

CAMP VERITAS ²⁰¹⁸

CELEBRATING **10**
years



Authentically Completely Unwaveringly Catholic!



From Our Director

Miracles happen. Ten years of witnessing the Lord work through *Camp Veritas* has left me speechless.

I remember Registration Deadline Day before the first camp at Lakota in 2008. We had a grand total of *only* 12 campers signed up. I remember thinking, “This is it? *This* is the fruit of spending an *entire* year traveling and talking to priests, youth groups, vicariate meetings, and Catholic Schools? *This* was the outcome while working three jobs, raising three children, with my wife working a full-time job?” We had spent every minute of our extra time investing in infrastructure, developing an enrollment process, incorporating Camp Veritas, establishing non-profit status, and building a website. Thousands of hours of work...for a mere 12 campers?

That night in prayer, I experienced my “burning bush moment.” I started by apologizing to the Lord for failing. I had tried my absolute best, but Camp would not happen. Then a movie screen began rolling in my mind: ***Tens of thousands of people on their knees in front of the Lord in the Eucharist!*** To this day, it remains the most *ludicrous thought* ever to enter my mind. **That is how I know it was Our Lord. HE does not think as we think. Success is only defined by our “yes.” The rest is HIS problem.**

And so, it has happened. Since 2008, we have added an average of 134 new campers every year, an astounding 47% Average Compound Annual Growth Rate! Thousands of teens have come, and thousands will continue to come. We sold out all of our USA camps in 2017, and we will open a 5th camp location this summer. It has all happened because of your *yes*--the fiat of countless young adult volunteers, moms and dads, and hundreds of others who have seen what is happening in our world today and have decided to make their destination of eternal life with God a PRIORITY.

The adventure has begun, we require *your help to move forward*. We have a happy problem in that our mission has grown...but so has my family! I am now a father of seven children and still working full time in medicine. My wife also works out of the home to help our kids get through college. Both of us sacrifice endless hours voluntarily leading both Camp Veritas and Fearless Retreats. However, at this important juncture in the history of our outreach as we seek further expansion, we need an employee to supplement the efforts of hundreds of adult volunteers.

Please consider this:

~A mother and daughter take one year to prepare for a wedding which lasts for 6 hours, with one meal for an average of 150 people.

~In comparison, consider housing, feeding, teaching, and entertaining 1,300 teenagers for 4 weeks without electronics, while at the same time directing 400 volunteer staff. And then, once the camp season ends, preparing for and attending eight 3-day Fearless Retreats throughout the year serving hundreds more teens. We can't do it on our own, so we have two options:

1—Raise the rate of Camp to cover an employee. This could be prohibitive, considering 30% of our campers already require subsidy from their parish or other organizations, and especially if staff continues to attend for free, OR...

2— Write to you now as a general fundraiser. Note, that until this moment, we have been a 100% volunteer entity. ***Beyond this effort, the vast majority of donations will go straight to the students and their experience, as it has from the very beginning.*** Every donation is tax deductible.

