

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

January 23, 2025



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

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USD 253, Village

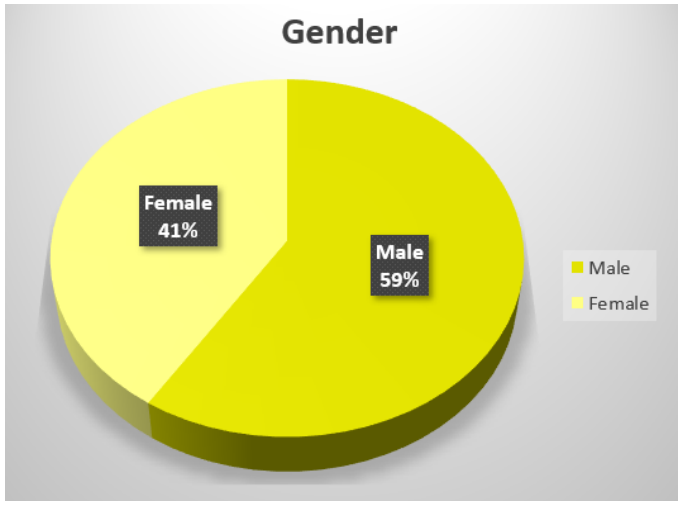
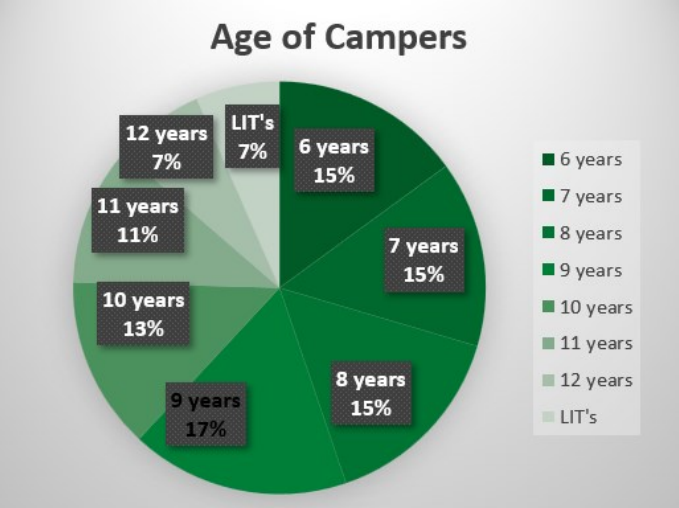
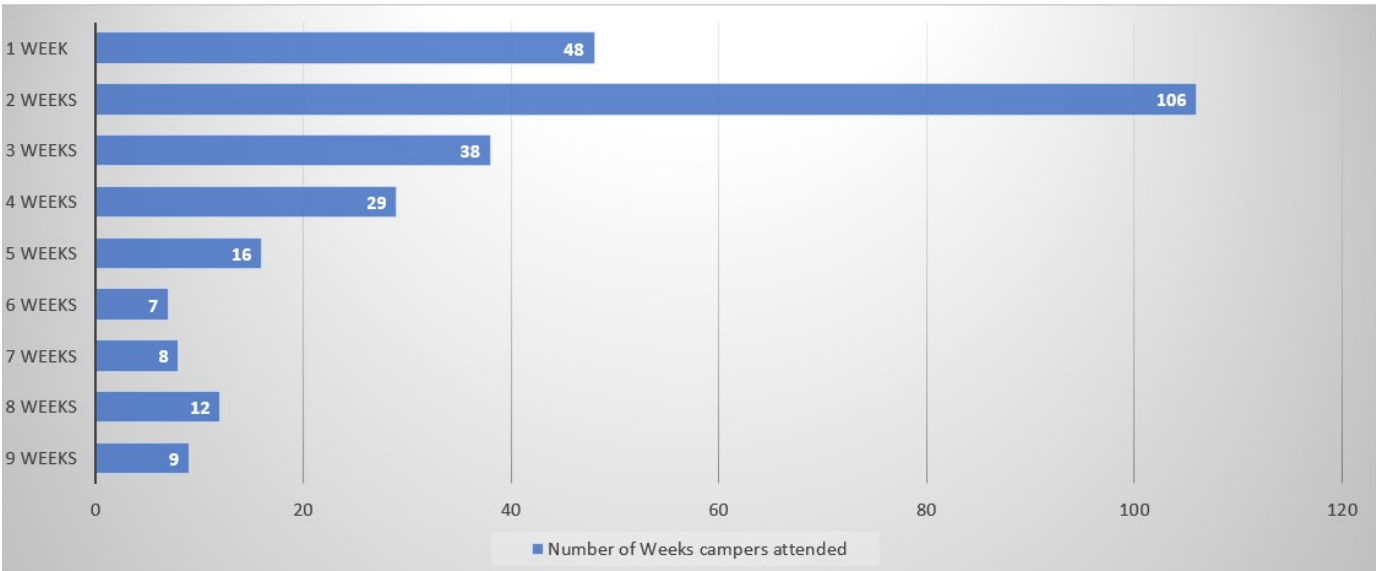
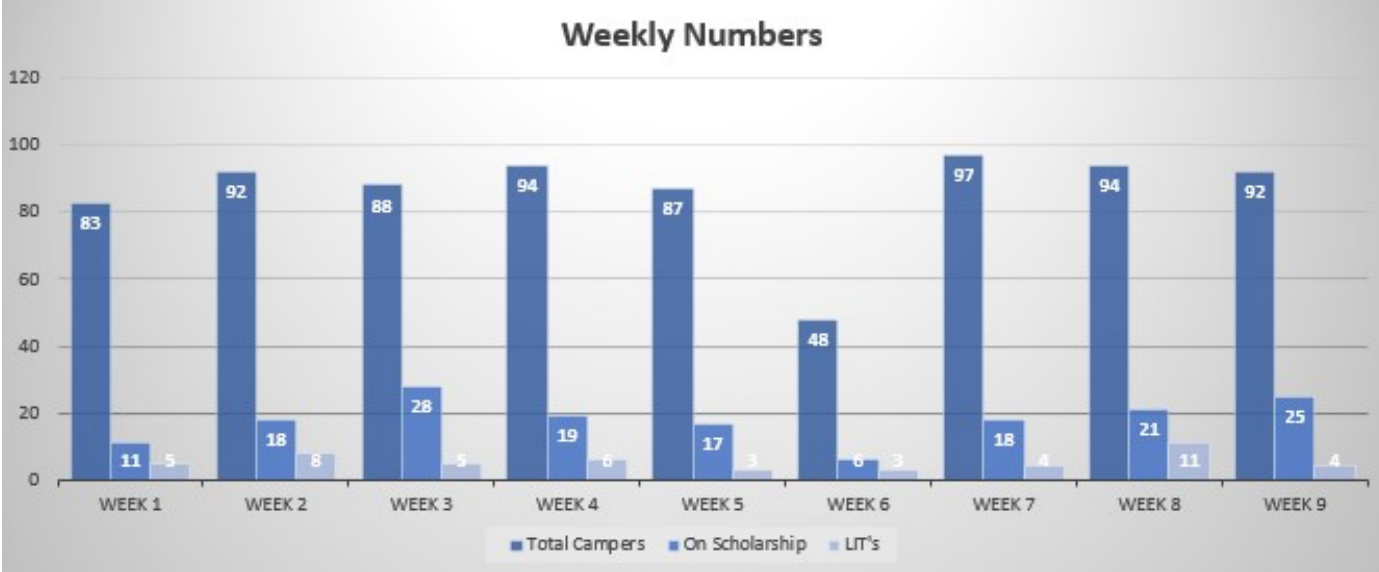
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Tracy Edwards,
Ameriprise Financial

