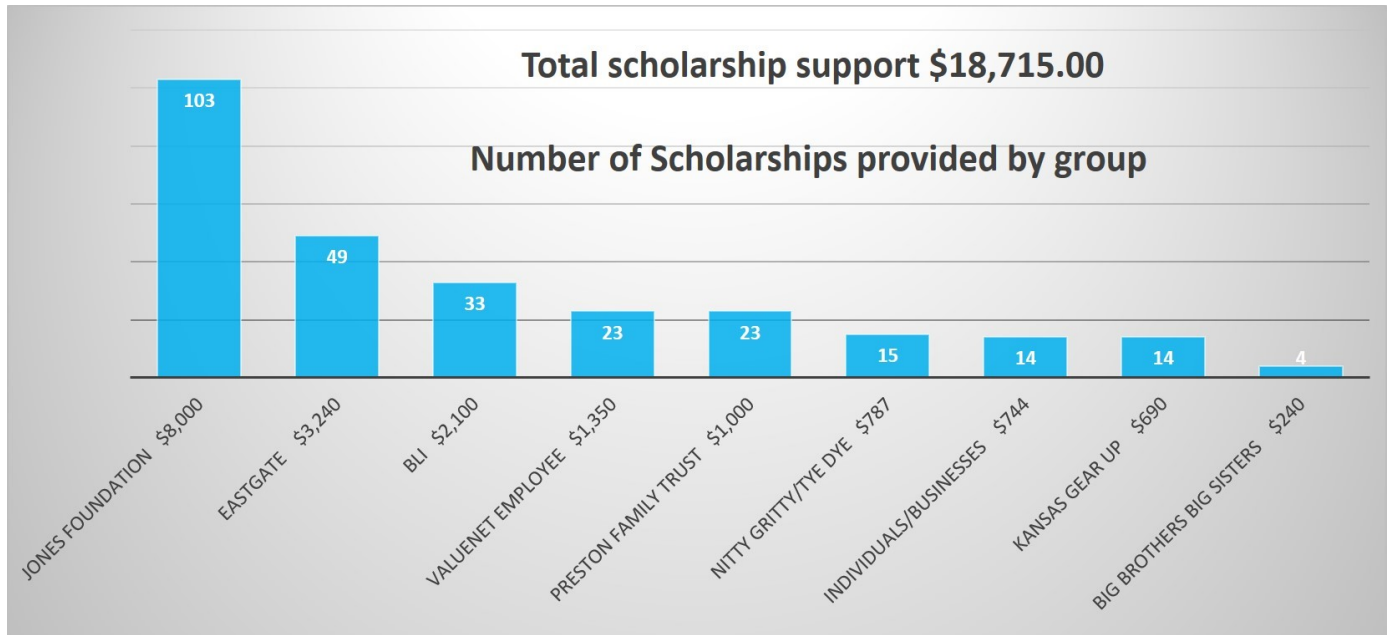
Statement of Financial Position

Camp Alexander of Lyon County, LLC values the importance of accountability and transparency. Our accounting services are outsourced to a local accounting firm and the finance committee meets regularly to review the monthly financials, which are then presented to the board at the monthly meeting. An audit is conducted annually. Below is the statement of the financial position as of December 31, 2017. (2017 figures are unaudited)

	December 31,2017	December 31,2016
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 65,588.60	\$ 58,338.94
Other Current Assets	\$ -	\$ 25.00
Other Assets - Endowment	\$ 177,511.95	\$ 163,881.64
Total Assets	\$ 243,100.55	\$ 222,245.58
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Agency Liabilities	\$ 454.72	\$ (33.00)
Total Liabilities	\$ 454.72	\$ (33.00)
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	\$ 37,353.68	\$ 24,349.88
Board Designated		
Capital Improvements Fund	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Emergency Fund	\$ 6,961.00	\$ 6,961.00
Temporarily Restricted		
Disc Golf Course	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
Archery Program	\$ 2,098.29	\$ 5,083.00
Shooting Sports Program	\$ 1,518.91	\$ -
Scholarships	\$ 7,202.00	\$ 9,503.66
Other - Endowment	\$ 26,736.48	\$ 13,105.57
Permanently Restricted	\$ 150,775.47	\$ 150,775.47
Total Net Assets	\$ 242,645.83	\$ 222,278.58
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 243,100.55	\$ 222,245.58

Community Support

Without the support of the community and grants, Camp Alexander would not be able to operate and provide scholarships. United Way was our major contributor to our operations budget again this year. Many different groups have been a part of our scholarship campaign each year and below show the scholarship support we received in 2017.

