

Dear Friends, October 3rd, 2022

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This past summer, Nichols was fortunate to stay open and hire a team of over thirty amazing counselors who worked together to teach children how to sail, weave friendship bracelets, and swim strong and fast! Some summer days were spent picking blueberries and hiking sunny paths, and others were spent dressing up in silly costumes and having camp-wide scavenger hunts. Rain or shine, every day was a celebration of the outdoors, friendship, and fun. We wish to continue to share this enthusiasm for camp, and we are excited to make sure we have another year of this same exploration and enrichment. Because Nichols enrolled over 120 children each day during the summer of 2022, and because, on top of that, our waitlist was so long, we know we must continue to grow so that we can serve as many families as possible. Our mission is for 2023 to be our biggest and best year yet. Our hope is that our Supporters' commitments now will help us share camp with an even greater number of deserving families.

Supporting Nichols can look like a lot of things, including you recommending us to a friend for enrollment or for a summer job, volunteering your time to clean camp, attending our fundraising events to show your support, generously donating materials or financial support to our organization, or even liking us on Facebook or writing us a review! No support is too small, and most importantly, we are grateful to you simply for providing us with the community that we have loved to be a part of for so long. If you can, we ask you today to consider donating or providing your Support to help us stay busy! Give us a call if you need ideas on how best to help. Coordinating activities, purchasing camp materials, providing safety certifications to staff, purchasing insurance, and providing programming all require a plethora of resources that can be hugely benefited by your support. With your help, our 59th season will be one of the best yet!

Yours in service,

The Board of Trustees