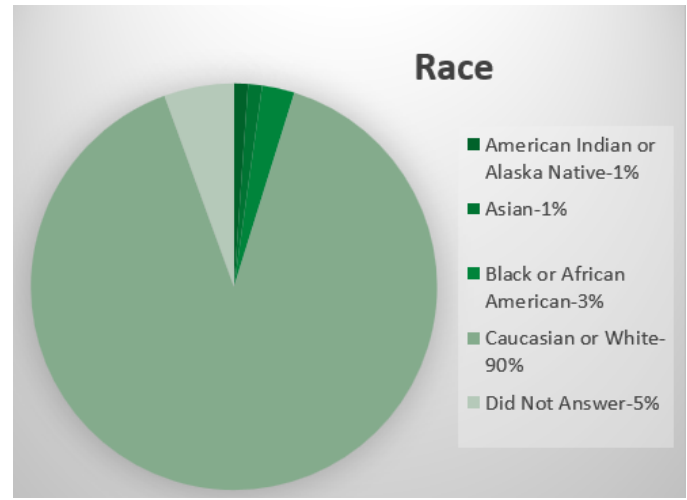
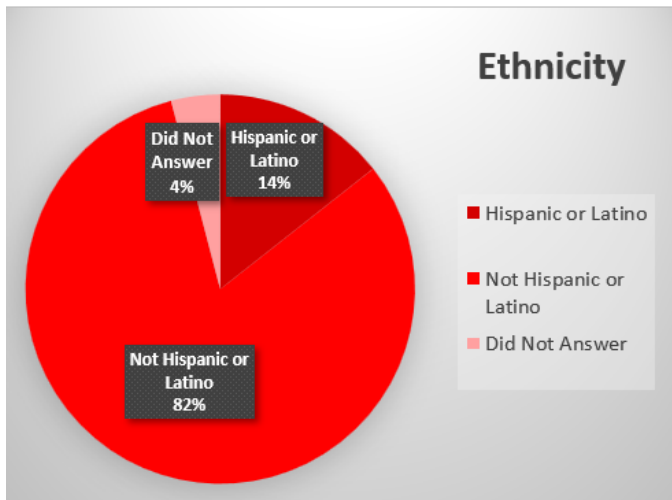
Camp Alexander of Emporia, Lyon County Kansas Inc., is led by a volunteer Board of Directors who are a working board, as there are no year round fulltime employees. The board is committed to ensuring that the organization's financial resources are invested and property is maintained to meet the mission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

Camper Breakdown

In 2024, we served 257 individual campers and a total of 775 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 16 individual LIT's and a total of 49 LIT's.

