

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

January 15, 2020



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

Annette Legako, Chair
Bodman PLC

Gary Bacon, Vice Chair
ONEOK, Retired

Kathryn Whitcomb, Secretary
USD 252, Southern Lyon County

Alicia Redeker, Treasurer
Pool & Associate Chartered

Kevin Ogle, Maintenance Dir
Ogle Construction

Mike Alpers
American Family Insurance

Corey Bacon
Frontier Farm Credit Services, Inc.

Brian Denton
Emporia State University

Wayne Fessler
Valunet, Retired

Steve Hollar
Independent Handyman

JC Mock
Wolf Creek

Al Slappy
Emporia Recreation Center

Scott Smith
Midwest Industrial Sales



Seasonal Staff

Jen McKay Camp Director
USD 253, Village

Carla Fessler, Offseason Coord
USD 253, Riverside

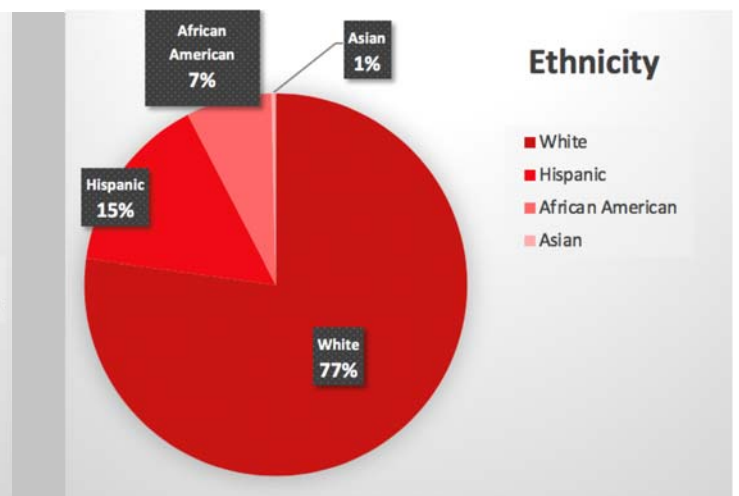
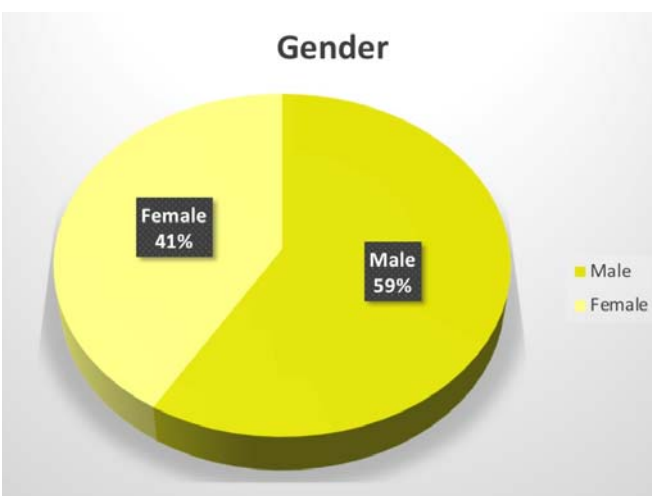
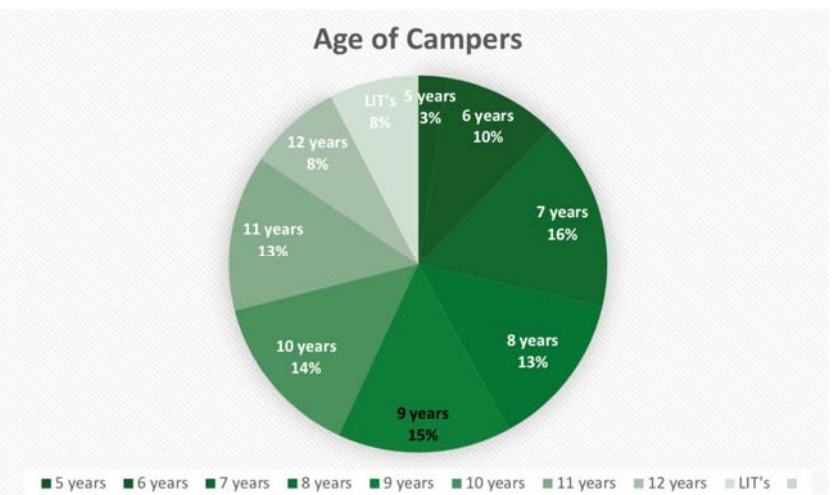
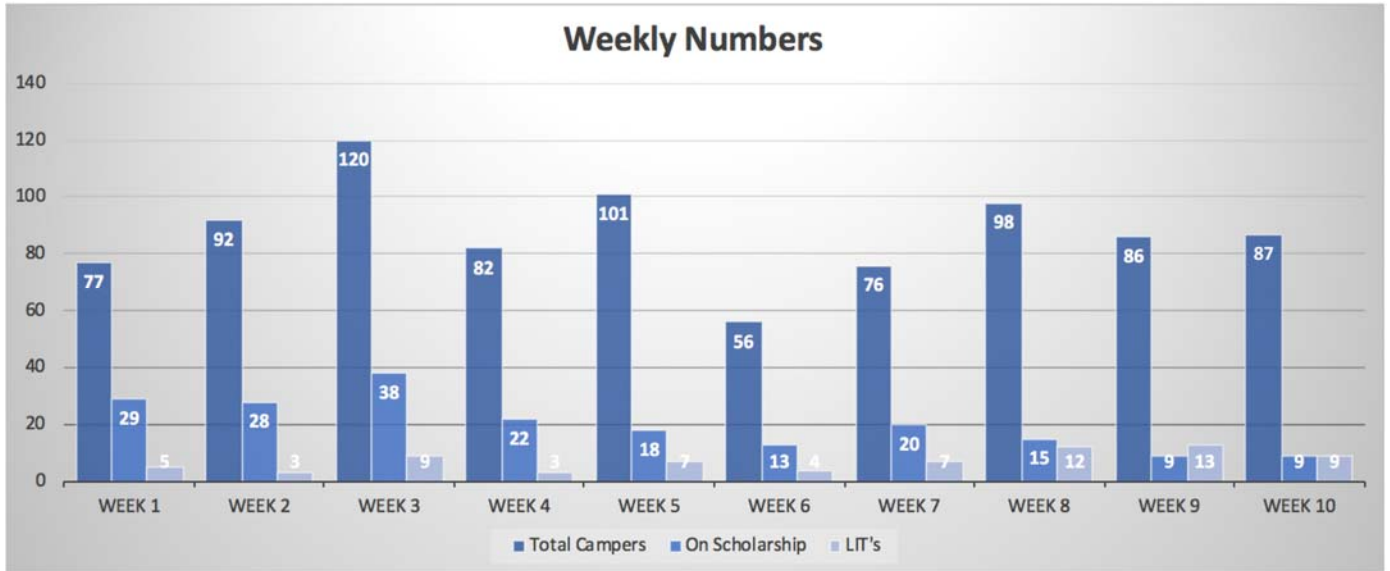
Juan Ramirez, Program Director
USD 253, Village

