



# CAMP TECUMSEH

2023-2024 BLUE-GRAY FUND ANNUAL DONOR REPORT





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Dear Camp Tecumseh Community,

We can't thank you enough for your contributions to Camp Tecumseh! We had an awesome summer at the lake in 2025. Thankfully, it felt "normal" for the first time since before Covid. Our staff continues to promote kindness and respect throughout the summer, and the campers have embraced these values as part of their goals. Balancing these ideals with intense competition can be a tricky endeavor and is not without its incidents.

It's impossible to pinpoint one specific factor that creates the magic of camp, but one of the most critical elements is the freedom for boys to make mistakes, have arguments, lose, and play—whether poorly or exceptionally—without their parents present to critique, praise, or console them. Whatever their experiences at camp, this independence is a powerful tool for gaining confidence, responsibility, and autonomy.

Thank you, again, for your tremendous support of Camp Tecumseh!

**Doug Knight**  
*Director*

**Billy Kampmann**  
*Head of Community Impact*

## The Blue-Gray Scholarship Endowment Campaign

Since the 1970s, through the generous contributions and support from our community each year, Tecumseh's Blue-Gray Fund has provided financial aid and scholarship assistance to hundreds of qualified and deserving camper families. The Blue-Gray Fund raises around \$175,000-\$200,000 annually and is used exclusively for 30-40 full and partial scholarships for the families of boys based on their financial aid needs. With the vision of our Board of Trustees and Director, we are eager to expand our commitment to making the Tecumseh experience available to a broader number of potential campers. We are therefore embarking on a scholarship campaign to permanently endow this life-altering fund.

Thank you for considering supporting the future of Camp Tecumseh with your generosity towards The Blue-Gray Scholarship Endowment Campaign. These funds we raise will be an investment in our future and will ensure any deserving camper will be able to attend and fully experience all that Camp Tecumseh has to offer in perpetuity. Gifts can be pledged over a 5-year period or received as a one-time contribution. Please let us know in the notes that your gift will be towards the campaign.

For any questions or more information, please contact our Head of Community Impact, Billy Kampmann via [communityimpact@camptecumseh.net](mailto:communityimpact@camptecumseh.net) call (908) 310-6134 or scan the QR code below.



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### **George A. Geiger III October 1, 1945 - January 29, 2024**



George A. Geiger III passed away peacefully on January 29, 2024 surrounded by family. "Bud" or "Poppy", as he was known to friends and family, was a loving grandfather, devoted husband and proud father. Married to his wife, Eileen (Steiert), for almost 55 years, they raised three great boys into exceptional men, Kevin, Phil and Owen. Mr. Geiger was "Poppy" to eight terrific grandchildren that he adored immensely. The slightest mention of his grandchildren would bring an instant smile to his kind face.

Mr. Geiger first arrived to Camp Tecumseh over fifty years ago, when he helped his father-in-law transport camp horses and personal trunks from Pennsylvania to New Hampshire during the Munger years. This decades-long tradition had continued through his sons in recent years, symbolizing Mr. Geiger's love for Camp and his sense of service.

When George first arrived at Camp Tecumseh, he immediately fell in love, like many of us have experienced, with the magic in its beauty, its positive impact in the lives of young boys, and the family community. All three of his sons attended camp as campers and counselors and continued to support the place their father, their family, love so dearly. Three of George's grandsons were campers in recent years, enjoying the beauty of Camp much like their Poppy did for decades. His gentle presence will be missed, but his impact will continue to evolve.