

Background

Pecometh Camp & Retreat Ministries has always been committed to making camp affordable for any child who wants to go. In 2001, Ralph Spain, a member of Avenue United Methodist Church, became concerned that this disciple-making, life-transforming ministry was too expensive for some children, *even after a standard campership was granted*. He decided to do something about it.

Mr. Spain reached out through the after-school ministry of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Milford, to find and recruit neighborhood children who would otherwise not be able to afford camp. To fund the effort, he went to



interested individuals, local businesses, and, of course, Avenue UMC. Hundreds of young people attended Camp Pecometh through their efforts. They experienced fun, faith and fellowship and a few even

went on to work on the Camp Pecometh summer staff.

Inspired by Mr. Spain, Pecometh has a new campership grant program designed to ensure that any child who wants to go to camp will not be denied due to family finances.

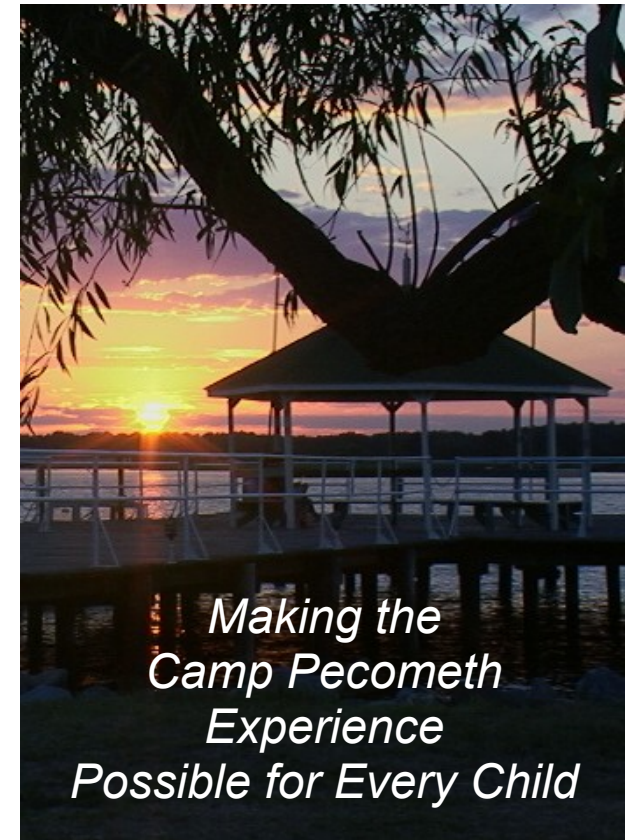


The Spain Campership Grant Program

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*Making the
Camp Pecometh
Experience
Possible for Every Child*

The Spain Campership Grant Program is a partnership between: Supporting Churches, that provide funding; Sponsoring Churches, that identify campers and ensure they are equipped and ready for camp; and families that desire for their children to have God-inspired, life-changing experiences at Camp Pecometh.



What does a Supporting Church do?

A Supporting Church underwrites this program financially. A Supporting Church may give any amount to help fund the Spain Grant program. However, \$200 fully funds the cost for one camper (minus the \$50 registration fee). It is distributed as follows:

- \$189 camp fees
- \$10 camp store coupon
- \$1 offering

Supporting Churches will be recognized in the Pecometh Annual Report, which comes out during Annual Conference each year.

What does a Sponsoring Church do?

Churches who are engaged in ministry with those who have a demonstrated need can become Sponsoring Churches. A Sponsoring Church identifies, recruits and equips campers for camp, providing transportation, if necessary. Summer camp ministry is a major source of new leadership in the church. It offers a life-transforming relationship with Jesus Christ. Some of the most effective spiritual leaders of the church have been shaped by their camp experience. Pecometh trusts that God will raise up new leaders by including *all* who seek to come. Here's how it works:

- A Sponsoring Church finds a young person who wants to go to camp.
- A Week of camp (Riverside) costs \$389.
- Pecometh applies a \$150 campership.
- A Spain Grant of \$189 is applied to the balance due of \$239 to those who have demonstrated need
- The remaining \$50 registration fee is paid by arrangement between the family and the Sponsoring Church. We recommend that all camper families pay something, even if it is only \$10 (which is far less than the cost for the child to stay at home for the week).
- The Sponsoring Church ensures that the camper will come fully equipped, using the checklist provided by Pecometh.
- The Sponsoring Church ensures that the camper can get to and from camp, providing transportation, if necessary.
- The camper will be provided with a \$10 Trading Post credit, as well as \$1 for offering at the Galilean Service

(The estimated cost to the Sponsoring Church is \$25-\$75 per camper)

