

Zephyr Point



Newsletter

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SUMMER ARRIVES AT ZEPHYR POINT

100 YEARS OF ZEPHYR POINT

MINISTERING TO YOUTH

This year, Zephyr Point celebrates its Centennial Anniversary! The focus in the early years was to provide a place for youth to gather in a place of incomparable beauty to learn about themselves, each other, and God. The tradition continues today as 8 weeks of Summer Camp we call “Camp Zephyr!” Camp Zephyr Day Camp for grades 1-5, and Beyond Camp Zephyr for grades 6-8, are some of Zephyr Point’s most well-known



and beloved summer youth programs. This year Zephyr Point will welcome over 740 campers, many from our local community as well as others from across the country. Campers enjoy skits, songs, games, swimming, crafts, as well as lessons that facilitate personal and spiritual growth, and so much more! The sights and sounds of summer camp bring a dimension of life to our campus that is missing the rest of the year. At Zephyr Point, we strive to make our camp programs accessible and inclusive. To support this goal we are fortunate to be able to offer scholarships to ensure camp is affordable for everyone. If you would like to support our Youth Scholarship Fund [click here](#). Youth Summer Programs begin June 17.

[Zephyr Point Programs](#)

A ZEPHYR POINT MOMENT IN HISTORY



Before there were cabins or conference centers at Zephyr Point, the earliest gatherings were youth meetings led by Rev. Robert Donaldson. Donaldson envisioned a tranquil place where teenagers could escape the summer heat of the city and enjoy fellowship with one another. Today, our Programs department continues this important work through Camp Zephyr, Beyond Camp Zephyr, and more.

The photo above shows 76 youths seated at Donaldson Amphitheater. Although specific details about these conferences are scarce, they typically included music, games, Bible studies, worship services, and more. The photo on the right is from inside Cabin 28, our on-site coffee shop. Dates and attendee numbers for the first conference in 1924 through the 1940's are scrawled on the walls. As our maintenance crew renovates these historic cabins, they strive to preserve their historical significance. As Cabin 28 has morphed into our treasured coffee and merchandise shop, we have taken care to leave historic gems such as this exposed so guests can learn more about the history of Zephyr Point.

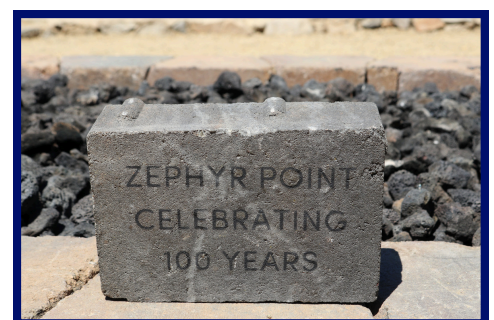
Cabin	Year	Attendees	Notes
1st Conference	1924	101	att
2d	1925	100	
3d	1926	125	
4th	1927	125	
5th	1928	100	
6th	1929	100	
7th	1930	100	
8th	1931	85	
9th	1932	135	
10th	1933	125	
11th	1934	125	115
12th	1935	120	
13th	1936	125	
14th	1937	100	YP 25, HS 100
15th	1938	110	Regional
16th	1939	60	College
17th	1940	100	High School
18th	1941	85	HSchool
		125	YP People

THE STORY OF DONALDSON MEMORIAL PAVERS

The Donaldson Memorial Pavers project has been a group effort, led by our Director of Facilities and Grounds, Mark Ellender. Mark thought it was important to give our supporters and long-time Zephyr Point families a way to honor their memories, a loved one, or their own history at Zephyr Point. Our Maintenance intern, Kathryn Pena, suggested installing a beautiful permanent fire pit at the base of the amphitheater, with the engraved bricks surrounding it, to create an area for people to gather, reflect, and enjoy the beauty of Lake Tahoe. Our most recent Marketing & Development intern, Trinity Barnes, suggested tying the Buy a Brick project into the Centennial Celebration in honor of Zephyr Point's 100 years. This collaborative effort has turned into one of Zephyr Point's most exciting fundraising opportunities in recent years.

We recently received an order for a commemorative brick from a couple who first came to Zephyr Point for their honeymoon and continued visiting for many years. They attended conferences and volunteered extensively during their visits. Unfortunately, due to health issues, they can no longer travel to Zephyr Point. Even though they can no longer visit, they wanted to memorialize the many wonderful years they spent at Zephyr Point, a place that will always be special for them.

You are invited to become part of Zephyr Point's history and leave a lasting memory today! If you would like your brick to be placed in the amphitheater in time for the September 2024 Centennial Celebration weekend, please place your order by July 31, 2024.



[Buy-A-Brick Info](#)



ZEPHYR POINT ACTIVITIES

Did you know that Zephyr Point offers a variety of onsite activities available to Zephyr Point guests? This summer, Zephyr Point guests can take advantage of 8 weeks of specially curated offerings from June 17 - August 12. Aside from our normal watercraft rentals, there will be a variety of activities such as movie night, Vespers and S'mores at Donaldson Amphitheater, play bingo or trivia on Thursday evenings, and take in a Friday morning guided sunrise kayak tour. Zephyr Point offers all this and more so be sure to visit our Activities page for more information. Plan your next Zephyr Point visit today!



For more information activities offered at Zephyr Point click the link below

[Zephyr Point Activities](#)