

The Dam

The dam is not in compliance with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources requirements for high hazard dams. An additional emergency spillway is required to meet the forecasted rain to reduce the threat of a dam failure. Additionally, the spillway is 56 years old and is crumbling, the downstream side is too steep to maintain safely, and an old abandoned drain pipe has been seeping for years. Pyoca Lake, without a doubt, is what people have come to associate with our program. It is a primary focal point for many recreational activities, and provides a rich environment that assists in spiritual development and contemplation of God's marvelous creation.

The Road and Parking Lots

We need to finish the parking lot by the Lodge, as well as place a final one inch overlayment on the entire road surface to secure the road for the future.

12-bedroom Conference Lodge

This has been a dream of many people over the years to offer a small hotel style facility with 12 bedrooms and meeting space. Our goal is to provide a place that will meet the needs of the Presbyteries we serve.

While many see this as a very large list, it's the goal of the Pyoca Advisory Council to continue to develop Pyoca into the premier program that it already has started! We also realize that we don't want to be coming back year after year for additional support - here's our plan for the next five to ten years! Please pray and become a valued ministry partner and secure Pyoca for the future!

We have been and will continue to be committed to serve the people in Whitewater Valley and Ohio Valley Presbyteries. Without these projects, we will be limited in our abilities to serve those who desire to use the facilities for their faith journey, meeting spaces and fellowship.

Here are our estimated costs for the projects.

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| Two Yurts | \$ 50,000.00 |
| Composting Toilet | \$ 10,000.00 |
| Lodge Welcome Center | |
| Renovation and Offices | \$ 175,000.00 |
| Conference Meeting Room | \$ 175,000.00 |
| A Fourth 24-bed Facility | \$ 220,000.00 |
| Dam Renovation | \$ 450,000.00 |
| Shower Building | \$ 175,000.00 |
| Road Pavement/Parking Lot | \$ 45,000.00 |
| 12 bedroom Conference Lodge | \$ 700,000.00 |
| | \$ 2,000,000.00 |

Your help is needed! For more information on how you can assist us secure the future of Pyoca, please contact Rich Swartwood at 812-358-3413 or email Rich@Pyoca.org



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It's an experience!

**Pyoca Spirit...
plan for the
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Our Mission

Pyoca exists to provide a place away from the busy world where people can grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, with others in a Christian community and with themselves.

Pyoca, it's not just a place. It's an experience!



Jr. Campers enjoying their own ice cream!

Pyoca was established 55 years ago as a summer outdoor ministry program to provide Christian education to the children, adults, and families of the Presbyterian churches in Whitewater Valley and Ohio Valley Presbyteries.

Over the years, the physical structures at camp have changed a great deal, but our goal to provide people of all ages opportunities for spiritual formation through camping and retreat experiences in a Christian environment has not.

Driving our program are six core values. They are:

1. To provide Christian faith development.
2. To provide leadership development.
3. To provide personal growth and understanding.
4. To provide for life skill appreciation.
5. To provide for appreciation for God's creation through experiential opportunities.
6. To accept people as they are.

Campers in grades two through twelve participate in developmentally appropriate activities that enable them to learn Biblical principles, Christian beliefs, and develop their leadership skills for use at camp, in their home churches and schools.

Pyoca is committed to providing a vital, safe environment in which people of all ages can explore their spirituality.

Pyoca Spirit—plan for the future.

As we look ahead, we are encouraged the growth of our year-round programs. We have seen significant increases in retreat usage, and have found the newer facilities have attracted more youth to the summer programs. Many campers report that they would prefer to stay in the modern cabins over the rustic cabins. Our programs are very close to full in the modern cabins, yet we have plenty of room in the rustic programs. We are planning to expand our program using the new facilities which will allow us to reach more camper and retreat users. Our goal is to meet the needs of the campers and retreat users by providing the best program and

facilities to assist them in their spiritual development. The plan is for a capital campaign to last three years and raise two million dollars. Below is the outline of the projects that we're undertaking in this next phase of development! If you have any questions, or would like to receive additional information, please contact Rich Swartwood at 812-358-3413.

Two 30' Yurts, Composting Toilet and Shower Facility



We feel it is important to have rustic experiences at Pyoca, however the remaining rustic cabins are no longer able to serve our program.

They are 57 years old, small, dark and not enough privacy for the campers. The yurts are circular insulated year-round tent like structures, which are still rustic, but will be perceived as unique, modern, light and welcoming. Our goal is to create a "green zone" as we will be using solar power, recycled lumber and installing composting toilets in the area.

Welcome Center and Pyoca offices



Currently the Lodge is our centerpiece for groups to check-in and meet prior to meals. The layout of the entryway does not promote fellowship, and not adequate for welcoming groups. We are also planning on

relocating the offices and reception area to the Lodge where retreat guests and campers can easily locate assistance.

Conference Room/Craft Cabin

This meeting area would replace our craft cabin with a year-round facility which would be more conducive to the summer craft program by providing quality accommodations and better equipment for craft projects. The remainder of the year the building would be available for group and day usage.



A fourth 24-bed year round facility

We have many weekends when all of



the modern facilities have been reserved by three different groups, and we are continually getting calls for more retreat groups to use the facilities. Adding a fourth, 24-bed facility will assist us in providing those opportunities for retreats, as well as an additional summer program space.