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Dear Iron County Summer Camp Supporter:

The Iron County Summer Youth Camp is seeking financial support to provide a summer camp experience for 3rd – 7th grade. The Iron County Summer Youth Camp (3rd-5th grade) provides Iron County youth the opportunity to have fun and learn in the outdoors. Iron County Outpost Camp (6th and 7th grade) is designed to enhance leadership, teamwork and build confidence in youth who attend. Last year was a huge success and I can't wait to begin planning for this year.

This past summers camp for grades 3-5 costs were approximately $12,500.00 for about 100 Iron County youth. Our primary expenses were facility rental of the North Lakeland Discovery Center with kitchen and 100 beds for 4 nights, food for 1200 meals and 960 snacks, cook fees, event insurance, transportation, activity supplies, camp shirts, canoe instruction and river trip outfitting. The 6th and 7th grade had a budget of approximately $3500.00 for 35 youth and staff. This covered food, camp facilities, director's salary, and activity fees. Many of the supplies we used were purchased last year and will stay with the camp program year after year. A few new items were needed but thanks to your support each year we will be able to provide this opportunity again and again. Outpost camp doubled in size this year, illustrating the importance of such a program in our community.

We are able to offer camp at a reasonable price because the remaining cost gets covered through donations from generous organizations, private citizens and businesses like you. Camp is an incredible learning opportunity for youth and one they will remember for the rest of their lives.

Both camps were a huge success. When I evaluate camp programs I look to see if the kids had fun, but more importantly, I want to see that they are developing skills that will help them as they grow and develop into our communities next generation of leaders. Our staff members take their roles seriously and want to be role models for the campers. Our campers develop independence, generosity, mastery and belonging. These are essential elements to the 4-H Youth Development program, and they are vital to the positive development of young people.

THANK YOU in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

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