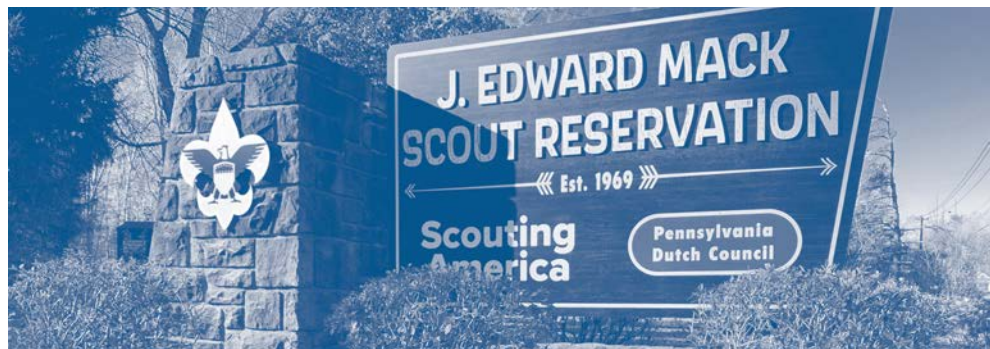




Timely News for Members of the Friends of Camp Mack

Winter 2026 Issue

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See page 8 for instructions on how to pay your 2026 dues.

Thank you for being a Friend of Camp Mack! Your membership fee supports our ongoing efforts to maintain, sustain, preserve, and promote Camp Mack.

OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

Thank you to all of our members, donors, and volunteers who helped make 2025 another great year at Camp Mack! We were able to tackle new projects, help with fundraisers, support the Summer Camp Staff, and have lots of fun along the way. We're excited to share many of our 2026 with you in this newsletter!

Membership

Our organization depends on our members, and we've had another great year as an organization because of YOU! To all our members and donors, we say, THANK YOU!! And welcome to all our new members! We are looking forward to working with you all to help make Camp Mack a great place for youth in the Scouting program to experience

the great outdoors, make lifelong friendships and have fun! We are always looking to recruit more members, so if you know of anyone you think shares the same passion for helping to preserve and promote Camp Mack, feel free to share this newsletter. A link to our membership form is included at the end of this newsletter.

Financial Position

For an organization only in our fifth full year of operations, we are now in the strongest financial position we have been in as an organization. While a strong financial position is important, so too is our commitment to improving Camp Mack! We will continue to look-long term to continue raising money to accomplish the significant and extensive projects we have planned. We rely on our volunteer's time, outside contributions, and donations of materials in order to accomplish our goals. Check out some of our plans for

2026 projects and beyond on page 5. One of the Board's goals for the Friends of Camp Mack is to be transparent with how we use our funds to better Camp Mack. You will always see a summarized statement of financial position in this newsletter.

We also want to thank all our 2025 donors for your contributions throughout the year. Thank you to our bronze, silver, and gold donors for your extra contributions, and a special thank you to our corporate donors for your extra support this year.

2026 Events

We're very pleased to announce our 2026 Events Schedule! We'll be hosting many awesome events throughout 2026– we hope you can join us!

FOCM Holiday Party - Sun., Jan 18th at 5 PM - Lititz Springs Inn

Spring Service Day – Sat., Apr. 11

PA Bowhunters Festival – Fri., Apr. 16 thru Sun., Apr. 19

Summer Camp Staff Service Day – Sat., Jun. 13

Summer Service Day – Sat., Aug. 22

Fall Service Day - Sat., Nov. 7

FOCM Fridays – 10 Friday Service Days scheduled throughout the year!

More information about these events can be found on pages 6 and 7 of this newsletter!

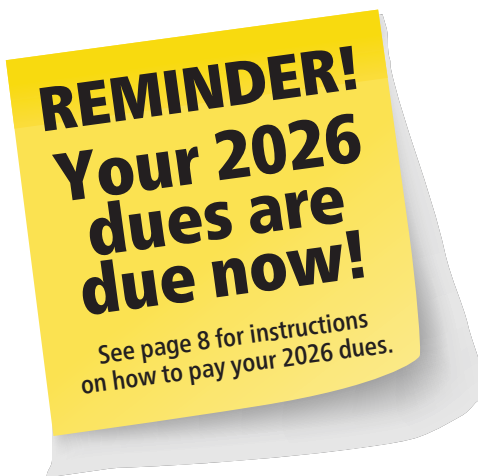




Give the Gift of Membership

Are you looking for a gift
that keeps on giving?

Why not give a gift membership
in the Friends of Camp Mack?



