



# INSPIRATIONS

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## GREETINGS FROM IPOINT



Greetings from The Point!

I wish you could witness what I get to see all summer long – staff members spread out with campers across the site, talking on park benches and paddleboats, walking on the road, leaning against a tree, creating projects in the Arts & Crafts room, sitting at a picnic table with ice cream in hand... What do they talk about? They talk about things that count.

Years ago, Dr. Tim Clydesdale, sociology professor at The College of New Jersey, conducted a six-year study that offered a window into the lives of American youth. He found that two elements are critical for kids to develop a public faith that impacts their lives:

- mentorship that nourishes faith development
- time and a safe place to have meaningful conversations

That is camp! This is reinforced by the research of Jacob Sorenson, Ph.D., who found that “churches making extensive use of the camp experience show significantly higher results on measures of faith formation.”

This helps explain why experiences at Inspiration Point are so vital and so powerful. Campers spend concentrated time with trained staff members who come alongside them, eagerly listening and pointing them to the truth and promise found in the Bible. A tenth grader wrote, “I love camp because it is a place where I can get away from the world and be with people who believe what I believe and can help me grow in my relationship with Jesus. Plus, it's fun!”

You know, it strikes me that we all benefit from the same things kids are seeking: time and space. This issue of Inspirations not only testifies to God's work in people's lives as they make time to reflect and renew at the place we call Inspiration Point, but it also contains invitations to come away yourself to one of the many opportunities that will be provided this fall and winter.

Enjoy, and we hope to see you soon!

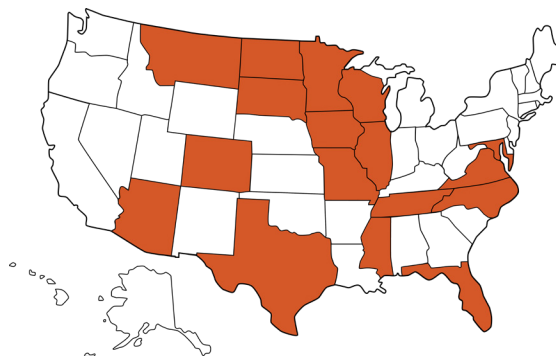
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Greg Anderson  
President

## IPOINT INTERNS

Inspiration Point welcomed its fourth class of interns for the 2024-2025 school year! The IPoint Internship is a paid year-long program where participants spend the year serving in ministry, gaining knowledge and experience in all the facets of ministry such as program design and implementation, marketing, site and facilities, food service, guest ministries, and so much more! They also study the Bible, live in community, are mentored one to one, and engage in weekly ministry at a local church. It is the goal of the IPoint Internship to provide hands-on experience and guidance under the tutelage of more experienced leaders.

We hope you will join us in praying for these four as they dedicate their year serving at Inspiration Point.



CAMPERS CAME  
FROM **17** STATES

1,881 YOUTH CAMPERS

930 FAMILY CAMPERS

796 DAY CAMPERS

518 CHRIST HIKE GUESTS

397 OTHER GUESTS

**72**   
SUMMER STAFFERS

 **426** DIFFERENT  
CHURCHES HAD  
CAMPERS ATTEND CAMP





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**BIG PICTURE**  
 INSPIRATION POINT



## SUMMER 2024 REVIEW

A question we hear on countless occasions at the close of a summer season is "How was your summer?" If you've ever been on a long vacation or a mission trip, you know it's difficult to sum things up and give an answer that's appropriate in length. It's the same here at camp! We've found that the best way to answer that question is by giving a glimpse with a story of what we were blessed to experience. Here are a few stories told by cabin leaders who witnessed the faithfulness of God in young lives.

"Tuesday night, my cabin had a powerful moment following worship. My guys did not want to be done praising the Lord, so after we were dismissed, they begged me to go back. We went to the front row and sat with our sister cabin, which is the group we were paired up with all week for team-building activities. I witnessed 14 high school students worshipping, praying and comforting each other all while giving praise to the Lord. It was easily the most touched I've ever been by the work of the Holy Spirit. Because of this experience, lives were changed, and my life will never be the same either."