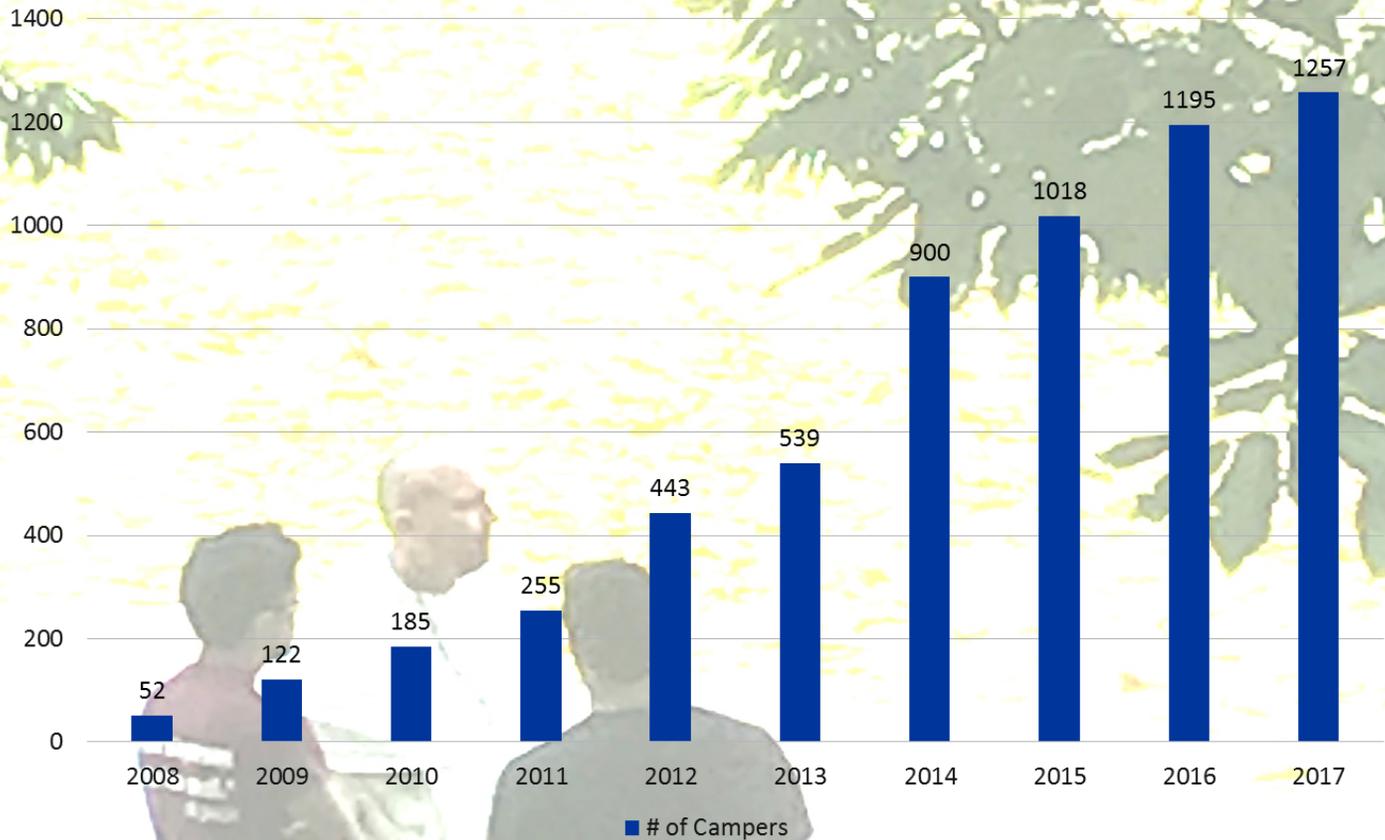
God willing, and based on your generosity right now, I hope not to have to appeal to you again for ten more years! Please consider committing to a *standard annual contribution, so that our growth will allow your siblings, children, or grandchildren to attend in the future.* Camp Veritas cannot and will not continue to expand without the Holy Spirit, God's grace, and the “yes” of your support. We also ask you to commit your *time*. Please consider volunteering at Veritas this summer and witness firsthand the miracle of souls finding the Lord for the first time! We encourage you to register online right now (so you don't forget) at www.campveritas.com.

In the end, the salvation of souls is our mission. Last summer as I was heading to my car after the 4th week of camp, I thanked one of the camp directors for attending all 4 camps last summer. He looked at me square in the eyes and stated, “Not for nothing Ryan, I did not do this for you. No thanks are necessary.” He gets it. I pray at this moment, that you do as well. This document is a snapshot and celebration of our first ten years and a glance into the future. An analysis of our growth, financial health, and ways you can donate are also included. We hope and pray you consider Camp Veritas as a charity close to your heart and remember us each year with your time, talents, and treasure.

Ryan Yang

Camp by the Numbers...

of Campers from 2008-2017

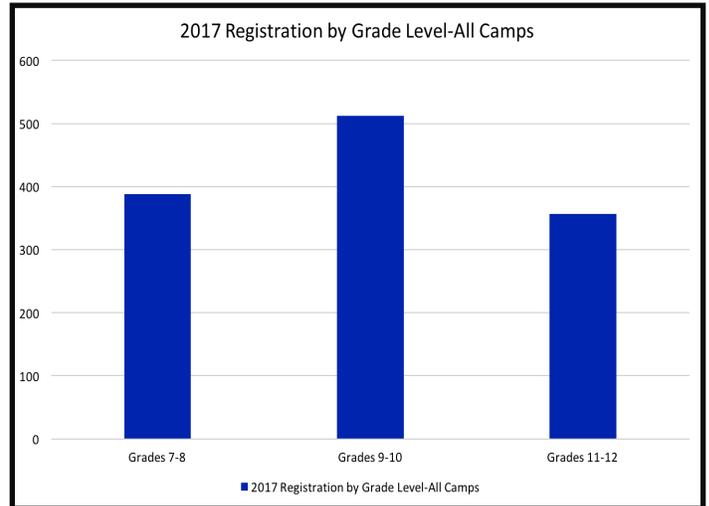
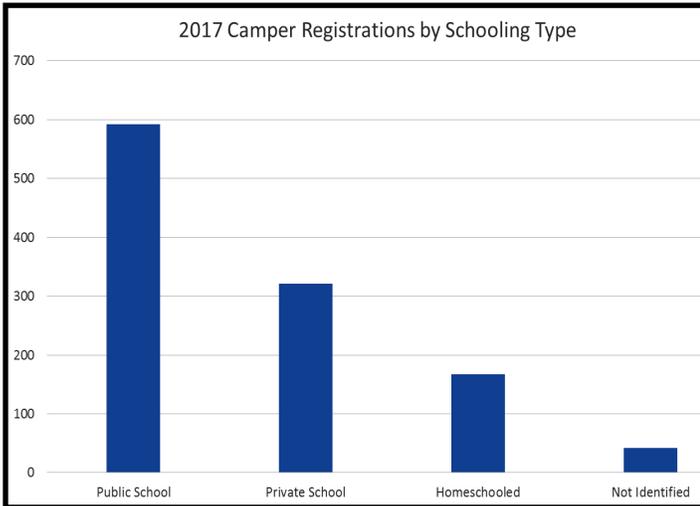


