



Camp Sunrise



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

2023 Progress Report



Camp Sunrise exists from the generosity of God, for the glory of God.

God's creation is part of what makes Camp Sunrise such a special place. We enjoy the beauty of nature all around the property, every day.

As we enjoy God's good gift of creation, we also have a responsibility to take care of it (see Genesis 1:26-28, 2:15). And in our modern world, the decisions we make have a significant impact on the creation around us—both locally and globally.

We believe the following goals will help us steward our God-given natural resources.

OUR GOALS

*Through 2030, we plan to focus on
8 main areas of creation stewardship.*



ENERGY



PAPERWORK



MATERIALS



FOOD



WASTE



EDUCATION



WATER



**ADVERSE
WEATHER**



ENERGY

Reducing energy consumption

2017 ✓

- All new and replacement lighting should be LED

2019 ✓

- 85% of public lighting fixtures should be LED

2023 ✓

- 95% of public lighting fixtures should be LED

2025

- 99% of public lighting fixtures should be LED



2022 ✓

- All AC units in public areas should have timers or smart thermostats

2023 ✓

- All new and replacement light switches in public areas should be smart, timed, or occupancy-sensing whenever practical

2024  83%

- All public restrooms should have occupancy-sensing switches



2022 ✓

- All new and replacement windows (except doors) should be insulated

2023 ✓

- All new buildings should be well-insulated

2030

- All new and replacement windows should be insulated



2023 ✓

- All new and replacement appliances should be electric and Energy Star certified
- All new water heaters and A/C units should be heat pump models, if at all practical





ENERGY

Switching to cleaner, cheaper energy sources



2025 ✓ *met goal in 2022, 2023*

- All powered maintenance and lawn equipment purchased by the camp should be electric



2030

- The camp should own at least 1 electric utility vehicle

2035

- All utility vehicles purchased should be electric



2030

- An array of solar panels should be installed to reduce costs, provide energy during power outages, and provide a cleaner energy source



MATERIALS

Using responsibly-sourced and natural materials



2022 ✓

- No new single-use styrofoam



In 2023, 2/3 of our main paper products met these goals.

2025

- New office and janitorial paper products should be SFI or FSC certified and meet at least one of the following requirements:
 - contain at least 50% post-consumer recycled material
 - be produced from alternative (non-tree) sources



2022 ✓

- No new single-use plastics in programming

2023 ✓

- No new single-use plastic plates

2025  66%

- No new single-use plastic cups

2026

- No single-use plastics used in foodservice



In 2023, all trash bags contained 90% recycled content.

2030

- Trash bags should contain 100% recycled material, or be recyclable or biodegradable.



MATERIALS

Using fewer materials



2024  50%

- Replace single-use cups with water bottles at all youth camps (other than at outdoor meals)

2025  50%

- Install bottle filling stations at Planetarium and Crows' Nest



2024

- Research ways to reduce single-use foodservice supplies for campers and guests; update Environmental Stewardship Goals accordingly



WASTE

Recycling & composting to divert from landfills



2020 ✓

- Recycle all ink cartridges
- Recycle 50% of cardboard

2022 ✓

- Recycle at least 60% of all eligible paper, cardboard, glass, metal, and plastic
- Compost at least 50% of eligible food waste

2023 ✓

- Add aluminum can recycling
- Double plastic recycling capacity at camp facilities

2025

- Recycle at least 80% of all eligible paper, cardboard, glass, metal, and plastic
- Compost at least 80% of eligible food waste



2022 ✓ *Installed in Kitchen, Office, & Health Center*

- Implement recycling stations for staff

2024 *Installed in Planetarium*

- Implement indoor recycling stations for guests in 2 public areas

2027

- Implement recycling stations for guests in all relevant public areas

Types of Materials Recycled

Tools			
Aluminum			
Tin & Steel			
Plastic Film			
Plastics #1&2			
Glass			
Paper			
Cardboard			
	2021	2022	2023



WATER

Reducing water consumption



2023 ✓

- All new and replacement toilets and urinals should be a standardized water-conserving model



2028

- 90% of toilets and urinals should be a standardized water-conserving model



2023 ✓

- Install low-flow showerheads (1.5 gpm or less) in all lodge bathrooms

2024

- Install low-flow showerheads (1.5 gpm or less) in all bathrooms

2028

- Install low-flow sprayer at Dining Hall dishwashing sink

*Older showerheads
used at least 2.5 gpm.*



PAPERWORK

Reducing paper consumption



2022 ✓

- Make all camper/parent documentation paper-free

2023 ✓

- Make all guest group documentation paper-free



2023 ✓

- Give all donors the option of paper-free receipts

2023 ✓

- Move 60% of donation receipts and invoices paper-free

2025

- Move 75% of donation receipts and invoices paper-free



2024

- Research ways to reduce printed documents for summer camp staff; update Environmental Stewardship Goals accordingly



FOOD

Reducing cost, waste, & emissions in food



Dining Hall 2023 ✓

- Reduce beef consumption by 50% by using other ground meats or menu items

2025

- Eliminate ground beef consumption
- Reduce all beef consumption to 1 out of 9 meals for camps



Café 2024

- Purchase 1+ snack in bulk rather than in individual servings; dispense in compostable containers



EDUCATION

Partnering with others to steward creation



Guest Education

2023 ✓

- Add waste reduction and personal water bottle use to camper orientation

2024

- Add recycling to camper orientation
- Reduce disposable coffee cups by offering discounts for a personal bottle

2025

- Add sustainable toiletry items to the store
- Add signage or other educational information on energy/water conservation and recycling

2026

- Start a camper gardening class or recycling program



Staff Education

2023 ✓

- Provide annual staff training on environmental stewardship goals



ADVERSE WEATHER

Preparing for intense weather conditions



2022 ✓

- Make all buildings climate-controlled



2028

- Build an activity pavilion or gym for use in adverse weather (heat waves, rainstorms, etc.)

2035

- Pave roads, improve drainage systems to help with extra water runoff

See also our plan for adding an alternative power source in case of outages.