-Ben Crawford, Cabin Leader (Senior at NDSU)

"We always pray at cabin leader meetings, but on Wednesday night, we were prompted to finish this statement: 'My heart breaks for campers when \_\_\_\_\_'. I was overwhelmed and my heart broke for

each thing that the other cabin leaders shared. After we all finished the statement, we were encouraged to get on our knees to bring these concerns to the Lord. I was overwhelmed by the outpouring, knowing that the God of the universe was hearing these prayers. To pray with 30 cabin leaders, who are in my generation, and who believe wholeheartedly in the power of prayer, was powerful. The heart each leader had for their campers and their desire for each middle school student to trust Christ was incredibly powerful. Our hearts were breaking because the world has twisted and deeply influenced these kids, especially one of my girls. I was reminded that God works in ways we cannot see. He is faithful and will continue to go with them after they leave camp. My role is to get on my knees for them."

-Rebecca Peterson, Service Corps (Freshman at Dordt University)

How was the summer? It's tough to tell you ALL that God did, but hopefully these stories give you a picture. Throughout June, July and August, God taught us that He alone knows THE BIG PICTURE and reveals it to us in His Word. He is the DIRECTOR of our lives, not us. Jesus came as the LEADING ROLE to reconcile us to God, and we are called to be THE CAST, living out a supporting role as God's representatives by sharing His love and grace with others.

 **47,739**  
 PLATES OF FOOD SERVED

**2,882** BROWNIES  
 MADE 

 **13,500**  
 PEPPERONIS USED

**4,176**   
 WAFFLES SERVED

### Top 10 CAMPER FAVORITES

1. Gaslamp Theatre
2. Christ Hike
3. Adventure Course
4. Rabbit Hunt
5. Gift Shop
6. Staff/Cabin Leaders
7. High Ropes Course
8. Octaball
9. Bible Study
10. Food



## THANK YOU 2024 Summer Staff!

72 young adults joined our year-round team to serve 4,600 campers and guests this past summer, and what a committed and capable group they were! Many campers, parents, and guests told us, "Inspiration Point just always has the best staff!" We think they are right and want to express our sincere gratitude to this wonderful group who really are the backbone of camp.







# REASONS

 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



The 10,000 Reasons Campaign centers on responding to what God has done in the lives of countless people over the years at Inspiration Point. We have so many reasons — at least 10,000 — to be grateful for God's faithfulness.

## THE PLAN

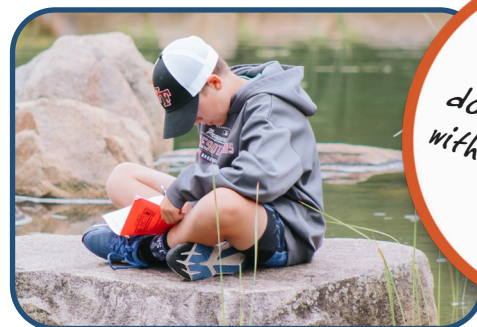
In response to the rapid growth of summer camp programs, Inspiration Point leadership has adjusted original campaign plans in order to best serve its campers and guests. Highlights of this \$5.9 million campaign include:

- Constructing five 12-person cabins, each with two restrooms and two showers (Completed by May 2025)
- Adding a 900-square-foot splash pad and 3,200-square-foot swimming pool with two 12-foot slides (Completed in July 2024)
- Building an office addition, so each year-round staff member has a place to work (Completed by January 2025)
- Constructing a 4,000-square-foot dining room addition (Completed by June 2025)
- Adding a minigolf course (Completed by May 2026)
- Converting the tennis court into a covered rec area for basketball, volleyball, pickleball, and other games (Completed by May 2026)
- Remodeling the Octagon into a multi-purpose meeting space for 500 (Completed by May 2026)
- Eliminating long-term debt

## THE TIMING IS RIGHT

Kids are faced with a mounting set of challenges in a world that is growing increasingly confusing, but God uses Inspiration Point in powerful ways. At Inspiration Point, campers step away from their daily lives into a setting where pressure is relieved, and committed camp staff encourage, lead, and teach them. When we asked a friend of IPoint why his kids attended camp and why they support the ministry, he replied, "American teens spend many hours a day in front of screens looking for something. A person only does that the next day if they can't find what they're looking for. At IPoint, kids put away their phones and connect with role models and young leaders who have found what they are looking for. These are the cabin leaders and staff who bring God's promises to them."

