DuBois Center will turn 60 in 2022, marking the year we took ownership of the land. While the first 60 years have been great, she needs some maintenance and expansion to get her ready for the next 60.

This treasure is the heart of the Illinois South Conference, where thousands of campers have experienced God and creation over the past six decades. Some found their calling to ministry there. Others found summer after summer of fun and friendship. Think of the retreats, the worship, the secrets shared and the children’s laughter. So much life has occurred under the rustling leaves at DuBois Center. Now it’s time for us to prepare for the next 60 years, by improving what we have and getting ready for the future.

**Here’s what we’ve done since 2020**

- Repaired the spillway- Hooray!
- Replaced the septic system on the Rustic side of camp
- Replaced camp office flooring
- Fixed foundation leaks at office, Oak & Hickory Lodges
- Solved plumbing leaks in Oak and Hickory Lodges
- Remediated mold in the office, Oak and Hickory Lodges
- Added commercial dehumidifiers to Office basement and Hickory Lodge
- Repaired/updated at Director’s House, and corrected drainage.
- Rebuilt and repaired the stage
- Brought the Deer Run Cabins back to life, with the help of volunteers and Green DuBois, including adding 3 ramps

**Here’s what we’re doing next**

**Estimates as of Aug. 2021**

**Oak Lodge Windows;** replace 35 original windows with double-pane, insulated glass. This prepares us to finally install AC in Oak Lodge. *Improves energy efficiency.* $17,650

**Camp Office Windows;** replace 10 original windows with double-pane, insulated glass. *Improves energy efficiency.* $4,500

**Oak Lodge Air Conditioning:** Estimated at $53,866, but this project has $38,126 remaining from Operation Shimmer and prior donations already earmarked, which reduces the cost now. *Improves camp comfort for all guests and campers.* $15,740
Oak Lodge Completion Projects: After addressing leaks in 2021 we need to seal the basement walls and install a professional dehumidifier. Kitchen also needs a stackable washer/dryer. Keeps the central building in camp functional and in good repair. $6,000

New Hillside Cottage: built behind Coveside; larger than current cabins, with two bathrooms with private toilets/showers and a larger middle meeting room. ADA accessible and solar powered. Approx. 1400 sq. ft. Adds camper capacity, particularly for small retreat groups. $77,000

Temporary Infirmary: to be reaccredited by the American Camping Association, we need a multi-bed infirmary. We can do this by temporarily repurposing half of Roadside Cottage, giving up a few camper beds now while we also build Hillside Cottage. Future plans are to build a small stand-alone infirmary in main camp and return this space to camper beds. Aids accreditation and expands reach to potential campers. $3,000

Program Directors House Updates and Improvements: rodent-proof under the house, align doors and fix locks, replace appliances, light fixtures, flooring, furniture and molding and trim. Provides respectable living quarters for a professional staff member. $7,000

New Fish Hill Cabin on Rustic Side of Camp: Volunteers are ready to build this cabin after we purchase materials. Adds camper capacity. $10,400

New Archery Range and Bouldering Wall: expands archery for older kids and adults, replacing aging equipment with new and better bows/arrow. Adds behind archery a 20ft long bouldering wall that’s climbed horizontally, with safe landing area at the base. New Kevlar sheeting goes between them, installed in a new main camp area. We buy materials, with volunteer labor building the bouldering wall. Adds camper programming options for all ages. $10,000

Deep Water Solar Lake Aerator: For the main lake, cleans algae to 35ft deep, installed between beach and watermat. Uses solar to power compressors, with battery backup. Will reduce the need for chemical treatment. Improves swimmer and aquatic health and saves money. $6,000

Boat House Solar Power: the boat house is far from electrical sources but has a constant need for lights and the ability to charge radios. Adding solar panels and batteries at the same time as the dedicated aerator solar panels makes installation more efficient. Adds safety and convenience to a heavily used building. $1,200

Deer Run Lodge: repair deck, update kitchen appliances, electric, lighting; replace doors, screens and roof soffit; reseal metal roof. Adds camper capacity, especially for Scout tent camping groups. $4,500

Deer Run Shower House: replace water heater, adds doors to toilet stalls, adds stainless shower stalls, improve electric and lighting, and new roof with extended overhang. Adds camper capacity, especially for Scout tent camping groups. $10,300

New Hay Barn: adds weather-safe capacity to store hay we grow, which is eaten by our horses. Excess could be sold at a profit. Adds both money savings and possible income stream. $30,000

Lumber Shed Roof: The metal roof can no longer be patched. Includes roofing and trusses, using volunteer labor to install. Protects our investment in supplies we use for camp maintenance. $3,000
Road Repairs: needed particularly in a 15 x 70 area North of Natures Classroom. Includes resurfacing one mile of roadway, which hasn’t been done in at least 15 years. Maintains good, safe access to all parts of camp. $18,500

Fence Painting: all 8000 feet of wood fencing needs painting. Adds aesthetic value, maintains property lines and keeps our horses safe. $500

DuBois 6.0 Capital Campaign Goal $225,290

Note: Project order will be determined by availability of materials and funds.

How You Can Contribute

- **Sponsor**: Individuals, families, groups and congregations can pick an item to sponsor, and raise money for that project. Watch for more information on how to sponsor portions of these projects.

- **Share**: If you receive mandatory IRA distributions and have enough to share, please donate a portion in 2022 to this campaign.

- **Stock**: If you own stock that has appreciated in value, please consider donating shares in 2021 or 2022. You receive the full value of the donation in the tax year of your donation, and we receive the full value at the sale of the stock.

- **Tax Refund**: If you typically receive a tax refund, please consider donating a portion of your 2022 refund.

- **Dinners**: Plan to attend two special Taste of DuBois Dinners
  - Camp Fare Dinner, Aug. 2022- all the special camp foods in one dinner.
  - Foraged Dinner, Sept, 2022- a once in a lifetime experience, with accompanying auction.

- **Sweat Equity**: we need many volunteers to make this happen. Volunteer labor makes many of these projects attainable. Skills needed range from basic construction, flooring and roofing to washing new windows, painting and general clean up. Contact DuBois6.0@iscucc.org to receive emails about upcoming project workdays and needs.

- **Cash**: Give a cash donation at any time by mailing or visiting the Conference office at 1312 Broadway, Highland, IL. 62249. Please call to confirm hours if visiting in person, as staff may be working from home, 618-654-2125.

- **Online**: Give an online donation from the home pages of either the Conference or DuBois Center websites: [www.iscucc.org](http://www.iscucc.org) and [www.DuBoisCenter.org](http://www.DuBoisCenter.org). You can also donate by scanning here:

Contact the Highland office to receive an information sheet explaining how to donate IRA distributions and stock to DuBois 6.0. Dates and more information on the Taste of DuBois dinners will be coming in early 2022.
DuBois 6.0 begins Oct. 2021 at Annual Meeting 2021 and will continue until Dec. 31, 2022. There are no professional fundraisers, it’s just us, the Illinois South Conference. There’s no luxury of spreading this out over a number of years, either. If we’re going to capitalize on the momentum of 2021 with our new Acting Director and Program Director, we need to move now.

Even as other camps close, there is still a market for camping experiences for church and scouting groups, particularly in the COVID era. DuBois 6.0 is an investment in our camp that positions us to expand our programming and bring greater numbers of campers through our gate. We are grateful for your donation toward the next 60 years of our outdoor ministry center.

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