Treasurer's Report

Financial transparency is a priority for the Friends of Camp Mack, as we strongly believe our members should know where our money goes each year. We hope that this brief report will reinforce that commitment. Should you have questions, please feel free to contact myself or another member of the Board.

I am happy to report that FOCM remains on solid financial footing. Thanks to the generosity of our membership and donors, total revenues are on track to exceed \$39,550 in 2025. Total expenses were \$20,427

in 2025; \$4,725 of our total expenses were material donations to Camp Mack, including youth kayaks, trading post fixtures, equipment repairs, and miscellaneous cabin upgrades. Unlike years past, a large portion of our expenses (\$10,400) were associated with special events and fundraising activities which allowed us to raise in excess \$27,360 in revenues. As of 11/31, our total cash balance was \$48,127.

Submitted by

Derrick Bransby
Treasurer

Summary of Financial Activities as of 11/30/2025

Revenues

Member Dues	\$1,175
Donations	\$16,410
Event Revenues	\$14,058
Merchandise Sales	\$2,254
Total Revenues	\$33,897

Expenses

Donations & Sponsorships	\$3,770
Service Project Expenses	\$955
Event Expenses	\$8,936
Merchandise	\$4,415
Printing, Postage & Supplies	\$2,016

Total Expenses	\$20,092
Total Change in Net Assets	\$13,805

2025 Donations to Camp Mack

One of the key goals of our organization has always been to support Camp Mack anyway we can. Throughout the year, the Friends of Camp Mack donated various items to help support and improve Camp Mack. In 2025, we helped purchase new 10 new kayaks for the summer camp program, installed fencing and lighting

throughout camp, replaced signage and mechanicals, and purchased miscellaneous tools and supplies throughout the year. We also once again purchased and donated enough ice cream from our friends at Fox Meadows Creamery to last all summer for members of the camp staff.



Brush Clearing at Dellinger Lodge



Installing Fence at Training Center



Installing Fence at Training Center



2025 Completed Projects & Events

This past year was definitely one of our busiest years at Camp Mack as an organization, as we logged over 1,300 hours of service throughout the year. Here is a quick recap of our 2025 service to Camp Mack:

FOCM Fridays – Starting in January 2025, we held a service day on the first Friday in each month. These Friday Service Days were highly successful and ranged in attendance from just two people all the way to 25 people attending any given event. We used these Friday service days to help Ranger Avery Ford complete all sorts of projects around camp, including:

- Installation of split rail fence at the Training Center
- Foundation repair prep work for the Ranger Residence,
- Installation of new windows in Esbenschade Lodge
- Roof demo work for new roofs on Ford and Snavelly Pavilions
- Brush clearing, tree work, campsite cleanups, string trimming, weeding, landscaping, mowing, and wood splitting,
- Summer Camp tent set-up, disassembling metal beds and then reassembling them after camp,
- Clean-up around the lake and removal of brush on the island,
- And so many smaller projects throughout the year!

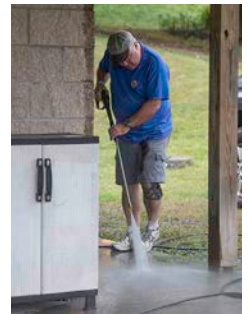
(More 2025 Completed Projects on the next page.)



Landscaping work at Entrance Sign



Splitting Firewood



Powerwashing!



Replacing Roofs at Ford and Snavelly Pavilion



Replacing Roofs at Ford and Snavelly Pavilion



Replacing Roofs at Ford and Snavelly Pavilion



Clearing Brush from the Island



Starting Chippewa Demolition



Installing Pool Cover for Winter

Friends of Camp Mack Winter 2026



Bowhunters Festival



Ford Pavilion Roof Work



Snavely Pavilion Roof Work



Motorcycle Ride for Camps



Motorcycle Ride for Camps

2025 Completed Projects & Events (continued)

Archers for Scouts – In 2025, The Friends of Camp Mack took the lead as the support organization for the 30th Annual PA Spring Bowhunters Festival in early April where we helped prep for the event, ran a full weekend of food service, and oversaw camping operations. Despite the rain and cold weather, we served up two days of made to order breakfast, lunch, and dinner meals for the archers at the Festival. We're looking forward to expanding this great event in 2026!

Metal Roofs on Ford and Snavely – With funds provided by the PA Dutch Council, members of FOCM, Scouting America, the Hammer Creek Hunt Club, and local businesses all worked at replacing the roofs on Ford and Snavely Pavilions. Over the period of several weekends and extra service days, we removed the shingle roofs and replaced them with new, shiny green metal roofs. Our hope is to continue the roof replacements around camp until everything is under a green metal roof in the future! Thanks to everyone that pitched in for these labor-intensive roof replacement projects!

