

# Thank you!



Dear friends and supporters of Camp Sankanac,

It was our late Camp Director, Jan Coudriet's, dream and vision to see a gymnasium on Camp Sankanac's property. On February 10<sup>th</sup>, some of our staff, along with Beth Coudriet, had a short but special time dedicating the gym facility to the Lord and in memory of Jan. We are so thankful for the legacy that Jan left with us, and it's only fitting that this facility should be named the Jan Coudriet Gymnasium.

Over the passed decade that dream for a gym building became a pressing need, and in 2016 we felt that God was calling us to turn that dream into a reality. Many individuals joined us in this effort through prayer, financial giving, contracted work, and volunteering. You were one of them- thank you! Your gift helped make this facility a possibility and a huge success!



We want you to know that the gym has already become a tremendous blessing to our campers, guests, local churches, and community! Currently, the gymnasium is being used almost every night/day of the week by our rental guest groups and our own programed retreats, events, and programs. In the summer, the gym is used heavily by our summer campers and staff. It provides a cool, dry place to do activities in inclement weather. The gym also serves as a meeting space large enough for all of our campers and staff to meet together for events like 'all camp worship nights.'

Here's just one example of how the gymnasium has made a difference! By having this extra 'flex-space,' we were able to grow our Day Camp program to 50 campers per week last summer, and 60 campers a week for this coming summer!

With a full-size basketball court and/or two full-size volleyball courts (with bleacher space), climbing wall (coming soon), storage room, meeting room, entryway/lobby, and bathrooms, the gymnasium offers a true multi-purpose space that was desperately needed. *Thank you!*



## Whats next?

You may remember that when this project first started the plan was for the gymnasium to also include residential rooms and additional 'breakout meeting rooms.' During the permitting phase of the project our location for the gym had to change, along with our plans for the building. The new plan was to break-down the project into two phases/buildings 1. The gymnasium, 2. A separate 'lodge' containing residential/meeting spaces. We are excited to announce that we are getting ready to move on to this second building project and will be sending further details shortly! For now, here is a summary of the need and plan for this second building:

**Need:** 1. To add additional housing/meeting spaces for our growing summer camp/retreat programs and



guest groups. Having enough housing for both our campers and staff has become a real challenge. 2. To create a home base for Aleithia Learning Community (ALC) to utilize during the school year. ALC is a Christian, classical education group that has met at Camp Sankanac for over 30 years.

**Plan:** The current proposed location for this building is where the ‘Motel’ building sits, next to the Chapel and close to the Jan Coudriet Gymnasium. The Motel has served as housing for our our village directors and other support staff during the summer, but is in declining condition. This central location is ideal as it could serve as housing for our specialty summer programs (Basketball Camp/Horse Camp), Cliffside campers, and summer staff. From Fall-Spring on the weekends, the location would be perfect for our own retreat groups and rental groups. During the week, this location would provide a more centralized ‘hub’ for ALC to operate out of. ALC and Camp Sankanac have been mutually blessed by each other’s partnership and shared vision of seeing youth and young adults trust in Christ and grow in their walk with the Lord. We are excited to share that ALC will be joining us in helping fundraise for this building.

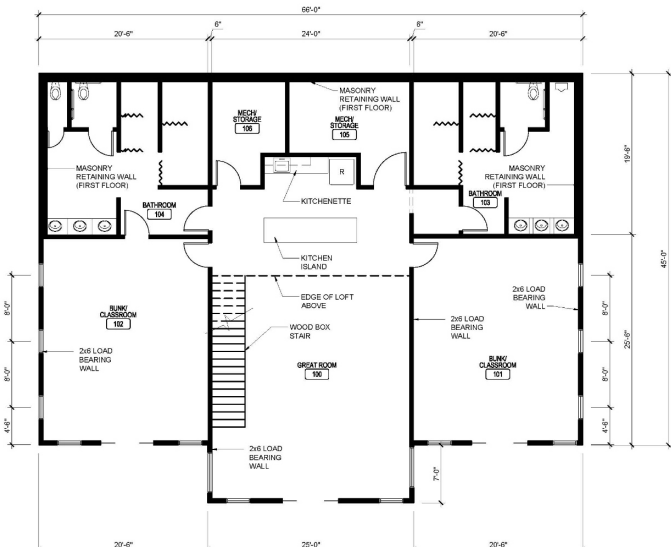
The layout for this facility would include dormitory rooms and a lobby upstairs, and meeting rooms (That could be converted into additional housing spaces) and a lobby downstairs.

We cannot thank you enough for joining us on this adventure. It has been amazing to see how God provided for the first phase of this project, and we trust that God will continue to provide the second phase (and for all the ministries here at Camp Sankanac, as He has faithfully done for over 80 years).

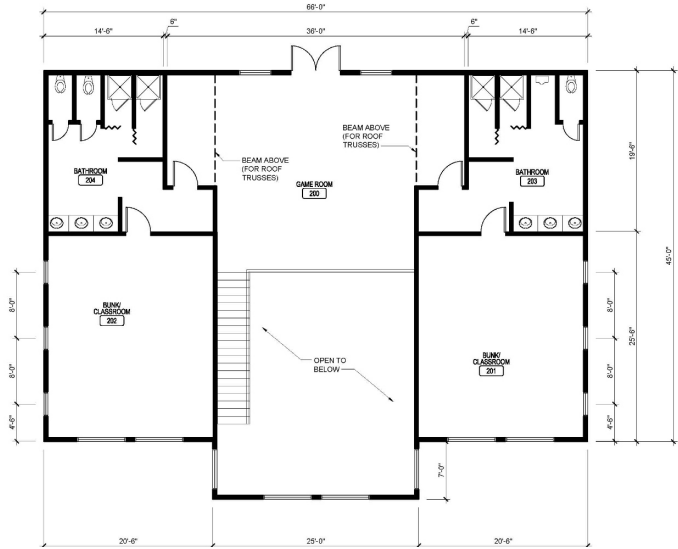
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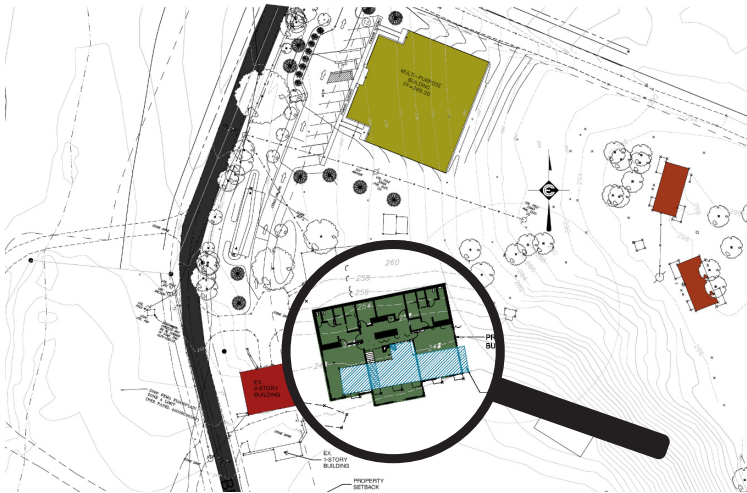
1st Floor



2nd Floor



Current Motel building and proposed site for the NEW structure.



Motel building  
Proposed NEW building  
Chapel building

Gym building  
Cliffside cabins