

Dear Camp Icaghowan Community Member,

In thinking about all the successes we've experienced so far this year at **Camp Icaghowan** and all that's yet to come, I'm filled-to-the-brim proud of and grateful for the space we've created for kids of all backgrounds to...

Try new things, deepen connections to others and the environment, unplug from the digital world, and grow in every way.

Your steadfast support continues to be the cornerstone of making all this possible — the big things, the little things, and everything in between. And with summer quickly approaching, I'm eager to share with you some highlights and updates from the island.

- In recent years we have prioritized our plans around our **facility improvements** and I am delighted to announce that air conditioning has been added to the health services building and Weesner Welcome Center, a gender-neutral bathroom has been installed by the maintenance building (for our horse campers and facilities staff), a new road has been built around the trips area to make loading/unloading processes more efficient, new platform tents have been purchased to replace old and damaged ones, a new deck has been built at Health Services, the roof on the remaining staff cabin has been replaced, and a new walk-in freezer has been installed to expand our food storage capacity. Every one of these facility updates allows us to better serve our growing attendance numbers, and we are grateful to be able to keep our 116-year- old camp shining bright.
- Our **capital campaign** for the dining hall remodel project will soon be launching, and we look forward to rallying our community around this next big project.
- We are so excited to share that Camp Icaghowan will be a **BOLD & GOLD** site, partnering with a nationwide outdoor leadership development program that many Y camps also participate in. We will be starting with one trip opportunity this year and expanding from there. Next year we will be the first camp in the country to offer a BOLD & GOLD camping program in the winter!
- Our **Counselors in Training (CIT) program** is the fullest it's ever been, allowing us to strengthen our training opportunities so that all our staff members are equipped to support the evolving needs of our campers—both social-emotional and physical.



- We have drastically increased the amount of **scholarship dollars** provided, as the need continues to rise and we want to ensure finances are not a barrier for any family to send their kid(s) to Icaghowan. Additionally, we now reserve spots for grant-funded campers who age out of these assistance programs, so that they can continue participating through scholarships and eventually return as staff members.

As we near the halfway point of the year, I want to extend my deepest gratitude for your partnership that has helped us already accomplish so much and is positioning us for a successful summer ahead.

There's no doubt it will be another unforgettable one for campers and staff alike. We eagerly anticipate the laughter, friendships, and memories that await us all.

THANK YOU for being an integral part of our Icaghowan community and CHEERS to summer 2024!

With gratitude and excitement,



Georgia Ellingson
Executive Director

P.S. You're invited to join on us on the island for our 116th birthday celebration on Saturday, June 15th from 10AM – 4PM! There will be tours, lunch, and a campfire program. We hope to see you there!