Despite running weekly summer camps for up to 235 kids at a time, there still isn't room for all those who want to attend. Inspiration Point needs more space for more kids.



## INSPIRATION POINT IS MOVING DIRT...AGAIN!



"We really can't believe how much has been accomplished here in such a short time!" That was a comment shared by a family camper this summer. Honestly, that is something we hear quite often, and it is true.

Though it was only six years ago that work began on this property, we've already built 31 new buildings and projects and completed five large remodels. That pace continues this fall with the construction of three new Birchwood Cabins and additions on the office and dining room.

The dining room addition will bring seating capacity to 400, which is critical for the future as youth camps continue to grow. When not used for dining, the new area will serve as extra meeting space. Other components include additional restrooms and a fresh "courtyard" feel outside the main entry, complete with seating areas, new paths, and a firepit.

This year's projects, along with some large projects next year, are all being funded through the 10,000 Reasons Capital Campaign. We are grateful for all the generous and committed donors making this possible. If you haven't yet participated, we would be thankful for your support to continue creating a camp setting that is not only enjoyed now, but will serve the ministry well into the future!

# \$5,910,000



## WILL YOU HELP?

If you haven't yet, would you prayerfully consider joining the hundreds of people who have already stepped forward with a gift or pledge? The need is great, the stakes are high, and the time is right. Here are ways you can join in making this happen!

- Thank God for how your life has been blessed. Then ask God how you might use your resources to support the life-giving, life-changing ministry at camp.
- Be as generous as possible with a four- or five-year pledge or a one-time gift.
- Consider how Inspiration Point might fit into planning for your estate distribution someday. Leaving a gift to the ministry of Inspiration Point can make a significant and eternal impact on lives.

All gifts are meant to be over and above regular support of Inspiration Point. Thank you for being as generous as possible. Visit [ipoint.org/give](http://ipoint.org/give) to join this effort.



## BEYOND THE POINT - Cali & Maely Hall



Serving at Inspiration Point was a transformative experience. I made many significant memories during my time there, but the main thing that impacted me was the fulfillment I found in sacrificing the “normal” life for the Gospel each day. Serving in this way was meaningful because it is what we were made for. We were made to give our lives away for Christ. Many have asked me how the transition has been leaving camp to attend the University of Minnesota. I am encouraged that the same Holy Spirit that made camp so powerful is the same Spirit that is with me as I work, learn, and serve here! This fall, I look forward to serving in another avenue of God's work in Minnesota, this time with college women. God has paved the way for a group of us to start a chapter of Delight Ministries, a Christ-centered community of women that meets weekly at the U of M to encourage one another in things of eternal importance. The lessons I learned at camp have been invaluable in this experience, as I trust that hard does not always equal bad, the best life lived is the one given away, and only what is done for Christ will last!

At IPoint, our staff frequently discuss how we are vessels for God's glory. It's not our responsibility to soften hearts and it's not our talents that make the difference that we see in campers' lives. We offer up this camp, our time, and our gifts as a sacrifice to Him. One example of God working through camp is when I had a conversation with a middle school camper. She told me that she wasn't sure if she would go to heaven because of some choices she had made. It was clear that she cared deeply about her faith and was concerned about this. At that moment, the Holy Spirit brought to mind Romans 10:9-10, which assures us of salvation through the sacrifice of Jesus – through His GIFT TO US – not by our obedience, good works, or past decisions. After sharing this news, the camper was filled with newfound joy in the Gospel and was inspired to live rightly because of her confidence in her Savior's gift. I'm grateful to serve at a camp that creates a safe atmosphere to have intentional conversations like this one. God is doing incredible things at IPoint, and I'm honored that He has let me partner in this mission to share the Good News with His children!



## PARENT PERSPECTIVES - Aaron & Katy Hall

As parents of four daughters, we are grateful for the many ways Inspiration Point has helped shape the lives of our daughters and our family as a whole. Because God has called us to disciple our children, teach them to obey all He has commanded, and see Christ formed in them (Matt. 28:20; Gal. 4:19), we've prayed He would guide us with partners in our parenting journey who echo His Truths.

When our daughters were young campers, we were in awe of the solid Biblical teaching combined with a warm and present staff. It seemed as if everyone we encountered was on a mission to serve those around them with joy. The weeks they spent at camp over the years have provided an unwavering commitment to God's Word encouraging them to live a life for His glory.



