A FRIENDS OF KALEO MINISTRY · FORSYTH, GEORGIA

A NEW ERA ON THE LAKE

For nearly 40 years, Camp Kaleo has changed lives for eternity. A new chapter has begun — and your gift keeps the campfires burning for the next generation.

CAMP KALEO
EST. 1987

OUR STORY

FROM A CLOSING CHAPTER TO A NEW CALLING

- **1987 – 2024**
  Camp Kaleo is owned and operated as a ministry of the **Georgia Baptist Mission Board**, shaping thousands of campers.
- **September 2024**
  Facing $3–5M in deferred maintenance, the GBMB announces the camp will close.
- **December 2024**
  Friends of Kaleo — staff, pastors, and campers formed in 2023 — signs a 3-year agreement and a $1.5M deed to keep the ministry alive.
- **January 1, 2025**
  Friends of Kaleo assumes operation of Camp Kaleo. The mission continues: **Know Jesus, Grow in Jesus, Show Jesus.**

A NEW ERA

TWO YEARS IN, CAMP IS THRIVING

Under our first Executive Director, **Hope "Bongo" Castillo**, programs have expanded, camper numbers are up, and new school-year camps have been added. Through your generosity we've already refreshed the dining hall kitchen, remodeled guest rooms, and rebuilt stairs, decks, and walkways across camp.








SINCE FRIENDS OF KALEO TOOK OVER

$276,100
raised to sustain the ministry

1,244
campers served at Kaleo

58+
eternities impacted

STILL TO COME

- Add water softening system
- Replace HVAC in activity building
- Repair septic system
- Build a multi-use pavilion
- Modernize aging cabins

HELP US KEEP CHANGING LIVES

Every gift is tax-deductible and goes straight to the ministry — give once, give monthly, or give in honor or memory of someone who met Jesus at Kaleo.

CAMPERSHIPS
Scholarships so every kid can come.

FUTURE PROJECTS
Capital projects to renew our facilities.

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SCAN TO DONATE

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