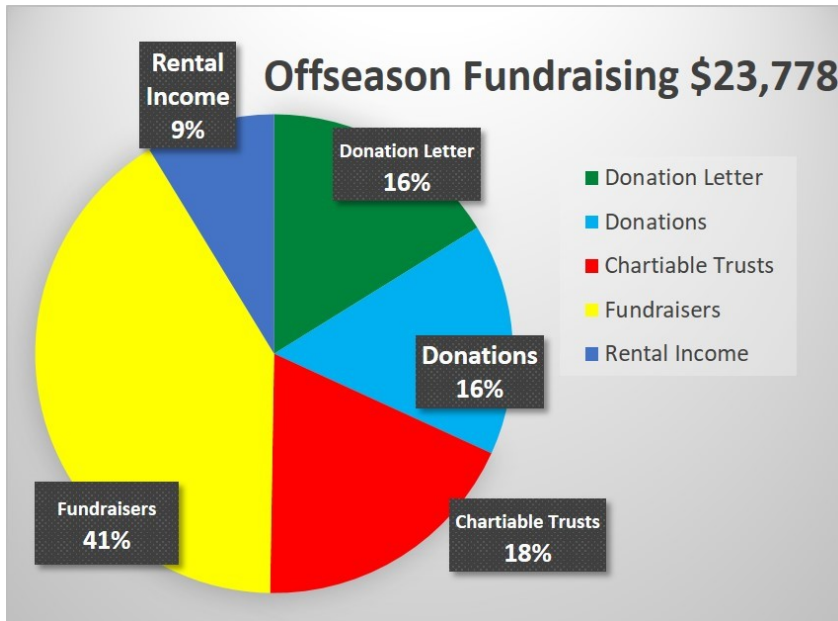


2017 Highlights and Enhancements

- Fundraised to provide 278 scholarships in 2017
- Fundraised over \$18,700 for scholarships
- Brought back shooting sports
- Partnered with L-Cat to provide transportation
- Replaced roofs on Pavilion and Maintenance Shed
- Added netting to Pavilion underside and painted picnic tables
- Replaced siding on office and arts and crafts buildings
- Added a new concrete pad and basketball goal
- Added two Saturday communication camps for children with special needs
- Continued use of USD teachers as counselors
- Continued corporate scholarship program
- Fish Fry using fish caught by campers
- Continued partnership with USD253 to provide meals

A camp for all

When summer camp is not in session, Camp Alexander is open to the community to enjoy the grounds and outdoors, but with that, there is upkeep. In addition to summer camp fundraising, the board also fundraises for the off season as well. With 90 acres and 4 buildings, there are constant improvements, utilities and maintenance. Rentals are also available for family reunions, scouting troops and gatherings.



We are more than a Summer Camp

- Camp is open to the public year round for hiking, fitness trail, bike trails and flow track.
- Fundraisers: Haunted Trail, 5 K race and Dirty Kanza SAG support.

Camp History

Edward Jones (E.J.) Alexander, the enigmatic benefactor of thousands of Emporia children, died May 13, 1923. He was born into slavery in 1854 and he came to Emporia, Kansas as a young man from North Carolina shortly after the Civil War ended. His first business in Emporia was in a hay market, which was located on the east side of the block between 4th and 5th streets. As the Emporia business district grew, that location was needed, so the hay market was cleared away, and E.J. moved to his forty acres 4 ½ miles northeast of Emporia.

For Almost thirty years, Mr. Alexander sold fresh produce to the citizens of Emporia. His matched team of white horses, pulling a spring loaded wagon with tomatoes, peaches and other truck farm produce was a familiar sight. The children flocked to him as he gave them fruit and vegetables to eat. It was said Mr. Alexander gave away more fruits and vegetables to children than he ever sold to their parents.

When Mr. Alexander passed away, he left all of his savings and forty acres to the orphaned and needy children of Emporia, Lyon County and the State of Kansas. His Will stipulated that one acre be set aside for his grave and for the burial of others too poor to afford plots. His Will went unnoticed for several years until, in the 1930's, it was discovered by James Putnam, a young Emporia attorney. It was through Putnam's efforts that the Will was probated and Camp Alexander was established.



E.J. Alexander

A picture is worth a thousand words

