

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

January 21, 2021



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
Nettie Lee's Studio, LLC

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

Jaffar Agha
Emporia Police Department

Corey Bacon
Frontier Farm Credit Services, Inc.

Steve Blocker
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



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, 2020. *(The annual review of the 2020 financials is pending.)*

	December 31,2020	December 31,2019
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 65,101.42	\$ 55,629.57
Other Current Assets	\$ -	\$ -
Other Assets - Endowment	\$ 398,090.43	\$ 302,527.56
Total Assets	\$ 463,191.85	\$ 358,157.13
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Agency Liabilities	\$ 20.49	\$ 36.12
Total Liabilities	\$ 20.49	\$ 36.12
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	\$ 157,189.19	\$ 102,460.90
Board Designated		
Capital Improvements Fund	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
Emergency Fund	\$ 6,961.00	\$ 6,961.00
Roof Repair Fund	\$ 49,322.06	
Temporarily Restricted		
Archery Program	\$ 2,086.86	\$ 2,086.86
Shooting Sports Program	\$ 1,457.08	\$ 1,457.08
Scholarships	\$ 8,951.79	\$ 7,951.79
Other - Endowment	\$ 73,369.58	\$ 73,369.58
Permanently Restricted	\$ 153,833.80	\$ 153,833.80
Total Net Assets	\$ 463,171.36	\$ 358,121.01
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 463,191.85	\$ 358,157.13

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 3rd 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
Trusler Foundation
Harry & Lloyd's .5k
Emporia Police Benefit Association
BLI
ValuNet
Preston Family Trust
Nitty Gritty/Tie Dye
Kansas Brothers of the Third Wheel

2020 Highlights and Enhancements

While we were not able to hold summer camp due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our grounds continued to be open to the public and our education building available to rent. Through social media videos we encouraged the community to enjoy our 90 wooded acres of trails and plush rolling meadows. The Board of Directors and staff stayed busy maintaining the grounds and buildings, as well as making plans on how to operate summer camp safely next summer and how to best continue to serve our community. We are also very thankful to groups from the community such as the ESU Track/Cross Country Teams who assisted on workdays. We are very excited and look forward to having our campers back and enjoying the great outdoors with us in 2021!

A few of our 2020 highlights and enhancements:

Tree Removal Around Ponds (HUNDREDS of saplings and trees!)

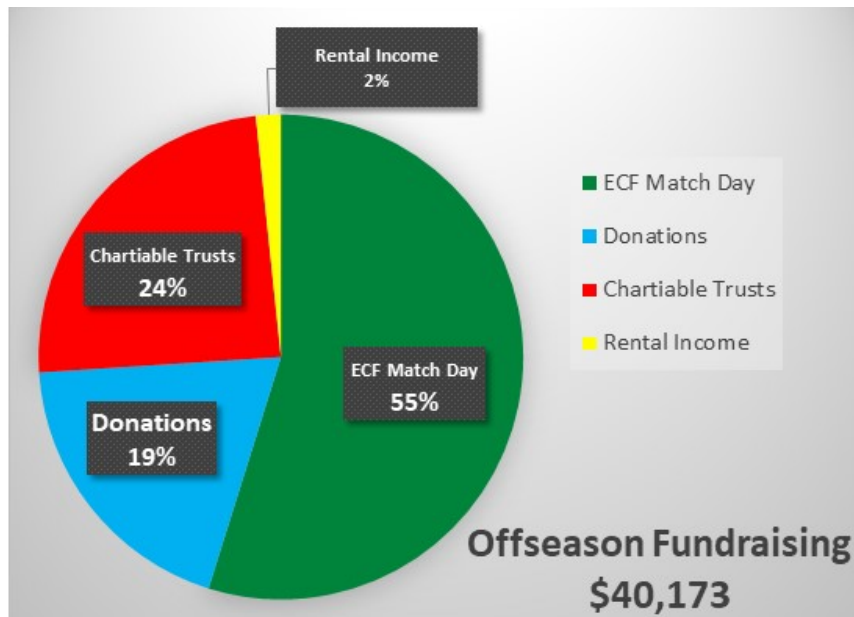
Screening of the Craft Building Porch

Painting of the Buildings (Office, Arts & Crafts, Education Buildings, Maintenance Building & Pavilion)

Routine Maintenance of Gutters, Downed Limbs and Trees

A Camp For All

In addition to summer camp fundraising, the board also raises funds for off season. When summer camp is not in session, Camp Alexander is open to the community to enjoy the grounds and outdoors. Rentals are also available for family reunions, scouting troops and gatherings. With 90 acres and 4 buildings, there are continuous improvements, year round utilities and upkeep to maintain the property.



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: 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

