

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

January 25, 2024



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

Outdoor Play

Hiking



Unique outdoor experiences

Leadership

Board of Directors

Annette Legako, Chair
Bodman PLC

Gary Bacon, Vice Chair
ONEOK, Retired

Kathryn Whitcomb, Secretary
USD 252, Southern Lyon County

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Emporia State University

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Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism

Jeff Meek
City of Emporia

JC Mock
Wolf Creek, Retired

Scott Smith
Midwest Industrial Sales

Seasonal Staff

Jen McKay, Camp Director
USD 253, Village

Juan Ramirez, Program Director
USD 253, Village

Carla Fessler, Offseason Coord
USD 253, Retired

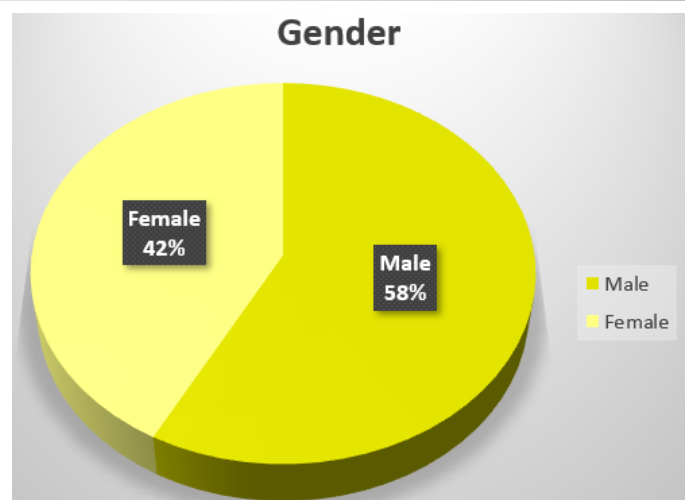
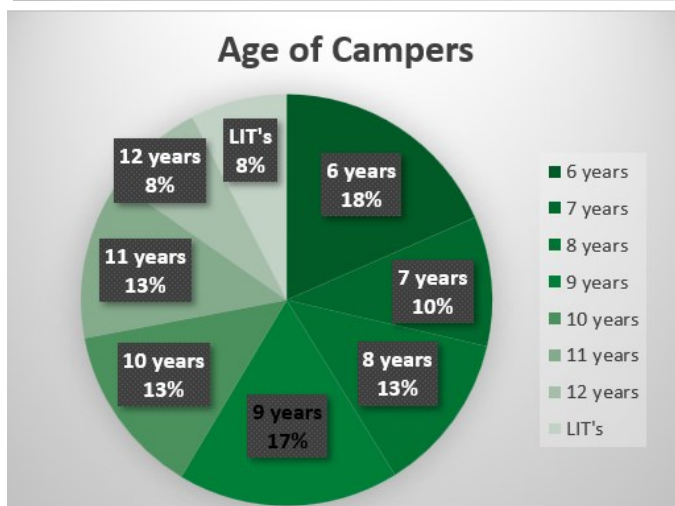
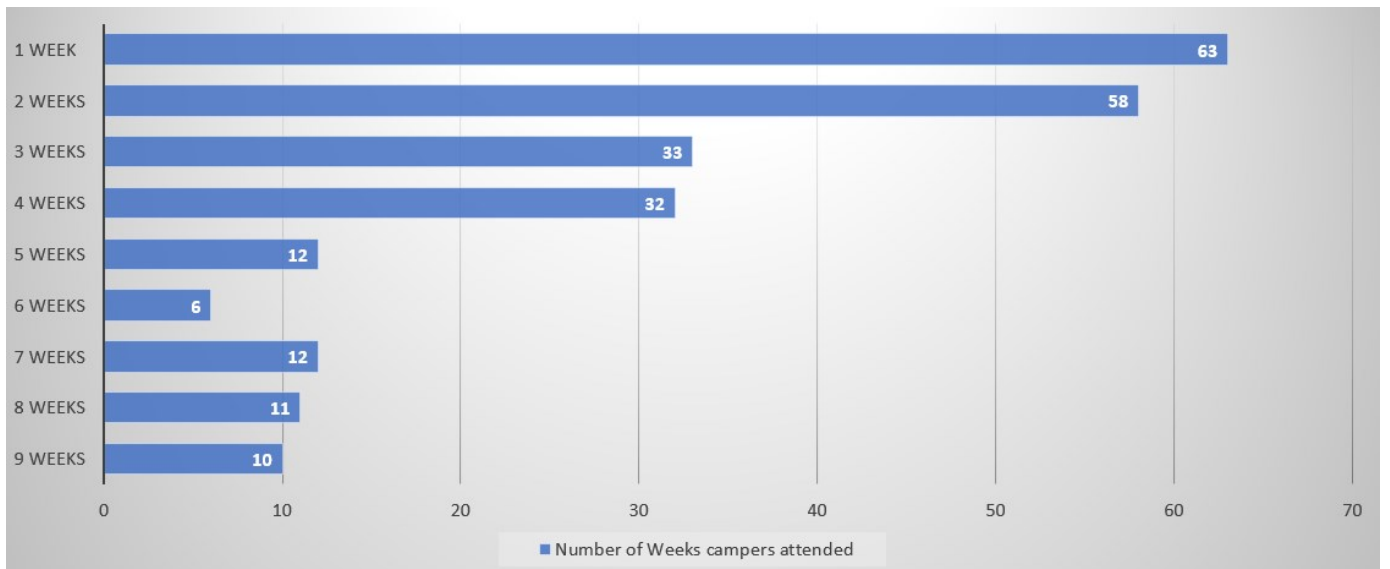
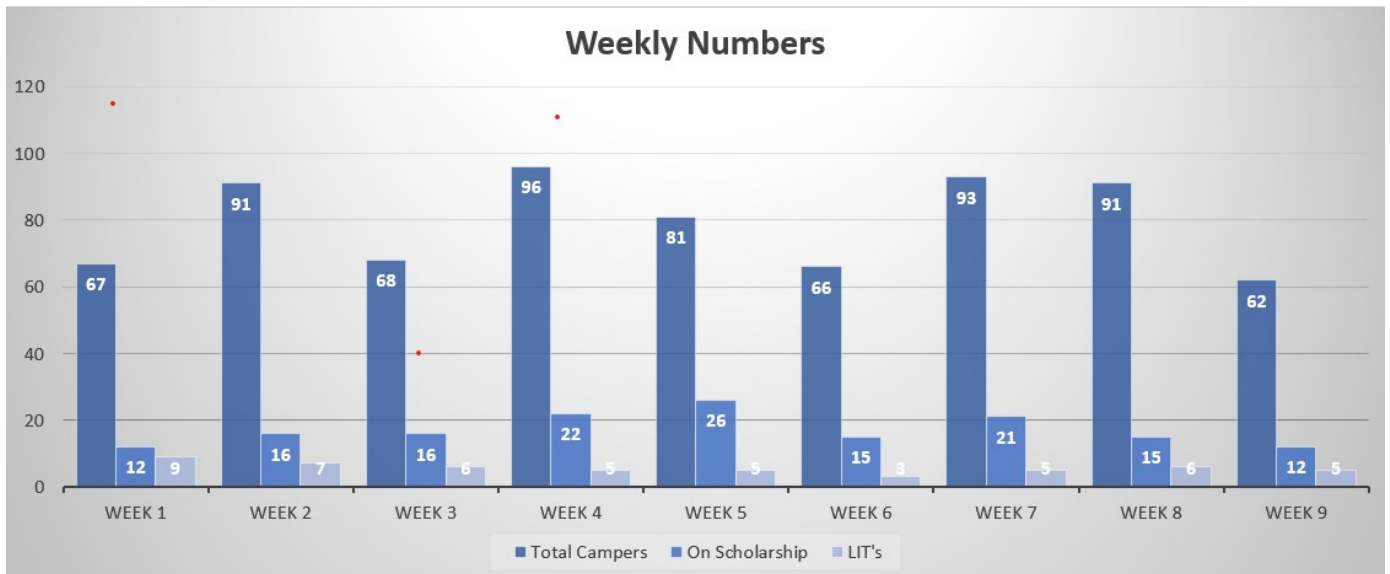
Financial Advisor

