



Camp Shetek - "A Meeting Place with God"

The idea for Camp Shetek was conceived in the early 1940's at a meeting of men from SW Minnesota and NW Iowa that met regularly as a Baptist Men's Fellowship group. At first, a camping opportunity of pitching tents at Shetek State Park was offered for their church young people but then, in 1947 the men's group, led by their President, Arlow Carey, began to pursue acquiring a permanent site to build a camp. In the spring of 1948, Carey found and presented to the group a 40-acre homestead that was for sale on the south shore of Lake Shetek. The men committed and the current property was purchased in April of 1948 for \$5,250.

Dismantling the farm buildings that were on the site began immediately. Carey sketched a rough draft of a Chapel and Dining Hall building on the back of an April 1948 calendar, the only suitable paper that was available to him at the time, and construction on the building began in June of that summer. On September 10, 1948, the Baptist Men's Fellowship held their fall meeting in the new building and the vision of Camp Shetek became a reality.

Since then Camp Shetek has served as an effective ministry of our member churches and thousands of young people have chosen to accept Christ and follow Him at this "Meeting Place with God." Adults of all ages have been enriched as they worshipped, worked, studied, and relaxed at this beautiful lakeside retreat.

Camp Shetek's Chapel Project Campaign: In Hebrew, one of the names of God is YAHWEH TSURI which means THE LORD MY ROCK. After defeating the Philistines, "... Samuel took a large rock and set it up ... He called its name **Ebenezer (Rock of Help)**; for he said, "Till now the Lord has helped us." ¹ Samuel 7:12. Celebrating the blessings of the Lord on Camp Shetek since 1948, the Camp has raised and dedicated a new chapel "as a memorial to God's faithfulness" and as a tool to serve Him more effectively.

The camp was blessed to have been able to build such a wonderful facility for right at \$100 a square foot. At the time that the camp was able to begin using the new chapel, in the summer of 2016, \$800,000 of the of the total project cost of \$1.2 million had already been given. We are now on the final leg of the fund raising campaign. If you would like to participate in God's work at Camp Shetek by giving a tax deductible gift to the "Chapel Project" campaign, we would like to invite you to consider one of the gift options as listed below, and pledge to give that amount over the next two years. All gifts of \$1000 or more may be given in honor of, on behalf of, or in memory of individuals, families or groups and may be recognized on a beautiful plaque in the new chapel.

With the Ebenezer theme in mind, a gift of:

- **\$30,000 +** could be identified as a "Cornerstone" gift. (An important quality or feature on which a particular thing depends.)
- **\$10,000 +** could be considered a "Keystone" gift. (The central supporting element of a large structure or organization.)
- **\$1000 +** could be designated as a "Capstone" gift. (A stone that provides the finishing touch.)

Please pray with us that the Lord will continue to lead and provide for the "Chapel Project" campaign.

IN RESPONSE TO THE APPEAL

1. I/We would like to participate in the "Chapel Project" campaign by committing to the following gift option:

<input type="checkbox"/> "Cornerstone" gift \$30,000 +	<input type="checkbox"/> "Keystone" gift \$10,000 +	<input type="checkbox"/> "Capstone" gift \$1,000 +	<input type="checkbox"/> "Club 365" gift \$1 a day for 365 days
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2. Other gift \$ _____

3. Yes, the Camp may recognize this gift of \$1000 or more. Please indicate that the gift was given:

<input type="checkbox"/> In Memory of _____	(ex: Grandpa John Doe, Vale, CO.)
<input type="checkbox"/> In Honor of _____	(ex: The Joe Smith Family, St. Paul, MN.)
<input type="checkbox"/> On Behalf of _____	(ex: FBC Youth Group, Des Moines, IA.)

4. Your Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Your Signature _____

Please remit this bottom portion to: Shetek Baptist Camp, PO Box 141, Slayton, MN. 56172 · phone 507.763.3449