***We're "putting out into the deep!"
Did you know that...***

- ***Since 2008, we have added an average of 134 new campers every year, an astounding 47% Average Compound Annual Growth Rate!***
- ***In 2017, our campers represented 15 different states and 9 countries?***
- ***In the USA, a majority of the students we serve are public school students?***
- ***And that a majority of students attend camp after they have completed Confirmation?***



Who do we serve?



In 2017, 57 % of students registered were female and 43% were male.

Lives Transformed...

“You know, the real moment for me was when I got a text from my son which I will never forget. He said, ‘Mom, I just want you to know that I had a very strong and emotional experience with Jesus.’ Just for him at his age and where he is at, to share that with me? It was really life changing for all of us.” ~Laura (Parent)



“It has been a few days for the depths of this past week to sink in! What an amazing experience. Your hard work and dedication for the youth of today is absolutely commendable. Clearly, it is well evident that your team is one that is blessed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit!”

~ Theresa (Youth Ministry Leader)

Volunteers on Mission...

An opportunity for life-long evangelization & faith formation!
54% of our volunteers are college-age young adults!
11% of our volunteers are 55+.



Various Religious Orders join the fun!



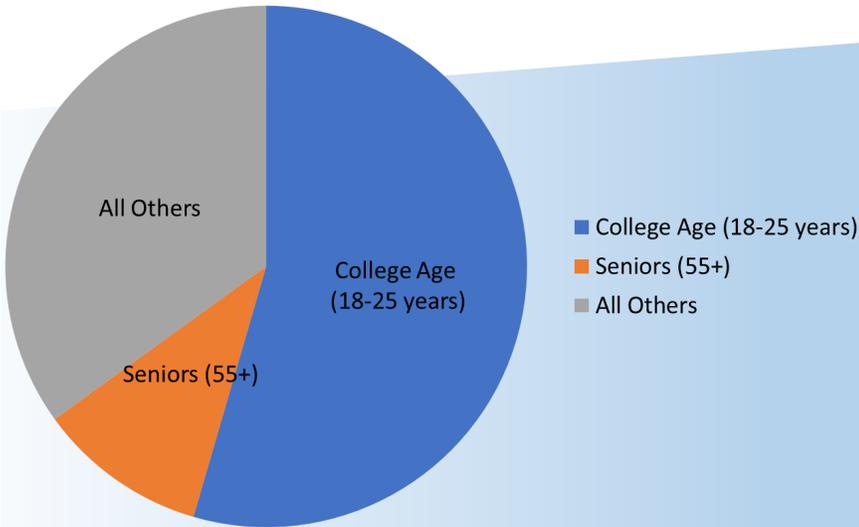
Priests and Seminarians Share the Love of Christ!



Star Nursing Staff!

"I have come to realize that the work we are all doing here is so important and so necessary." ~ Jen (Lay Volunteer)

Volunteers by Age Groups



The Watkins Sisters



Oreos with John!

A Glance Ahead...

In 2018:

- ~We will open a new camp location at Lake Placid Camp and Conference Center in Lake Placid, Florida!
- ~We will change to a new camp location in Ireland, at Clongowes Wood College in Kildare!
- ~We will continue to network with dioceses, pastors, catechetical directors, and youth ministry leaders to support their efforts of evangelization!
- ~And expand our outreach "into the deep" through our partnership with Fearless Ministries!



