

Camp Awana

New! RORHEIM LODGE CONSTRUCTION



Camp Awana Teepee (cover photo)

As you drive over the hill into Camp Awana you will see the beautiful Camp Awana Teepee which we call the symbol of Camp Awana. There have been five different teepees over the 70 years of Camp Awana. The first one was constructed of heavy canvas. Art Rorheim was the construction manager of all five teepees. The beautiful present teepee seats more than 30 campers and shares an important message.

That important message was how Camp Awana came into existence through a godly couple, Lance and Virginia Latham, who had a vision to begin the Camp Awana ministry. God only knows that during the 70 years of Camp Awana over a million boys and girls, parents and visitors have attended Camp Awana and heard the gospel message.



Art Rorheim

Art Rorheim has been part of Camp Awana for over 70 years. When Camp Awana started in 1946, Pastor Lance Latham asked Art Rorheim to direct boys camp. Art carried out that vision and developed a camping program that became a model of Christian Camping for decades to come.

In 1972, Art developed the Awana Scholarship Camp Program, inviting campers from across the country to come to Camp Awana for a special week with high achievers from Awana Clubs. By 1985, there were more than a dozen Scholarship Camps across the country. By 2006, there were over 40 Scholarship Camps reaching 10,000 campers in the summer months. Each camp was modeled after the Camp Awana model which Art Rorheim developed.

"Camp Awana has been a cornerstone of Christian Camping for over 70 years. I will forever praise the Lord for the thousands of campers who trusted Christ as their Savior, and are serving the Lord in ministries worldwide." – Art Rorheim

Art has often said that the investment you make in Camp Awana as a parent, grandparent, or friend of Camp Awana, is one of the best investments you can make. It is one of the greatest tools to train future leaders of our churches. Many of our leaders are former campers who are teaching and training others. Camp Awana is truly the working out of 2 Timothy 2:2 – "And the thing that you have heard from me among many witnesses, the same commit to faithful men who shall be able to teach others also." Camp Awana is a place where memories are made, where leadership is learned, and where lives are changed.

The Rorheim Lodge will be a facility where Pastors, speakers, teachers, and special guests will find adequate housing and study accommodations. It will also house the Genesis Center, a wonderful nature center that will be open to all campers. There will also be two rooms behind the Genesis Center which will be available for volunteers, family camp, and guest housing.



Rorheim Lodge Architectural Rendering

For more information, contact:
Dave Bilhorn | 608.289.3005 | jdbilhorn@yahoo.com

Here's How You Can Help

Pray – We are asking everyone who reads this to begin with prayer. This is a large undertaking. Pray for faith as we proceed. Pray for faith to give sacrificially. Pray to see the project through to completion. I believe that the heart of Camp Awana is the gospel, the future of Camp Awana is the people, and the power of Camp Awana is prayer. Please pray that God will lead and direct us in this project.

Psalms 127:1 – "Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it."

Our Goal is to Raise \$200,000 in 12 Months

Capital Funds Drive

- Regular Monthly Giving – 12 months of giving toward this project
- One Time Gift Giving – For materials and labor for completion

Other Donations

- Stock Transfers
- Bequests – Wills and Trusts

In Kind Donations

- Both individuals and companies – Perhaps you would be able to donate materials or labor for this project. Please contact us.

Isaiah 54:23 – "Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch out the curtain of your habitations; Do not spare; Lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes. For you shall expand to the right and to the left, and your descendents shall inherit the nations."

Please use my gift as follows:

- A monthly gift toward the Rorheim Project
- A one time gift toward the Rorheim Project
- Other donation, Stock Transfer, Bequest
- In Kind Donation

Please make checks payable to **Camp Awana – Rorheim Project** and send with this form to **3859 N. Central Avenue, Chicago, IL 60634.**