Tracy Edwards,
Ameriprise Financial

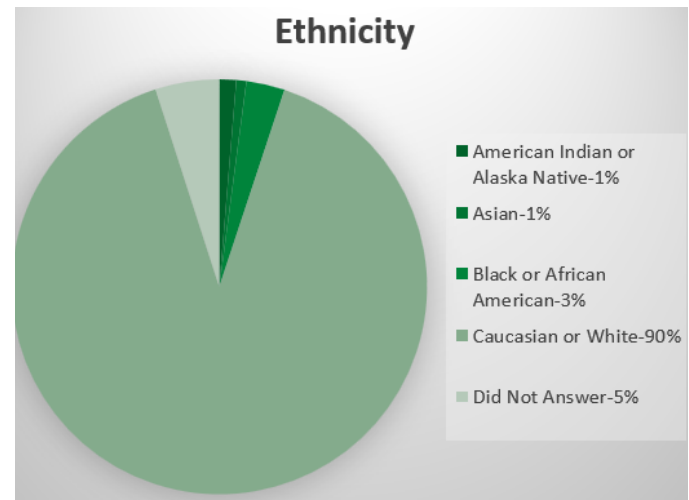
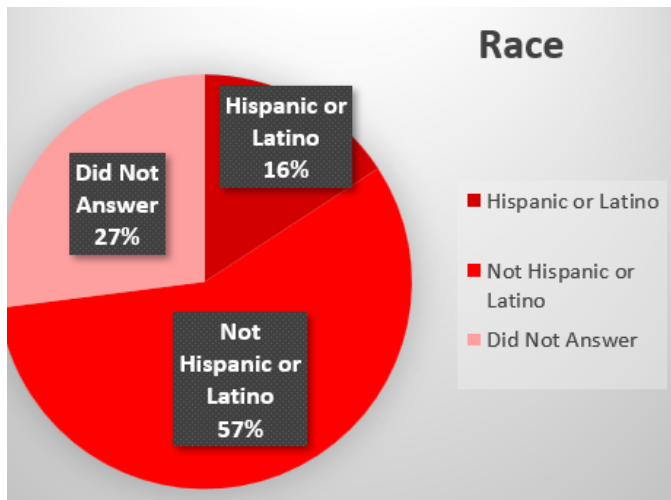
Camp Alexander of Emporia, Lyon County Kansas Inc., is led by a volunteer Board of Directors who are a working board, as there are no year round fulltime employees. The board is committed to ensuring that the organization's financial resources are invested and property is maintained to meet the mission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

Camper Breakdown

In 2023, we served 224 individual campers and a total of 766 campers (ages 6-12) in the summer program. Leader-in-Training (LIT) Program (ages 13-14) continued to require an application to ensure the applicants were prepared for the leadership responsibilities they would be given. The program had 13 individual LIT's and a total of 51 LIT's.