Lake Placid Camp, Florida

**NEW
SITES!**



Clongowes Wood College, Ireland

OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH FEARLESS RETREAT MINISTRIES

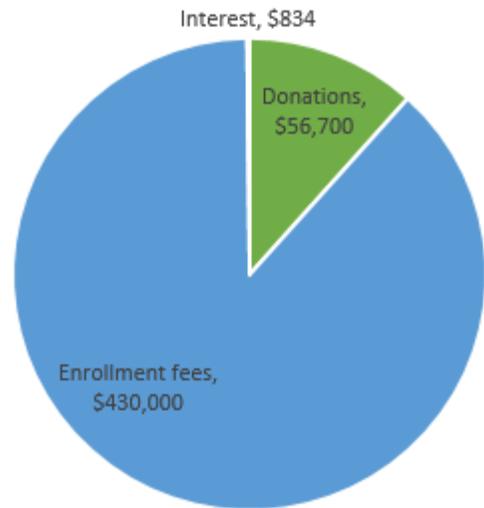
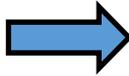


In January of 2017, Camp Veritas formed a ministerial partnership with Fearless Ministries, Inc. (formerly Youth 2000 NY). Fearless Ministries is a retreat outreach dedicated to leading teens to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Retreats are held in various regions in the Northeast, including New York, Connecticut, and New Jersey. Through three-day retreat experiences that include engaging talks, lively praise and worship, fun-filled activities, and friendship building, we are able to inspire young people to live and proclaim the Gospel with joy year round! Fearless Retreats has been featured in *Catholic New York* and on the Bridgeport Diocese' online "Faith Friday Series" with Fr. Sam Kachuba! In 2017, together with the Fearless Team, we hosted retreats at Holy Trinity Church in Poughkeepsie, NY; John A. Coleman High School in Hurley, NY; St. Rose of Lima Parish in Newtown, CT; and Kennedy Catholic High School in Somers, NY. Stay tuned for upcoming retreats in New York, Connecticut, and New Jersey in 2018. For information, visit Fearless Retreats at www.fearlessretreats.com.

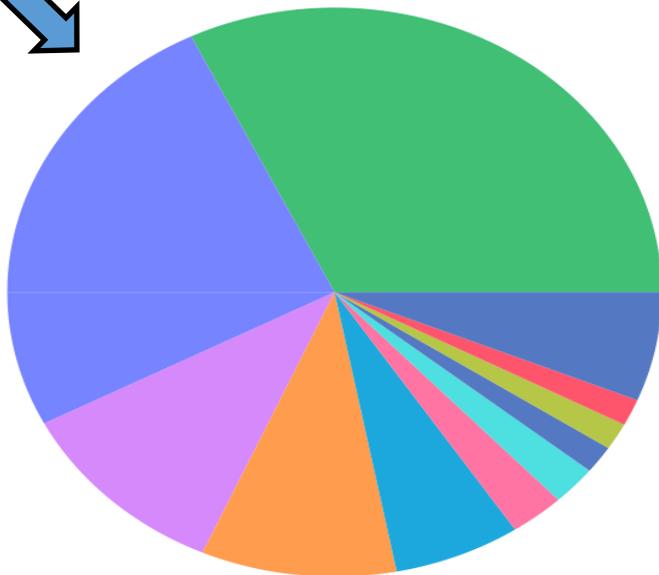


The Financial Picture

2016 INCOME BY CATEGORY



2016 SPENDING BY CATEGORY



Facility Rental Fees:Camp Lakota	\$154,080.00	32.23%
Facility Rental Fees:MSMC	\$121,465.00	25.41%
Facility Rental Fees:Summit Lake ...	\$51,415.00	10.75%
Facility Rental Fees:Maynooth	\$46,179.41	9.66%
Facility Rental Fees:Facility Depo...	\$29,853.06	6.24%
Capital Equipment	\$12,825.71	2.68%
Operational Costs:Supplies	\$10,651.61	2.23%
Operational Costs:Information T...	\$7,463.34	1.56%
Operational Costs:Equipment Re...	\$7,283.31	1.52%
Other Operational Costs:Financi...	\$7,214.33	1.51%
Other	\$29,664.21	6.20%
Total	\$478,094.98	

* Other includes stipends for Priests, Religious, speakers and musicians as well as various other operational costs such as postage.

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT US



- **Consider making a monthly pledge or annual one-time gift**
Payments may be issued by checks payable to Camp Veritas and mailed to the attention of R. Young, 19 Ashley Court, Danbury, CT 06810. Or, donations may be made via PayPal on our website at www.campveritas.com. Donations are tax deductible.
- **Volunteer! Sign up today at www.campveritas.com.**
- **Share your skills! Are you a healthcare professional, trained as a counselor, lifeguard or in emergency services? Are you a whiz with technology or talented with administrative or leadership? We need you. Register as a volunteer today at www.campveritas.com.**

Questions? Contact us at admin@campveritas.com.

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