Financial Advisor

Tracy Edwards, Ameriprise Financial

Camper Breakdown

Individual camper numbers decreased slightly (by 9 campers) this summer serving 287 individual campers for a total of 875 campers in the summer. Leader in Training Program (ages 13-14) continues requiring a resume and application to ensure the applicants were prepared for the leadership responsibilities they would be given. Two local businesses again participated in the corporate program to provide children of their employees scholarships.



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, 2019. *(The annual review of the 2019 financials is pending.)*

	December 31,2019	December 31,2018
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 55,602.57	\$ 140,826.75
Other Current Assets	\$ -	\$ -
Other Assets - Endowment	\$ 298,996.73	\$ 169,680.32
Total Assets	\$ 354,599.30	\$ 310,507.07
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Agency Liabilities	\$ 293.04	\$ 139.78
Total Liabilities	\$ 293.04	\$ 139.78
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	\$ 146,909.04	\$ 101,529.26
Board Designated		
Capital Improvements Fund	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Emergency Fund	\$ 6,961.00	\$ 6,961.00
Temporarily Restricted		
Archery Program	\$ 2,086.86	\$ 2,086.86
Shooting Sports Program	\$ 1,457.08	\$ 1,471.02
Scholarships	\$ 7,951.79	\$ 9,378.66
Other - Endowment	\$ 25,106.69	\$ 25,106.69
Permanently Restricted	\$ 153,833.80	\$ 153,833.80
Total Net Assets	\$ 354,306.26	\$ 310,367.29
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 354,599.30	\$ 310,507.07

Community Support

Without the support of the community and grants, Camp Alexander would not be able to operate and provide scholarships. United Way was a major contributor to our operations budget again this year. We also appreciate very much the Emporia Community Foundation and its community partners. We were very fortunate to participate in the Emporia Community Foundation's Match Day for the 2nd year. Individuals and businesses made donations on Match Day that were matched on a pro-rated percentage basis. Many different groups have been a part of our scholarship campaign each year. A huge THANK YOU to the below major contributors:



Jones Foundation
Life Time Fitness/Dirty Kanza
Trusler Foundation
Harry & Lloyd's .5k
Eastgate
Emporia Police Benefit Association
BLI
ValuNet
Preston Family Trust
What's In Outdoors/Phil Taunton-Vamos Al Pescar
Emporia High School Jeans Day
Nitty Gritty/Tie Dye
St. Patrick's Day Committee

2019 Highlights and Enhancements

Welcomed community visitors Emporia Fitness, The David Traylor Zoo, Dynamic Discs and Emporia Teachers Academy who provided special activities during summer program

Introduced new week theme "Olympic Games"

Partnership with L-Cat to provide transportation

Use of USD teachers as counselors

Corporate scholarship program

Annual Fish Fry using fish caught by campers

Partnership with USD 253 to provide meals

Replaced roofs on 3 buildings and storm shelter

New shed

Placed new trail markers on the bike path

New sign for office

Replaced camp mower

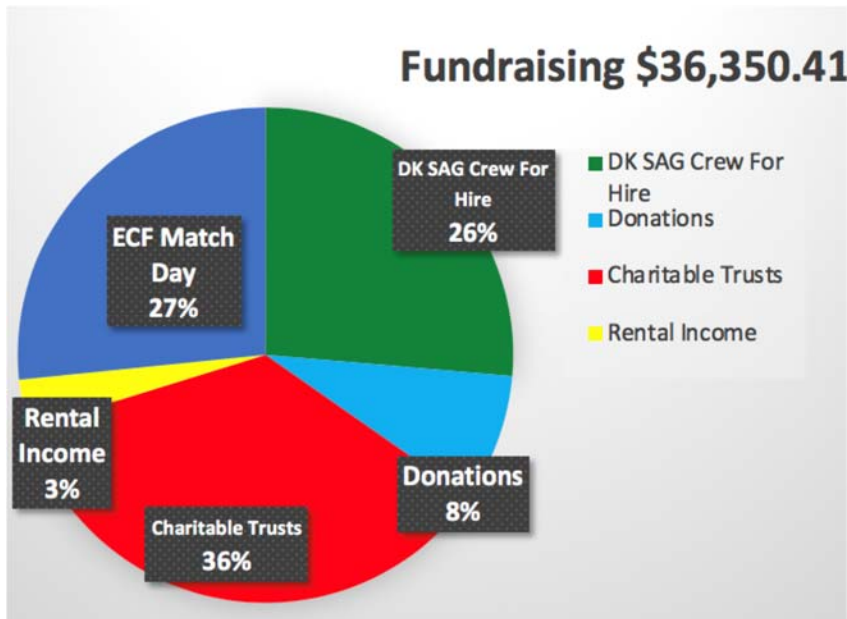
Painting of buildings

Much camp clean up after significant storms

And many more repairs and improvements!

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: Dirty Kanza SAG Crew, Match Day.

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

