



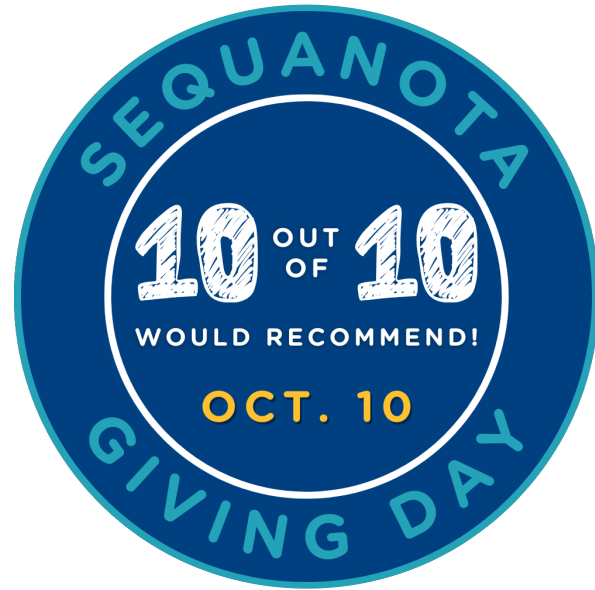
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By becoming a KINDLE monthly partner you will help ignite our ministry to serve in new ways. KINDLE club encourages people to provide support for Sequanota through monthly gifts. When you give in this way, you provide regular and consistent income to help Sequanota kindle the faith of our campers.

Here are some ideas for what your monthly gift could do or provide.

- \$10: Craft or archery supplies
- \$20: Garden plants and seeds
- \$25: Sport courts balls & equipment
- \$50: Help a child attend a week
- \$100: Paint the pool (done annually)
- \$150: Update a cabin
- \$200: Sponsor a summer staff member

Sign up online to become a member today.
www.sequanota.com/donate



Winter & Spring Events

Check the website for more information
www.sequanota.com/events/descriptions

- BREAKFAST WITH SANTA -- December 7**
- NEW YEARS DAY HIKE -- January 1 @ 10:00 AM**
- IGNITE: Winter Youth Retreat -- January 25-26**
- SUSTAIN: An Adult Retreat -- Feb 21-23**
- BELONG: A Young Adult Retreat -- March 21-23**
- LOVE YOUR MOTHER (Earth) RETREAT -- April 25-27**
- HAPPY CAMPER FUN RUN -- April 26**

Sign up for emails

We are updating our database. Please help us make sure we have your current contact information by submitting a form at: www.sequanota.com/update

From Across the World to Camp Sequanota: A Journey of Joy, Growth, and Community

This summer I had the privilege and opportunity to fly 8,000 miles from across the world to work at Sequanota, and it has truly been the best experience of my life. Living with the wonderful Sequanota family was a brand new adventure, every single day. It really opened my eyes to how a single community can work together to create an infinite ripple of positivity.



As a child, I had never been to camp, hence working with campers was very exciting for me. Watching them evolve, build confidence, overcome challenges, helping them learn new things and learning from them, week after week, made it an immensely rewarding experience. From polar plunging in the pool early in the morning, song times after every meal, planning skits for campfire,

setting up theme week to walking trails in the forest at midnight, there was something magical for everyone. In return, the children showered us with their magic of love, kindness and laughter. We saw us all unite into one community, building friendships and taking care of each other through games, crafts, sports and prayers.

It made me wonder, how if we all embrace this spirit in our lives otherwise for the rest of the year, we'd overcome so many challenges, and the world could really become a better, more peaceful place, just like Camp Sequanota.

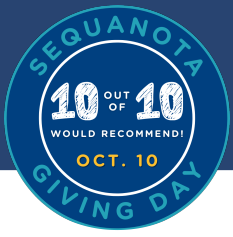
By: Neelum Hassan
Karachi, Pakistan



Survey Responses: How has your time at camp changed you?