Spring Service Day – In early June, we hosted our spring service day which helps the staff get ready for their first days of staff week each summer. This year was no different, as 19 of our members spent the day cleaning up from spring events at Camp Mack, fixing campsite issues, and preparing camp for the summer months.

Staff Ice Cream Night – At our now-traditional ice cream night, we once again hosted the staff for a fun night of hanging out in the dining hall and plentiful buffet of ice cream from Fox Meadows. We made sure to leave plenty of extra ice cream in the freezer so the staff could enjoy it throughout the rest of the summer!

Fall Service Day – At our Fall Service Day in August, we had 14 people in attendance working on lots of different projects around camp. We completed some landscaping projects at the main entrance and around the pool complex, prepared for our construction project in Chippewa campsite, cleaned up brush and tree damage around camp, worked on staining projects in the shop, and various smaller projects! We also held our annual member meeting and enjoyed a great lunch from our catering team!

Ride for Camps Motorcycle Fundraiser – We were proud to partner with the Friends of Camp Bashore, Inc. to take ownership of the annual Ride for Camps Motorcycle Fundraiser event starting in 2025. Our two groups, along with members of the existing Ride for Camps Committee, worked throughout the year to put on the 18th annual event that helps raise money for Camp Mack and Camp Bashore. Although a rainy day limited participation, the event was still a financial success with many new donors stepping up provide a strong return to both organizations.



Disassembling Metal Beds for Summer



Bowhunters Festival Kitchen Crew

Friends of Camp Mack Winter 2026



2026 Project Plans

Campsite Refurbishment Project

For many years we have discussed the need to perform repairs to tent platforms and the need for a permanent pavilion in each site. Starting in 2026, in a joint project between the Pennsylvania Dutch Council and the Friends of Camp Mack, we will set out on the first year of a five-year plan to refurbish all five campsites at Camp Mack. Each site will be stripped of everything except the latrine and all new tent platforms will be constructed. While the Pennsylvania Dutch Council will provide the funding for the tent platforms, FOCM will provide the labor to construct and place the platforms in the sites. As part of this project, Friends of Camp Mack will also fund and construct a permanent pavilion in each site. This is hands down our most ambitious project to date and will require lots of help from our members over the next five years, but we know we can count our members to step up and help out when needed!



Chippewa Demo with Scouts BSA Group



Chippewa Demo



Laying out new campsite design

Chippewa Campsite Refurbishment – Chippewa will be our first of five campsites to be refurbished. This campsite was completely stripped of platforms in the fall by FOCM members and finished by a group from the Order of the Arrow - Scouting America in September. Site work will begin in early spring after the ground is thawed a bit to smooth the area, remove stumps, and better position the tent platforms. We'll be building tent platforms throughout the winter months so that we can hit the ground running once the site work is complete. After the platforms are placed, we'll be completing stone work around the new platforms and constructing a 20'x28' pavilion in the site. All work will be completed in time to set up canvas tents and cots for summer camp 2026! We'll need your help in tackling this ambitious project - see opportunities on page 7 to help out!

[\(More 2026 Projects Plans on the next page.\)](#)



2026 Project Plans (Continued)



Fundraiser Letter Campaign – In 2025, Friends of Camp Mack continued our efforts to send donation request letters to various organizations across Pennsylvania. Over the three years of sending letters, we have netted over \$30,000 in donations to the Friends of Camp Mack. New for this year's campaign was an updated donation letter with options for donors to pick specific projects, donated items, or just a general donation. We've received a little over \$10,000 so far with the campaign and donating organizations continue to be very generous with funding our great organization! We're planning to continue the letter campaign in fall of 2026!



Trading Post Updates – During the early part of 2026, FOCM will be working in the Trading Post and storage room to continue to update the areas. We'll be installing some new retail displays in the Trading Post and making some general repairs and improvements throughout the space. We'll also be installing all new shelving in the storage room to make life easier for the summer camp team working in the Trading Post and replacing containers with new plastic bins to help preserve the merchandise. Help will definitely be needed for some of these interior improvement projects!

2026 Service Days



Cub Scout Open House & Spring Service Day - April 11, 2026 – We hope you'll join us for a day of service at Camp Mack early this spring to help get camp ready for events throughout April and May. On Saturday April 11th, we'll be working on campsite repairs and improvements, general cleanup around camp, and preparation for the Bowhunters Festival. We'll also be working with the Susquehanna District from the Pennsylvania Dutch Council, as they will be hosting an open house day at camp at the same time. As always, we'll provide lunch for those that come out to help for the day! To register for this free event - please email Eric Shea (eric Shea@friendsofcampmack.org) by April 4th!



