

# Whispering Pines Campgrounds Annual Report 2025

2025 has been a transformational year for Whispering Pines. In March we welcomed Noah and Caitlyn and their 4 children. They are volunteering as camp caretakers in exchange for lodging, utilities and the occasional meal when camps are in session. Noah works full time in Prescott as a plumber, so his skills in this profession come in handy for WP when we have those issues come up. Caitlyn, Noah and family have done a great job in keeping WP welcoming and clean for our guests. 2025 saw the departure of Suzy Bradley and Michael and Savannah Niesman. We are grateful for their presence at Whispering Pines during their time there.

WP hosted Eggapalooza, which ended up being the last event without our commercial kitchen. Whispering Pines completed our first summer season with the completed restoration of our Dining Hall and the re-utilization of our 2nd Deluxe Cabin. Jr Camp, Jr High and Sr High camp were at WP as a "Super Camp", which included mission centers from Texas, New Mexico, Colorado and California. CofC Reunion was cut short due to some exciting, but uninvited guests. Reunion was only a couple of days as we had a couple of bears getting a little too close for comfort. AZ Game and Fish were called and one of the bears was tranquilized and relocated over 100 miles away. After another unwanted visit, AZ Game and Fish were called again and a 2nd bear was relocated. Thankfully, no other bear encounters have been reported.

WP continues to expand our guest list and the word is getting out to our camp loving friends. We hosted a couple of new groups and had one group that wants to reserve a spot at WP for the next 5 years! Creepy Campground continues to be a success as we had 90 participants in Oct. I'm happy to report a net profit for 2025, and we even have a friends' group there this weekend to add to that profit. What a blessing Whispering Pines has been in this ministry of the church. Campground ministry and community outreach is vital for Community of Christ.

2025 has been a great year as our campground is finally whole after 4 years. It was a happy day when the completion paperwork was signed! WP was able to purchase new round tables for the Dining Hall and 100 chairs. So, we now have 150 chairs available in both the DH and the chapel/fellowship hall. We advertise 150+ beds for groups, so these purchases are welcome as we will not have to move tables and chairs back and forth between the two areas.

A goal for 2026 is to have some sort of event every month of the year, whether that's a retreat, a work weekend or a day event. Our schedule to complete this goal is looking good so far. We ask for your continued support and participation throughout the year and invite your ideas and invitation for future retreats/events. Your generosity in the past, present and future is a blessing to the church and the campground's mission.

We are actively looking for someone who would enjoy being at WP in their own RV to assist Caitlyn and Noah for the summer of 2026. Please send anyone our way for consideration.

Sincerely,

The Whispering Pines Board