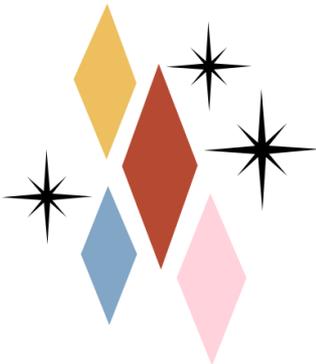




HOLMES CAMP AND RETREAT CENTER ANNUAL GALA

Trivia Night



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Event Program

COCKTAILS AND SILENT AUCTION.....5:30PM

Auction curated by
Victoria Neilson and Gala Committee

DINNER7:00PM

Welcome by Kyle Branin, Director
Grace by Rev. Pete Jones
Dinner Prepared by Mark Ainsworth

TRIVIA.....7:30PM

Trivia by NYC Trivia League
Call to Action by Philip Kochman, Board President

DESSERT8:30PM

ALL TIMES APPROXIMATE

Menu

First Course

Wild Rice Soup
with Holmes Honey Butter Cornbread

Second Course

Caesar Salad
with Fresh Mozzarella and Tomato

Entree

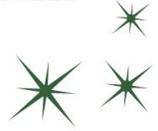
Braised Chicken Chasseur with Vegetables
(Mushrooms, Tomato, Artichoke)

Dessert

Chocolate and Hazelnut Profiterole



Welcome from Our Board President



Dear Friends:

Welcome to Holmes' Annual Gala and Trivia Night.

Each of you is here tonight because you are well aware that Holmes provides a welcoming Christian community where, in a natural setting, lives change and faith grows. Holmes offers hope, renewal and a sense of belonging. And, in a world filled with noise and distractions, Holmes is a place of stillness that affords a humble setting for reflection and fellowship. Simply said, Holmes impacts lives.



My time on the Board is coming to an close, and during the last eight years the world has changed over-and-over again. Yet, Holmes has survived fires, floods and a pandemic (yes, almost Biblical, right?) as well as many

other challenges, and, through the hard work of its executive director, its dedicated staff and its Board members, supporters and friends, Holmes has refreshed some of its aging infrastructure, developed new programs, achieved financial stability and reached out to new constituencies. Holmes has grown - physically, spiritually and in outreach to diverse communities - and is better now than ever.

However, the work is far from being finished. So, the funds that are raised tonight will be allocated to general operations, in order to allow the Board and its staff to address the most pressing needs going forward. Please be generous so that Holmes has the resources to continue to update the facilities and expand its ministry and programs. And, please urge



your friends, family and members of your church and social circles to come up to Holmes, either for a program or just for a visit – spread the word far and wide about Holmes!

Let me thank the members of the Fundraising Committee who, through their hard work, have made this evening possible. In particular, the work of Grace Buck has been essential in making this evening a success.

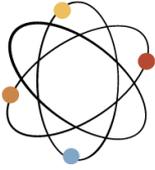


We also offer a special thanks to Hitchcock Presbyterian Church and its pastor, Pete Jones, for hosting all of us tonight; the ongoing and faithful support by Hitchcock has been essential to the ministry of Holmes.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for attending this event. Please enjoy the evening and continue to support Holmes and its future.

Philip J. Kochman
President
Board of Directors





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Kyle Branin and Katherine Pater
The Grace and Eleanor Charitable Fund
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Riverdale Presbyterian Church
The Wayfinder Experience



To the wonderful Holmes community -

Thank you for welcoming our Hadar students, faculty, and staff into the Holmes family. You have truly been our home for the past two summers, and we are grateful for your hospitality, generosity, and support.

Wishing you all the best for a fun and successful gala. Mazel tov and b'hatzlecha (congratulations and good luck)!

From your friends at Hadar

A Note From the Director



Kyle leading a Hike

Dear Friends,

We are so happy to see you here tonight to celebrate another year of Holmes Camp and Retreat Center's mission and ministry. Since we gathered together at Holmes for the 75th Anniversary Gala a year ago, we have:

- Made major investments into our facilities, including some of the most extensive renovations and repairs ever done in The Agape Center and in Nunemaker; over a quarter million dollars worth.
- Launched new programs, including several new fall retreats for adults and nature, team-building, and geocaching options for rental groups.
- Welcomed several new staff including a Hospitality Manger & Chef, Office Assistant, and Grounds & Facilities Assistant.
- Welcomed camps, conferences, and retreat groups from across the region, and around the world.
- Despite the heavy impacts from the Delta and Omicron variants of COVID-19 during the first half of the year, 2022 will finish as one of our strongest leasing years in a decade.

Looking ahead towards 2023 and beyond we have big things planned! In

2023 we are offering more original adult retreats than ever, including themed educational weekends, new alumni events, and resuming some of our long-time offerings. We look forward to continuing to reimagine and adapt our youth programming to meet the needs of the modern church. We're excited to move forward with the ongoing refresh of our facilities, and welcoming groups into warm and welcoming spaces.

For the fantastic year we have had, and for Holmes to continue to build into the future we rely on you. There are so many ways you can be involved in supporting Holmes: registering for a retreat or program, bringing your church or organization for an event, or volunteering your time or expertise. And with about a quarter of revenue coming from donations each year, Holmes depends on your financial support at our events and year-round.