31st Annual PA Spring 3D Bowhunters Festival - April 16-19, 2026 – Friends of Camp Mack is continuing our service to this annual event at Camp Mack, and will also be helping many aspects of the Festival. With an expected 1,000 archers over the two-day festival, we will need a significant amount of help to assist with this event. FOCM team members will arrive on Thursday and Friday to help with the set-up and staging for the event, along with assistance to weekend campers. At the same time, we'll be preparing to serve hot meals for the participants. We'll stay through the weekend to the close out on Sunday evening. If you can't make it out for the full weekend or even a full day, we will also be looking for help in shifts throughout Saturday and Sunday. There is no cost to our staff members to attend and help out with this event (and you'll get a cool staff shirt!) - please email Eric Shea if you are able to assist in any way with the Festival (eric Shea@friendsofcampmack.org) by April 1st.



Summer Camp Staff Service Day – Saturday June 13, 2026 – We hope you'll join us for a day of service at Camp Mack in early summer to help get camp ready for summer camp and the hot summer months. We'll be working on finishing setting up canvas tents and cots, getting campsites ready for campers, power washing, and doing some general cleanup around camp. As always, we'll provide lunch for those that come out to help for the day! To register for this free event - please email Eric Shea (eric Shea@friendsofcampmack.org) by June 6th.

(More 2026 Service Days on the next page.)



2026 Service Days (Continued)



Summer Service Day - Saturday August 22, 2026 – We hope you'll join us for a day of service at Camp Mack in late summer to help get camp ready for fall events. On Saturday, August 22nd, we'll be working on cleaning up from summer camp, preparing for fall events, and completing some maintenance projects around camp. As always, we'll provide lunch for those that come out to help for the day! To register for this free event - please email Eric Shea (eric Shea@friendsofcampmack.org) by August 15th!



Motorcycle Ride for Camps - Sunday October 11, 2026 – We will once again be helping with the Camp Mack portion of the Ride for Camps fundraiser event on Sunday October 11, 2026. We need some members to help get the word out to local motorcycle clubs and riders to attend the event, but also need help rounding up donated items for the raffle baskets and door prizes. If you or your company are interested in sponsoring a basket or providing items for our event, please reach out to Eric Shea (eric Shea@friendsofcampmack.org).



Fall Service Day - Saturday November 7, 2026 – Join us for another day of service at Camp Mack in late fall to help get camp ready for winter. On Saturday, November 7th, we'll be working on demolition work to prepare for the next campsite to be refurbished in 2027, along with smaller projects around camp. As always, we'll provide lunch for those that come out to help for the day! To register for this free event - please email Eric Shea (eric Shea@friendsofcampmack.org) by October 31st.



FOCM Friday Service Days – Friends of Camp Mack volunteers will continue to meet regularly on selected Fridays of each month at camp to perform various service projects. We'll meet almost monthly on the following Fridays:

January 2, 2026	April 3, 2026	September 4, 2026	December 4, 2026
February 6, 2026	May 1, 2026	October 2, 2026	
March 6, 2026	August 7, 2026	November 6, 2026	

We'll spend these FOCM Fridays helping Ranger Avery Ford with projects around camp from 8 AM to 3 PM. Lunch will be provided. To register for these FOCM Fridays - please email Eric Shea (eric Shea@friendsofcampmack.org) no later than the Wednesday before the FOCM Friday!



FOCM Post-Holiday Party – We are excited to announce we will be holding a Post-Holiday Party on **Sunday January 18th at the Lititz Springs Inn between 5:00 and 9:00 PM!** We hope you and your family can join us for a fun evening! The cost per person is \$50 and includes hors d'oeuvres (5 PM to 6 PM), and a buffet style meal served at 6 PM. A cash bar will be available. The event is open to anyone in your family that wishes to attend and join the Friends of Camp Mack for the evening! If you are interested in attending, please email Eric Shea (eric Shea@friendsofcampmack.org) with the number and names of people planning to attend prior to January 2, 2026! You can pay at the door or mail a check to our PO box. Additional details will be provided as we get closer to the event. We hope you will join us for this fun evening!



Year End Giving Options

As we approach the end of the year, many of you may be looking for a way to spread some holiday cheer through a charitable contribution before we start 2026. If that's the case, we can certainly use the help at Camp Mack again this winter! Below is a list of several projects and estimated material costs we'd like to tackle at camp in the near future! If you'd like to sponsor anything on the list below or even a portion of an item below, or on the linked Amazon Wish List, please let us know by replying to this email! Your donation to the Friends of Camp Mack is a fully deductible charitable contribution, and we accept cash, check, or credit card payments.