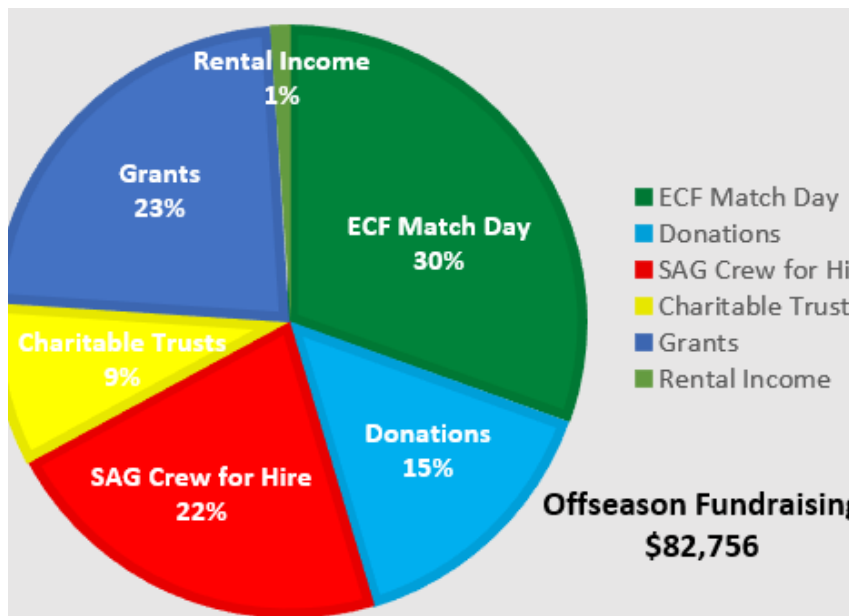


Camper Breakdown (cont'd)



A camp for all

When summer camp is not in session, Camp Alexander is open to the community to enjoy. Maintaining the grounds and outdoor space does require upkeep and the need to fundraise. 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, bike trails and flow track.
- Fundraisers: Match Day and Unbound Gravel SAG support.



2023 Highlights and Enhancements

Fundraised to provide 155 scholarships in 2023

Continued use of USD253 teachers as counselors

Fish Fry using fish caught by campers

Continued partnership with USD253 to provide meals

Board of Directors, friends & family served as Crew for Hire for Unbound Gravel

Various workdays throughout the year for the board and several community groups including
United Way & Flint Hills Technical College Nursing Students, Southern Star

Installation of aerator in Fowler Lake

Continued improvements to the new building by Fowler Lake including a retaining wall

New Sign at the Entrance of Camp

Fans installed at the pavilion

Steel fence around EJ Alexander's gravesite

Worked with various groups from our community to enhance the summer camp experience
(Thank you to David Traylor Zoo, Dynamic Discs, Emporia Fire Department, Emporia Police
Department, ESU Prophet Aquatic Research & Outreach Center, Emporia Arts Council, Kansas
Department of Wildlife, Parks & Tourism, Phil Taunton and What's in Outdoors, Zumba with
Edyth Hernandez!)

Community Support

Without the support of the community and grants, Camp Alexander would not be able to operate and provide scholarships. We are very thankful to United Way who again was a major contributor to our operations budget. We also very much appreciate the Emporia Community Foundation and its community partners. A huge THANK YOU to the MANY donors:



Gary & Elza Ace

Susan Atchison

Tom Bell

Active Network LLC

Sherry Backhus

Susie Beninga

Brent Alexander

Jeanne Bacon

Susan Blechl

Amazon Smile

Rebecca & Jeffrey Bacon

Larry & Candace Blomenkamp

American Online Giving Foundation

Bruce Balkenhol

Bruce Blundell

Mike & Carla Alpers

Michelle Barnett

Mary Beth Bonitatibus

Kenneth & Gayla Bazil

Vicki & Eddie Brooks

Community Support

Elizabeth Brown	Lucy Garcia	Marilyn Laird
Ken & Marilyn Buchele	Rachel Glinsmann	Jeff & Amy Larson
Sherri Buttenhoff	Scott & Rhonda Gordon	Julie Larson
Betty Campbell & Margaret Davidson	Margi & Chuck Grimwood	Nick & Janet Laurent
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Coldwell Banker Emporia Real Estate	Cathryn Harrison	Andy & Annette Legako
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Melissa Dirks	Matt & Stacie Horton	Nadia Macias
Doris Barnett Charitable Trust	Ken Hush	Alba Maciel
Verne & Joanne Dow	Janice Jaggard	Mark II Lumber
Emma Huth Charitable Trust	Russ & Jeanne Jenkins	Nancy & Vernon McKinzie
Emporia Christian School - 5th/6th Grade Class	Jayne Johnson	Sharon & Marshall Miller
Emporia Community Foundation-Sadie Jones Advisory Committee Grant	Russell & Myra Jones	J.C. & Brenda Mock Nicole Mock
Emporia Flatland Cruisers Car Club	Tracy Jones	Jane Mohling
Susan & Joe Endres	Kansas Brothers of Third Wheel	Susan Moran
Paula Evans	Kansas Club of Emporia Kansas, Inc.	Theresa Muckenthaler
Ray Fallen & Rhonda Denney	Jim & Kathy Kessler	Rebecca J Nurnberg
Farm Credit Services/Blackbaud Giving Fund	Lyle & Suzanne Klamm	Kevin & Tammi Ogle
Fowler Farms	Ron & Joan Kloppenberg	Judith M. Patton
Ruth Fowler	Cynthia Kraft	Loren Pennington
Roy & Mary Jo Gallup	JoLanna Kord	James Percy
Marcia Garcia	James & Marilyn Krueger	Becky Peters
	Cheryl Lagasse	Jana Phillips
	LaGrind & Handlebars for Hope	

Community Support

Michael & Joyce Reynolds

John C. Rich

Lea Ringler

WenDee Rowe

Sacred Heart Catholic School-5th
Grade Class

Rene Salazar

Mark Schondelmeier

Lois & Richard Schrock

Brian & Susan Severin

Troy & Julie Shaw

Troy Shaw & Shawn Garriott

Carolyn Sue Sielert

Alphonso Slappy

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Veronica Sotelo

Mark & Wendy Stanbrough

Max & Sharon Stewart

Douglas & Gloria Stueve

Sutherland's of Emporia

T/M Bonner Charitable Trust

Phil Taunton and What's in Outdoors

David Thomas

Jo Turek

Roy Turney

Shelby Turney

USD 252-Kistner 6th Grade Class,
Neosho Rapids Elementary

USD 252-Tunnel 5th Grade Class,
Neosho Rapids Elementary

USD 253-Emporia Middle School
Walk-a-Thon

USD 253-Garner 3rd Grade Class,
William Allen White Elementary

USD 253-Rosen 4th Grade Class,
William Allen White Elementary

USD 253-Wagaman 3rd Grade
Class, William Allen White Elementary

USD 284-Jirak 6th Grade Class,
Chase County Elementary

USD 284-Matile 5th Grade Class,
Chase County Elementary

USD 386-4th Grade Class, Madison
Elementary

Janice Utech

Sarah Water

Richard Watson

Ken & Kathy Weaver

Matthew Wiggins

Valerie & Curtis Wilhelmson

Natha Williams

Rex & Debbie Williams

Erin Woods

Howard & Tonnie Wullschleger



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. A financial review is conducted annually. Below is the statement of the financial position as of December 31, 2023. *(2023 figures are unaudited)*

	December 31,2023		December 31,2022
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 76,355.43		\$ 115,054.05
Other Current Assets	\$ -		\$ -
Other Assets - Investments	\$ 570,732.81		\$ 441,765.01
Total Assets	\$ 647,088.24		\$ 556,819.06
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
Liabilities			
Agency Liabilities	\$ 62.87		\$ 595.56
Total Liabilities	\$ 62.87		\$ 595.56
Net Assets			
Unrestricted	\$ 303,881.13		\$ 212,952.31
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		\$ 49,322.06
Temporarily Restricted			
Archery Program	\$ 1,989.19		\$ 2,086.86
Shooting Sports Program	\$ 1,427.80		\$ 1,457.08
Scholarships	\$ -		\$ -
Other - Investments	\$ 119,610.39		\$ 119,610.39
Permanently Restricted	\$ 153,833.80		\$ 153,833.80
Total Net Assets	\$ 647,025.37		\$ 556,223.50
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 647,088.24		\$ 556,819.06

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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