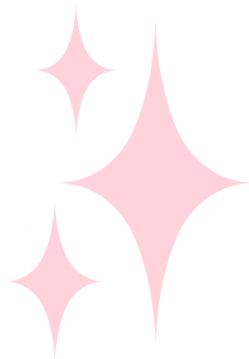
Lastly I feel the need to take this opportunity to publicly say thank you to so many, including so many of you. Thank you to our staff—Paul, Ryan, Grace, JJ, Ashley, and Charlie. Thank you to the many folks who have shared their time and talent with Holmes throughout the year. Thank you to our generous donors, who support us in everything we do.

And a big thank you to all of you, for being here tonight; without you the work we do would not be possible.

Sincerely,



J. Kyle Branin
Director



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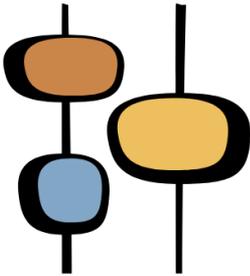
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THIS EVENING

- Participate in our Silent Auction
- Make a donation during the Dinner Call to Action
- Make a purchase at the Camp Store



- T-Shirts
- Beanie's
- Baseball Caps
- Pins
- Notebooks

NEW ITEMS!

AND INTO THE FUTURE

- Purchase a plaque on our Memory Wall
- Join us at a work day
- Register yourself or your child for a program
- Plan your next church retreat at Holmes
- Fund a room dedication in Vinik Hilltop
- Sponsor a bedroom renovation in Agape



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

2023 Program Calendar
will be released on December 15th.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT
April 28, 2023

FRIENDS DAY WEEKEND
July 28 - 30, 2023

2023 ANNUAL FUNDRAISING
DINNER & RETREAT
October 14 & 15 at Holmes Camp and Retreat Center

For more information and to register for Programs:
holmescamp.org/adult-programs-schedule



NYC TRIVIA LEAGUE

Dinner will feature a Team Trivia competition hosted by the NYC Trivia League.

Your table is your team as we test our knowledge about Holmes Camp, New York, Food, Art, Music, and more! Each table will need one person with a smartphone who is willing to submit answers on behalf of the group.

There is an award for the winning table.

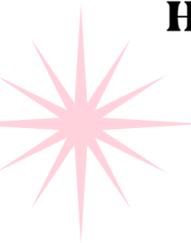
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Rev. Flora Wilson Bridges

Join Us!

If you are interested in a leadership role at Holmes Camp,
reach out to Holmes@Holmescamp.org to get started.

About Holmes Camp

MISSION

Holmes Camp & Retreat Center is a welcoming Christian community where—in a natural setting—lives change and faith grows.

The purpose of the Holmes Camp and Retreat Center is to strengthen people of faith, and to encourage people with no faith or who struggle with it. Holmes Camp welcomes all faith traditions to our facilities. Our own programs embody the example of Jesus through, outreach, personal growth, recreation, and being a Christ-centered witness to the issues of conservation, peace, and justice. The objectives of Holmes Camp are to provide comfortable facilities for reflection, growth, and inspiration on the edge of the most urbanized region of the world. We practice Christian nurture, witness, outreach and mission through the building of inclusive, healing, and reconciling communities through our retreats and camping programs.

For over 75 years, Holmes Camp has been a special place to generations of participants. Perhaps difficult to put in to words, the spirit and the people – shine through. People walk away with the gift of memories and living faith, some very personal, some very intense, including moments of Divine love realized.

HOLMES OFFERS A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS; SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

- Confirmation Retreats
- Education & Spiritual Restoration for Pastors and Church Staff
- Woman's Retreats
- Nature and Specialty Retreats
- Church and Organizational Retreats

For the latest information on our programs, join our eNewsletter by signing up at Holmescamp.org (see link at the bottom of the home page.) or contact 845.878.6383

Thank you

**TO OUR EVENT COMMITTEE,
WITHOUT THEIR SUPPORT THIS EVENT COULD NOT HAPPEN.
WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THEIR TIRELESS EFFORTS AND
COMMITMENT TO HOLMES!**

EVENT COMMITTEE

Kathy Frost, Chairperson

Victoria Neilsen, Auction Coordinator

Mark Ainsworth, Chef

Liann Ainsworth

Jane Ritter

Emily Ford Sytsma

Brenda Verdesi

**JOIN US! LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
VOLUNTEERING FOR THE 2023 FALL BENEFIT. IT WILL BE A
DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION WITH THE OPTION TO STAY
FOR THE WEEKEND AT HOLMES CAMP!!**

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Thank you to our Staff



YEAR-ROUND STAFF

J. Kyle Branin, Director
John "JJ" Branin, Hospitality Manager
Paul Verdesi, Maintenance Specialist
Ryan Kraus, Groundskeeper/Caretaker
Grace Buck, Administrator
Ashley Branin, Office Assistant
Charles Schappach, Grounds Assistant

ON-CALL OR AS NEEDED STAFF

Charles Wilde
Deborah Wilde



SPECIAL THANKS

to our dedicated Volunteers who regularly
take the lead on projects, throughout the year, that improve
the camp experience for everyone!

Mark Ainsworth
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Chris Burke
David Burpee
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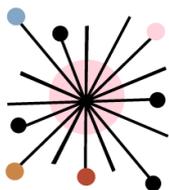


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