



My Brother Knights,

St. Francis Camp on the Lake is owned and operated by the Caravans of the Michigan Region of the Order of Alhambra. These are men and women who are dedicated to assisting those persons with intellectual disabilities. Many Alhambrians are also Brother Knights, after all our missions are very similar, to serve God's special people. Since 1985, St. Francis Camp has helped thousands of campers have a summer camping experience they could never have had before. In January of 2012, the State Officers of the Knights of Columbus took a tour of the camp. At that meeting the Board of the Directors of the camp, asked for some support and when the State Board saw all the great work that was being done and the potential for the future, it was then State Deputy Thomas Marcetti, Sr. who said "this is a no-brainer". With that spirit and financial backing we were able to build a brand new, state-of-the-art, 35 bed, Montana Style Log Cabin dormitory now called, Knights of Columbus Hall. Since that time many changes have happened at the camp. Some major facelifts have taken place on some of the outbuildings and some new and enhanced activities were built so that the campers could have the best facility to provide the ultimate camping experience.

Imagine being in a wheelchair all your life, thinking that you have limitations and then through specially designed programs at St. Francis Camp, you've suddenly become limitless, catching fish, swimming, boating, kayaking or perhaps sliding down an old-fashioned hundred-foot slip and slide with the water splashing in your face as you scream with glee .

Our 10 week recreational style camp offers a unique and exciting camping experience unlike any other in the State of Michigan. We never turn down a camper for financial concerns. This does not come easy; it takes time, talent and money. Thanks to the support from the State Board of the Knights of Columbus and the Councils and Assembly throughout the State of Michigan this is made possible. Sometimes it might seem like a thankless contribution but once you see the happy faces of our campers and experience the enthusiasm they have for being at camp, we hope that that would be thanks enough.

Please continue to support this worthy cause through the MI Drive knowing that those smiles on our campers are put there thanks to you.

God bless you and God bless our campers.

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