

Ensuring an unbroken circle for generations to come

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2024

Building in community for timeless connection

It's simple. All it takes is water, sky, sun, and time apart to open the space for connections that last a lifetime. Help us build a pool, keep it filled, and continue our ministry to extend the circle, unbroken for those who will in turn extend its embrace.

POOL CONSTRUCTION

Pooling our Resources
\$750,000

ENDOWMENT

Reservoir of Funding
\$500,000 (pool expenses)
\$300,000 (camp expenses)

Pooling our Resources

The sound of children's laughter. The cool splash of relief on a hot day. The sun glinting off the surface. Life in Cove and at Ascension School wouldn't be the same without the simple pleasures that come from sharing time together in the water.

From the time the first people came to this special place, water has been at the heart of life here. The time we spend together in the water has a way of connecting us in effortless community. Even after we return to our routines, the connections we've formed here are as deep and soothing as the water where we found them—flowing outward in an unbroken circle of community.

POOL CONSTRUCTION \$750,000



Reservoir of Funding

You can help us make sure there's always a place for us to come together and just be, in effortless community, for generations to come.

POOL ENDOWMENT \$500,000

CAMP ENDOWMENT \$300,000

Total annual pool expenses \$50,000

Swim fees & rentals (\$20,000)

Net annual pool expenses \$30,000

We need to increase our current endowment of \$200,000 (established by a gift from the estate of Tish Croom) to \$1,000,000.

An endowment of this size is required to earn the necessary returns to maintain the pool and support ongoing camp operations each year.

ESSENTIAL GIFTS CHART

Gifts of all sizes are needed for us to meet our goal. All gifts and pledges will be recognized on our donor wall at the conclusion of the campaign.

This chart can help you see where your gift might fit in. It shows how many gifts of each dollar amount are needed to reach the goal, the level of gifts needed, how a monthly payment would break out over four years at each level, and the cumulative total increasing from the top down.

We give thanks for the generosity each of you extend to the Ascension School community and invite you to make a pledge to this campaign.

Number of gifts	Gift Amount	Monthly over 4 yrs	Building to our goal
1	\$200,000	\$4,167	\$200,000
2	\$100,000	\$2,083	\$400,000
2	\$50,000	\$1,042	\$500,000
4	\$25,000	\$521	\$600,000
5	\$10,000	\$208	\$650,000
8	\$7,500	\$156	\$710,000
12	\$5,000	\$104	\$770,000
20	\$2,500	\$52	\$820,000
22	\$1,500	\$31	\$853,000
75	\$1,000	\$21	\$928,000
Many	Less than \$500	Variable	Goal Achieved

*The goal set in this chart is supported by the feasibility study and differs from the anticipated project needs. Any funds raised to offset the \$622,472 difference between this goal and the stated needs will be used to fund the endowment.

POOL FAQs

Is this a public pool?

The pool will be open to the public during designated hours from late spring to early fall. Ascension School will own and operate the pool and take responsibility for related staffing and costs.

What kind of pool is it?

The pool will be a 45'x75' short course pool with removable lanes that a swim team could use. It will be 5'6" at its deepest point. There will be infrastructure for a slide or jumping platform as well as lifeguard stations, but no diving boards. It will be filled each year with water from the City of Cove to ensure safe, clean water.

What about facilities and security?

There will be a pool house with restrooms and showers, along with a pool equipment storage shed onsite. The pool will be fully enclosed with a 8 ft. high fence, which will be locked when the pool is closed. At the end of each season the pool will be drained and covered as needed.

Where will the pool be located and how can I get there?

The general location is shown on the map. The exact location will depend on the results of an archeological and cultural assessment on the land in partnership with our Indigenous neighbors before excavation takes place.

A trail/sidewalk along Highway 237 is planned and will lead to the community center and pool area, providing public access without going through Ascension School's main campus. The sidewalk is also visible on the map provided.

Are you using local contractors?

We are using Premier Pools for engineering and building. Local contractors will build the pool house and adjoining structures. They will lead us through the city permitting process as well as through the process with the Oregon Health Authority.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FAQs

Does a capital campaign pledge count the same as an annual campaign pledge? Are they going to the same place?

While annual campaigns pay for personnel, programs, and regular upkeep, capital campaigns fund specific one-time projects and goals. Capital campaign contributions are made on top of annual pledges or gifts.

Can I leave money in my will or establish a trust specifically for the capital campaign?

We're happy to receive bequests with a "requested designation" (rather than a restriction). However, funds for the pool are needed in year one, and the sooner we receive endowment funds, the sooner they'll earn the interest needed to cover the pool's operating expenses.

What is the pay-in period?

The pay-in period is four years, beginning as early as August 2024 and ending as late as August 2028. Pledges can be paid weekly, monthly, quarterly or annually. *If you are contemplating a gift schedule longer than four years, please speak with us first.*

What happens if I can't fulfill my pledge?

We know that life happens and we care about you. If something happens and you can't fulfill your pledge over the next four years, please let us know. We can make adjustments accordingly.

Will any money donated by the local Cove community go towards funding the Diocese of Eastern Oregon?

All monies raised as part of this campaign will go directly towards Ascension School, the pool, the care for the pool, and the sustainability of the campus. The increased financial independence from this project will benefit both Ascension School and the diocese in the long run.

Who is paying for the planning fees?

The Diocese of Eastern Oregon has covered the architect's planning costs, as well as campaign costs related to communications, solicitation, and consulting support.

A Thin Place

Wiweeletitpe
"many streams flowing at that place"

In the beginning, a place of merging waters.
Where many first peoples came together
in peace to trade and celebrate.
A place of learning and growing in Spirit
down through the years.
Unbroken circle

building foundations for generations to come.

A place to swim and sing.
A place to create and craft,

friendship bracelets and copper enamel crosses.
Memories of acceptance emerge

from hidden treasures of childhood tucked away for a lifetime.

A place to restore the land, that thin place,
where many waters gather.

A place to restore Currants, Red Osier,
Willow, Camas and Wapato.

A place to gather in community.
A place to renew one's soul.

— Beth Spell
A Cove visitor for 68 years

"Wiweeletitpe" translated from Nez Perce