We began attending family camp early on because we enjoyed getting a small glimpse into their week as campers. Being surrounded by the beauty at Inspiration Point and the invitation to worship, hear from meaningful speakers, observe the Christ hike, recite scripture, and spend meaningful moments together are cherished memories for our family.

Recently, our daughters had an opportunity to serve with the incredible Inspiration Point staff for the summer. Through this experience, we saw how the opportunity to serve others and share the life-changing truth found in the Gospel can propel faith. The staff is equipped to help each camper encounter Christ and know His deep love for them.

Inspiration Point has been woven into many seasons of our family's rhythms to support spiritual growth and a firm foundation of faith. From sending young campers to seeing our daughters serve as cabin leaders, we have been blessed by the mission and vision. Inspiration Point's intentional biblical teaching has opened the door for many to encounter and follow Christ. We look ahead to future seasons at Inspiration Point with excitement as we hope to share it with generations to come.

# FAMILY CAMP WOWS



Attendance at youth camps isn't the only event that is growing rapidly. 930 family campers spent days at IPoint this past summer making memories, relaxing, and enjoying all this place has to offer.

Each day begins with breakfast, which is followed by a time for camp-provided, family devotions

and a camp-led chapel service with singing, a skit, and a brief message. Breakout sessions for all ages fill out the morning. Following lunch, families enjoy a free afternoon to enjoy all the activities IPoint has to offer. The evenings always provide one special event like a campfire, the Christ Hike Passion Play or the uproarious Gaslamp Theater.

This all comes together to form an experience that families rave about. One first-time family told us, "We've never experienced such a well-organized and well-run experience. God-centered, great staff! FUN! We are leaving here feeling the Holy Spirit at work. THANK YOU!" Another family said, "I tell others it's the best all around, from the teaching to accommodations, to service of the staff. It's really tough to explain how awesome it is until it's been experienced. Thank you!"



Check your calendar and contact camp to reserve your spot for 2025!

## Join the Third Thursday Team!

The Third Thursday Team offers a monthly opportunity for up to 20 people to contribute their time and skills to ongoing camp projects on the third Thursday of each month. Whether you can join us for just one month or make it a regular part of your schedule, we welcome volunteers of all skill levels! This is a fantastic chance to get involved and support the ministry at IPoint consistently. Sign up online at [ipoint.org/register](http://ipoint.org/register).

### Third Thursday Sample Schedule

8:15-8:45	Registration	12:30	Lunch
8:45	Staff-led devotional	1:00	Work Projects
9:00	Work Projects	2:30-2:45	Snack break
10:30	Coffee break	2:45-4:00	Wrap up & head home!
11:00	Work projects		

**Sample Projects:**

- Housekeeping
- Painting
- Weeding/Gardening
- Splitting & Stacking Firewood
- Construction Help
- Mowing
- Folding & Restocking in Gift Shop

## COME BACK TO CAMP!



Did you know that we host a number of different retreats throughout the year? We have options for all ages in the fall, winter, and spring! Consider joining us this year for a weekend away to reconnect with God and enjoy the beautiful weather at Twin Oaks!



## MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS YEAR-END

The far-reaching ministry of Inspiration Point would not be possible without the generous support of its champions. Each year, hundreds of donors provide financial resources that make camp possible. As we approach the end of 2024, IPoint is seeking to raise \$167,000 for two important projects.

1. Helping support 80 summer staff salaries (\$100,000)
2. Hardscape and landscape the area around the new dining room addition (\$67,000)

This critical effort will kick off on Giving Tuesday, December 3rd and continue through the month of December. Watch for more information in the mail and on Inspiration Point's social media accounts. Thank you for considering how you might join in this important endeavor!





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## GET TO KNOW TWIN OAKS

This summer, Inspiration Point introduced a new 900-square-foot splash pad that has quickly become a favorite among campers and guests. Situated in the middle of camp, it features three tipping buckets, a water tower, 16 jets, and rubber flooring. Senior high students loved using it to cool off after a hot day of activities, and family campers, including grandparents and toddlers, spent hours sitting by the pool and playing together. Campers of all ages have made great memories there, making it a highlight of the season!



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