



YMCA Trout Lodge & Camp Lakewood

Building a Stronger,
Healthier Community

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It's an exciting time to be at YMCA Trout Lodge and Camp Lakewood.

Families and children have been coming here for over 60 years enjoying the serene, natural beauty while strengthening family bonds and building inner spirit and confidence. In keeping with our mission, the YMCA has always responded to the needs of those we serve:

- Answering the need for a healthy youth environment, a 360-acre lake was built and a summer resident camp was started in the 1940's.
- Answering the need for a full family recreation site, Trout Lodge family cabins and the Danforth/Walker Chapel were built in the 1960's along with property expansion to enhance the natural surroundings.
- Answering the need to expand our programs and facilities for campers, families and special groups, the Sunnen Center at Trout Lodge was built and additional cabins were added at Camp Lakewood in the 1980's.

Now it's time to answer the needs of our campers and guests again and make the YMCA of the Ozarks experience accessible for everyone. By renovating our cabins and other areas, improving accessibility to all buildings, and expanding our programming, we will ensure that all people can enjoy the natural gifts of this unique area. We invite you to join us in answering the need once again.

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Building Stronger Communities

YMCA of the Ozarks/Trout Lodge & Camp Lakewood is a branch of the YMCA of Greater St. Louis, which purchased the original 120-acre tract of land and cabins in 1946. The 360-acre lake, built a year later by Joseph Sunnen, made the creation of the camp possible. Today, the campus encompasses more than 5,200 acres of forest-covered hills in the Mark Twain National Forest and delights more than 40,000 people annually. A trail system, including a recently completed interpretive history trail, winds through trees on both sides of Sunnen Lake. Children and families gather at YMCA of the Ozarks year after year, to enjoy the natural environment, to spend time together, to appreciate nature and to grow in spirit, mind and body.

Reaching Out, Growing Stronger

Four key challenges face the YMCA of Greater St. Louis

1. Currently serving only 1/4 of youth and teens in urban core
2. Uniquely positioned through our 20 branches to impact health of people throughout the community
3. Demand for our programs and facilities is exceeding supply
4. Some areas are not served at all by a YMCA

Four-pronged development plan

1. Triple the number of youth served in the urban core
2. Build a stronger and healthier community
- 3. Strengthen services in current communities**
4. Reach out to new communities



Strengthen Services in Current CommunitiesWhy?

Both Camp Lakewood and Trout Lodge provide campers and guests with a welcome reprieve from city noise, hustle and bustle. Visitors can wade in streams, observe wildlife and take in star-filled skies.

Camp Lakewood—Camp Lakewood offers two key programs, resident camp during the summer and outdoor education programs through the school year. Lodging is available in climate-controlled cabins with indoor plumbing.

Summer resident camp—children ages 6 to 17 can attend traditional Summer Camp, participate in the Ranger Program emphasizing outdoor challenges, or work on leadership skills in the Leadership Development program.

Outdoor education—Annually, more than 160 groups, totaling over 9,000 participants take part in Camp Lakewood Outdoor Education Programs. Schools, scout troops, church retreats and youth groups participate in hands-on adventure, environmental, conservation and science-based activities and group building.

Trout Lodge—Trout Lodge is a family resort and conference center, which also offers team building and programs for people ages 55+. Lodging is available in 79 guest rooms and loft suites in the Sunnen Center and a series of cabins for families, groups, and individuals.

Family Activities—Canoeing, campfires, horseback riding and swimming lead to fun family times and memories to last a lifetime.

TEAMWorks—Professional staff work with people of all ages and abilities to increase leadership skills, improve relationships and build self-confidence.

Prime Life Programs—Programs for people ages 55 and up cover a wide array of fun and educational topics.





CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: *current accessible entrance to Lakewood Dining Room, current entrance to camper cabin, current camper cabin*

Through these programs, the YMCA of the Ozarks serves a diverse group of people with many needs. Our participants are children and families of all ages, races, genders, abilities and economic means. Over the last 20 years YMCA of the Ozarks has awarded \$3.7 million in financial assistance to more than 72,000 people.

Through Trout Lodge and Camp Lakewood, the YMCA of the Ozarks offers a truly unique experience, giving families the opportunity to spend uninterrupted time together, teaching people of all ages an appreciation for nature, and building strong spirits, minds and bodies. To ensure that this wonderful resource will be here for more families and children in generations to come, we must plan now for the future, with expanded facilities and services and additional programming.

YMCA of the Ozarks' facilities are aging, and most are not accessible

to people with disabilities. We know that children of all abilities are more successful in secure and comfortable surroundings.

Strengthen Services in Current Communities.....How?

We propose a two phased renovation of Camp Lakewood, Trout Lodge and the surrounding property. The renovations will enable us to better serve people of all abilities and provide more accessibility to all buildings. It will also enhance our ability to educate people of all ages about nature and conservation and will expand the availability of our seasonal programs.



YMCA of the Ozarks | Phase I projects

Camp Lakewood

Raptor Village Area.....	\$567,270
Explorers Village Area.....	\$983,620
Savannah Village Area.....	\$40,920
Lakewood Lodge.....	\$652,300
Lakewood Lodge Outside Area.....	\$292,985
Center Hall.....	\$124,100
Lakewood Waterfront & Outdoor Facilities.....	\$1,005,972
Additional: <i>replace water/sewer lines, repair Lakewood Lodge roof, ranch fencing and posts, rec center HVAC, tennis court repair, Pioneer Village.....</i>	\$277,000

TOTAL: \$3,944,167

Nature Center

TOTAL: \$98,500

Trout Lodge

Program Pavilion & Recreation Area.....	\$231,000
Roof, renovate loft suites, renovate patio, concrete walks/steps, pontoons, Pines Peak lighting, fire escapes, office space.....	\$851,000

TOTAL: \$1,082,000

TOTAL PHASE I: \$5,124,667

YMCA of the Ozarks | Phase II projects

Trout Lodge

Maintenance/service, staff housing, kitchen, deck, swimming beach, new road, new walkway, Hillcrest Hall, Busch Family cabins, Hillcrest Family Camping area, North Hall, environmental ed, tractor, carts, riflery

TOTAL: \$3,530,710

Camp Lakewood

New entry drive, cabins

TOTAL: \$663,806

Ranch

TOTAL: \$880,000

East Camp

TOTAL: \$156,200

North Permanent Staff Village

TOTAL: \$308,000

TOTAL PHASE II: \$5,538,716

TOTAL PHASE I & II: \$10,663,383

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