FOCM Project List and Estimated Costs

AED Replacement battery	\$275.00
Gutter guards for Training Center	\$350.00
Replace doors at Esbensshade	\$750.00
Stain and supplies to stain/seal Dellinger exterior	\$750.00
Metal Siding and Roof for Well-Shed Improvements	\$1,250.00
Split Rail Fence for along parking lot at Dining Pavilion	\$2,000.00
Pop-Up Canopies for Summer Programs (5 needed)	\$ 150.00 each
6' Wooden Picnic Tables for Pavilions (15 needed)	\$ 150.00 each
Dehumidifier for Training Center Lower Level (2 needed)	\$ 250.00 each
Replacement Canoes for Summer Lake Program (5 needed)	\$ 400.00 each
8' Metal Frame Picnic Tables (5 needed)	\$ 500.00 each
Replacement Row Boats for Summer Lake Program (5 needed)	\$ 700.00 each
Replace cabin entry doors on all buildings (10 needed)	\$ 750.00 each

To join and pay your dues by mail download the PDF of the membership form found **HERE:**

Complete the form and mail along with your membership payment to:

Friends of Camp Mack, Inc
P.O. Box 56
Landisville, PA 17538
Make checks payable to:
Friends of Camp Mack, Inc

Annual dues cover the period from January 1 through December 31.

Who are the Friends of Camp Mack?

Friends of Camp Mack are individuals or organizations that support the Boy Scouts of America and the Boy Scouts of America's local units. They are the people who help the Scouts to provide the best possible experience for the youth and leaders of the organization.

Examples of Friends of Camp Mack include:

- Individuals who donate money or goods to the Scouts.
- Organizations that provide services or facilities to the Scouts.
- Businesses that sponsor Scouts or Scout events.
- Volunteers who help with Scout activities.

For more information about the Friends of Camp Mack, visit our website at www.bsa.org/friends.

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Looking for a unique gift
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merchandise collection.

Merchandise

We encourage all members to purchase some of our great looking merchandise so you can show your support of our organization and our beloved Camp Mack. Sales of FOCM merchandise help us to pay for many of our service projects and donations throughout the year and we appreciate our members pride in wearing our gear. We expanded our options in 2025 and are always considering new merch to show off our

logo! We now have camo hoodies, long sleeve t-shirts, performance hoodies, and blankets to compliment our other royal blue merchandise. Be sure to visit the merchandise section of our website to see what is available and to purchase for yourself or as a gift. If you order merchandise online, you'll be able to pick it up at any Friends of Camp Mack event! To place a merchandise order, click [HERE](#).



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Summer Camp Staff Update

Hi Friends!

Once again, we had a fantastic summer at Camp Mack, partially due to your support. We had 553 scouts join us this summer, more than 100 more than in 2024! As other camps close, we are seeing more scouts from outside the Lancaster-Lebanon area, many of whom say they plan to return in 2026. We all know what makes Camp Mack special, and it is incredible that the word is spreading!

I need to give a huge THANK YOU to the Friends for helping secure kayaks for our lake program this year! These were a great addition, giving the scouts a new way to explore Squire Lake. We are always looking for new experiences for our campers to look forward to as they get older, and these were a great hit, especially when some of their adults tried them and instantly flipped the boat!

As we look forward to our next season, we are always looking for people to join our camp staff. If you know someone you think would be a great staff member, don't hesitate to contact me at campdirector@campmack524.org. Our staff is probably the best thing about our summer program, and we would love to have more amazing leaders on our team!

Whether you've joined us, set up camp, come out to a first Friday, served the staff ice cream, or just paid your dues, I want to thank you for your support of Camp Mack.

I look forward to seeing you at Camp Mack!

Yours in Scouting,
Ben "Barney" Wohlberg

Summer Camp Director

J. Edward Mack Scout Reservation
campdirector@campmack524.org



Help Us Continue the Legacy of Camp Mack

As our organization grows in support of Camp Mack, our need for financial assistance will also increase. With our goal of preserving and promoting both the property and programs at Camp Mack, the Friends of Camp Mack will seek to continually

increase our level of support over time. In order to prepare for the future needs of Camp Mack, we plan to establish a restricted endowment fund to help produce earned income each year through managed investments. The income earned each year will help to fund

our projects at Camp Mack, while the fund principal will remain in perpetuity. If you are interested in helping to jump start our efforts to create an endowment fund, please contact endowment@friendsofcampmack.org.