

## **PANHANDLE LAKE 4-H CAMP**

*Providing a 450 Acre Camp for Youth*

**A Cooperative of Grays Harbor & Mason County 4-H Clubs**

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What is your favorite outdoor memory growing up, boating, swimming, horseback riding, archery? Maybe it's fishing, hiking, volleyball, basketball, orienteering, or campfire time. You probably also remember (and maybe still know!) the friends you made while doing these activities. If these sound like some of your favorite memories, you share something special with the thousands of young people who have come to **Panhandle 4-H Camp** since 1948.

These are the fun memories people share about their camp experiences. What is just as real are the valuable life skills young people learn through outdoor programs – independence, team work, respect for others, decision-making, healthy life-style choices, and a deep love of the place that was home to them for that time.

**Panhandle 4-H Camp** inspires that kind of devotion. From its inception in 1948, it has been a home away from home for many thousands of people. It is the host to 4-H camps, school programs, and retreats for all kinds of non-profit groups. The original property was a gift to the 4-H programs of Mason and Grays Harbor, and is overseen by a board made up of volunteers of both those 4-H councils. All of the original cabins were built with volunteer labor by the 4-H clubs. In those early years, whole families would come to the camp for their annual camp experience – parents would cook and clean and teach and chaperone.

Though times have changed, Panhandle still lives with this tradition of service. We do everything we can to keep Panhandle clean, beautiful – and affordable to youth and community groups in our area. That is why we are asking for your help!

Please consider supporting the important work done at this very special place. It is a center for education, learning about ourselves, and learning about the world all around us. Though every group that comes through pays what they can, we are always working, cleaning, painting, maintaining, and rebuilding. We have had to replace water pumps, repair boats, re-roof cabins, replace swimming docks and other equipment. Everything we do has a purpose, and each decision is made by our board deeply committed to our cause of keeping this place alive, functioning well and accessible to those who share our commitment to youth and to the outdoor adventure and learning opportunity Panhandle so uniquely provides.

**A donation of \$50 will co-sponsor a child for a one-week camp; \$75 represents two life-jackets for safe canoeing; a donation of \$100 will allow us to purchase a new set of oars. Larger amounts are surely welcome and would help purchase a new water pump, make major repairs, or keep our kitchen up-to-date and certified.**

If providing healthy opportunities for our youth to learn and grow is important to you, please consider joining us in this venture. Invest in the future of our community and our world; invest in youth! Share your memories through this website we love to hear from you.

Thank you,

**Panhandle 4-H Camp** Board of Directors