

## **Otter Creek Camp and Retreat Center Vision**

### **Mission:**

A refuge where all generations can come to experience God and creation in community.

### **Purpose:**

Our vision for this site is to create and cultivate a place of spiritual renewal, growth, and community by offering immersive encounters with God in creation. The site will be a year-round facility designed to host the Otter Creek church family, the communities we serve, and other external ministries and organizations through retreats, meetings, workshops, and camps. This is a fulfillment of Vision 2029 as we model innovation and execute on new ministry opportunities.

### **Facilities Requirements & Capacity**

See appendix A

The facility accommodates potentially 400-500 attendees during warmer months and smaller groups year-round. It offers both open-air and climate-controlled facilities to support varying group sizes and seasonal needs. Its design reflects CPP security standards, specifically for lodging, showers, and restrooms.

Valuing our debt-free philosophy, the facility is financed through gifts from Otter Creek members and fees from its usage. The facility will be financially self-sustaining.

### **Location & Site Recommendations**

See appendix B

The ideal site possesses woods, large open spaces, and access to a body of water, all while being accessible by bus. Ideally it will be within a 2-hour radius of Brentwood, close enough for a one- or two-night stay yet remote enough to allow for wonder. The site is safe for all ages and free of any adverse conditions (e.g., elevated, unsecure bluffs).

### **Summary Statement:**

This retreat center will embody these aspects of OC's culture:

- A passion for fostering and sharing our faith with the next generation by loving and appreciating our children and youth.
- A culture of engaging in ministry and partnering with communities that brings healing, teaching, and serving.
- A desire to foster intergenerational ministry, knowing each and every part of the family has a gift to offer as they bear the image of God.

## **Appendix A**

- **Internal Groups**

- OCYG
- OCKids
- Stir
- OCYAM
- F.O.C.A.S. (Singles Ministry)
- Elders
- Recovery Groups
- OC Staff
- Couples
- Women's Ministry
- Men's Ministry
- Aging Together Ministry
- Family Retreats
- Volunteers
- Ministry Leaders
- Garden Club
- Smalls Groups
- Worship Ministry
- OC Schools
- Silent Retreats

- **External Groups**

- Recovery Groups
- Freedom Prayer
- YES
- Wayne Reed Center
- Exile
- Other Churches
- Schools/Universities
- Local Community
- Weddings
- AGAPE
- Thistle Farms
- Researchers
- Bird Watcher
- Private Events
- Bible Study Fellowship
- Survivalists
- Non-Profits

## **Appendix B**

### **DESIRED ELEMENTS/STRUCTURES**

- Housing
- Facilities
- Year-Round Lodging
- Mess Hall
- Bathrooms
- Cabins (rustic and modern)
- Body of water
- Wide Open Space
- Large Lodge Center
- Amphitheatre
- Large Covered Pavilion
- Walking Trail
- Caretakers House
- Canteen/ Coffee Shop/Gift Shop
- Multipurpose Facility (Craft House, Game Center, Emergency Shelter, Infirmary, Laundry)
- Maintenance Shed
- Storage Facility

Disclaimer: Appendices A and B are detailed but not intended to be exhaustive.