- I'm more friendly. -Freddie
- Makes me feel more comfortable being myself. -Collin
- I feel closer to God. -Hannah & Keira
- Making new friends. -Lincoln & Liam
- Made me more responsible. -Tyler
- I feel more brave. -Bella
- To help others and to be myself. -Victoria
- I feel more independent and less scared of bugs. -Lucy

SUMMER 2024		30 Summer Staff
10 Weeks of Camp	87 New Campers	6 International Staff <small>from Mexico, Pakistan, & Peru</small>
10 Different Camp Programs	45 Tend Participants	5 Hosted Retreat Groups
120 Swimmers in Sequanota Swim School	340 Campers	390 Hosted Campers



Sequanota's Giving Day: October 10th

10 out of 10 - Highly Recommend!

The Camp Story:

On July 8, 1946, the pastors of the Somerset and Johnstown ministerium decided to purchase the land that makes up Main Camp. The real estate agent had reservations about holding the land, so the ministers pooled the cash they had, totaling \$80, to place a hold on the initial 145 acres that would become Sequanota.

The pastors then needed to raise \$2,420 to purchase the property within the next three weeks. The Allegheny Conference community came together and raised the funds in time.

From its start, Sequanota was a community effort. The Lutherans of the Allegheny Conference were the first to embrace the vision and support this ministry. Over the years, thousands have entered this sacred property through the treasured green gate and experienced the Sequanota community.



The Sequanota tradition endures. We have just completed the 77th summer camp season. The values of connecting Christ, creation and community remain central to each camp season. Sequanota welcomes home both young and mature individuals to experience the loving community that has become a Sequanota tradition.

For the last twelve years, every Sequanota camper has participated in "Community Time," a daily 20-minute block for cabin groups to engage in



activities that benefit the community. Projects include sweeping the Dining Hall, delivering compost to the garden, cleaning public restrooms, and working in the camp garden—harvesting, weeding, or tidying around the store and campfire circles.

Community time allows us to give something back to support the Sequanota community that nurtures us. It occurs daily around 10:10 a.m.



You are a part of the Sequanota Community:

Whether you were a camper, served on the staff, attended a retreat, or are a parent or guardian of a current camper, you are connected to this diverse community. Sequanota continues a tradition of helping campers, swimmers and guests develop new friendships, gain self-confidence, and practice living with independence in a tech-free environment.

Sequanota Giving Day: 10/10 is a new opportunity for the Sequanota community to come together and strengthen camp for the future. I invite you to contribute sometime on October 10th on the Sequanota website:

<https://sequanota.com/donate-now/>



The Sequanota community is being called on again to secure the future of this ministry and its values.

You have experienced how Sequanota can impact lives. Please share what you are able (just like those ministers in 1946 - pulling cash out of their pockets) to sustain the work of Sequanota.

Together, we will ensure the next generation of campers, guests, and staff have a place to live in community with caring mentors, who teach them skills like friendship, persistence, and teamwork all in a tech-free, natural environment.

More Survey Responses

Why do you want to come back next year?

- I felt loved. -Otto
- It's very welcoming. -Benny
- I can see all my camp friends -Rylee
- Because it's the best! -Lincoln
- This place is my favorite place in the world. -Finn
- I felt safe. -Lucy



How did you experience God during your time at camp?

- Everyone loving each other and being inclusive. -Brenna
- I felt less stressed and more connected to others.
- By having some sort of presence around me. -Collin
- When everyone was so nice and kind and fun. -Olivia
- I experience God when helping the community.
- I felt God helping me at hard times. -Keira
- Being in nature. -Janie



You make summer camp happen

I'm a kindle club donor because I know how important camp is in the lives of our young people. Kindle Club is an easy way for me to set my monthly donation without having to remember to donate monthly or quarterly. My dad was a camper, I grew up at camp (and enjoy volunteering now), and now my niece comes to camp. I've watched as camp has allowed so many kids to really grow into who they are and what they can accomplish.



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Gillian Benton
Past camper, staff member,
and volunteer



Sequanota holds many dear memories for me, and I hope it will provide those same positive experiences to others. Regular contributions ensure that the camp can maintain high-quality programs, provide scholarships, and invest in essential facilities and equipment. Consistent support helps create a stable environment where children can explore, learn, and grow in faith. Your monthly donation becomes a reliable foundation for fostering memorable experiences!

Kellie Schwake
Past camper, staff member, and volunteer