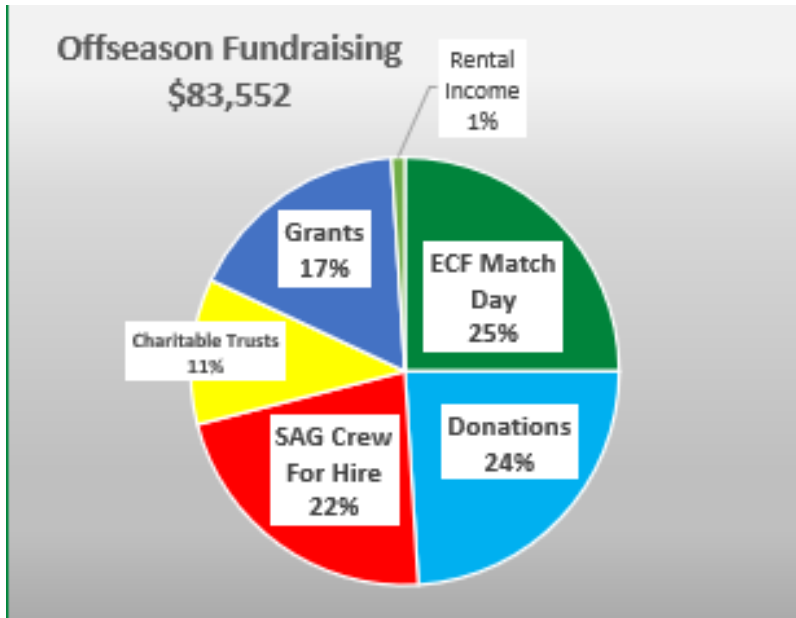


Camper Breakdown (cont'd)



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.



2024 Highlights and Enhancements

- Fundraised to provide 163 scholarships in 2024
- Campers fundraised for the first time with the weekly Penny War (the counselor/director with the most money raised received a pie in the face!)
- Continued use of USD253 teachers and ESU students as counselors
- Fish Fry using fish caught by campers
- Continued partnership with USD253 to provide meals
- Implemented new online registration process
- Board of Directors, friends & family served as Crew for Hire for Unbound Gravel
- Various Board of Directors workdays throughout the year (ongoing limb removal, trail maintenance, painting of Ed Bldg bathrooms, and many more projects!)
- Installation of new furnace in Ed Building
- Installed new playground and swings, mulch and rock trim
- Purchased new side by side vehicle
- Purchased self-propelled Field and Brush Mower to maintain trails and grounds
- Purchase of aerator for fishing pond
- New porch ceiling fans and air hockey tables for Craft Building
- Worked with various groups from our community to enhance the summer camp experience (Thank you to David Traylor Zoo, Dynamic Discs, Emporia Police Benefit Association, 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:



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Community Support

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Phil Taunton and What's in Outdoors

David Thomas

Carolyn Turney

USD 252-3rd Grade Class, Neosho Rapids Elementary

USD 252-Kistner Class, Neosho Rapids Elementary

USD 252-Tunnell 4th Grade Class, Neosho Rapids Elementary

USD 253-Emporia Middle School Walk-a-Thon

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

USD 252-Ryker Class, Olpe Elementary

USD 284-Matile Class, Chase County Elementary

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A Special Thank You To...

...the family and friends of Virginia Lopez for the generous gifts in her memory.

...the many anonymous donors that support us year after year!



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

	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 34,509.11	\$ 76,355.43
Other Current Assets	\$ -	\$ -
Other Assets - Investments	\$ 659,449.69	\$ 570,732.81
Total Assets	\$ 693,958.80	\$ 647,088.24
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Agency Liabilities	\$ 8.27	\$ 62.87
Total Liabilities	\$ 8.27	\$ 62.87
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	\$ 350,806.29	\$ 303,881.13
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	\$ 1,989.19
Shooting Sports Program	\$ 1,427.80	\$ 1,427.80
Scholarships	\$ -	\$ -
Other - Investments	\$ 119,610.39	\$ 119,610.39
Permanently Restricted	\$ 153,833.80	\$ 153,833.80
Total Net Assets	\$ 693,950.53	\$ 647,025.37
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 693,958.80	\$ 647,088.24

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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