



FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Into the Woods—The Delphian Outdoor Program

Dear Delphian Supporter,

Delphian students find themselves in a highly evolved educational program that is rich with academic subjects, activities of all kinds, and life interests to pursue.

Ironically, one of Delphian's greatest potential assets for enhancing that program—our magnificent 720-acre campus—has remained largely undeveloped, apart from a hundred acres or so right here on the hilltop. Scrub brush, poison oak and a lack of trails keep students out of our otherwise-marvelous natural environment.

This is the year to change that, to get Delphian students *Into the Woods* and into the natural world they find there. Using the resources we already have, we are moving full-speed ahead to make available to students the rolling hills, oak and fir forests, creeks and ponds, meadows and fields, canyons and gullies that surround us here.

Your help is needed to make that vision an exciting reality.

Phase 3 of the Campus Master Plan massively expands our outdoor program. Just for starters, it creates hiking paths, bike trails, viewpoints, campsites, parks, challenge courses and a remote-control car race track. We'll partner with scout troops and other outdoor programs and community groups to share the beauty of our campus with others.



Computer rendering of reconstructed pond

CURRENT PROJECT—POND AND CAMPGROUND

Cost Estimate: \$200K

Jerry Ripp is known to every generation of students as Delphian’s legendary Paul Bunyan, a key member of the founding staff. There is no part of the campus we know today that wasn’t created or touched by Jerry.

A long-time dream of Jerry’s has been the creation of a pond and campground for our students, and now that dream is coming true. In fact, it’s already under construction by Jerry.

The original Delphian pond in a woodsy hollow below the horse barn, dried up for over ten years, is being reconstructed as a one-acre fishing pond. The beautiful nearby meadow will be used for camping, sports and outdoor activities. Next to that, we’ll build a large gazebo with cooking and cleaning facilities for all-school barbecues and campouts. (We hope to harness both solar and hydropower to supply electrical needs.) The scene will also include picnic tables, benches, boats, a boathouse, a waterwheel, and a firepit.



Computer rendering of future campground



Gazebo with food prep facilities



Premier cross-country running trails in progress



Miles and miles of groomed riding trails

FUTURE POSSIBILITIES

Cost Estimate: \$600K

The list below will change and grow as the outdoor program evolves. Each planned item offers its own educational opportunity in subjects as diverse as horticulture, engineering, ballistics, aerodynamics and electronics, and ranging from the very physical rope course challenge to the mental challenge of soil chemistry. Through direct, first-hand application in multiple disciplines, students will gain ever-greater understanding of the world around them.

- Outdoor equipment for maintenance
- Roads and Trails
 - Surfacing for year-round use for running, hiking, biking, horse riding
 - Three 5k cross country trail systems
 - Benches, rest spots and trail signage
- Forest Activities
 - Ropes challenge course
 - Tree house
- Remote Control (RC)
 - RC car race track
 - RC boats, planes and helicopters
- Disk golf
- 3D archery course
- Log cabins
- Air rifle range
- Apple and plum orchards
- Blackberry/blueberry cultivation
- Organic gardens



RC car race track in progress



Future ropes challenge course

CAMPUS MAINTENANCE

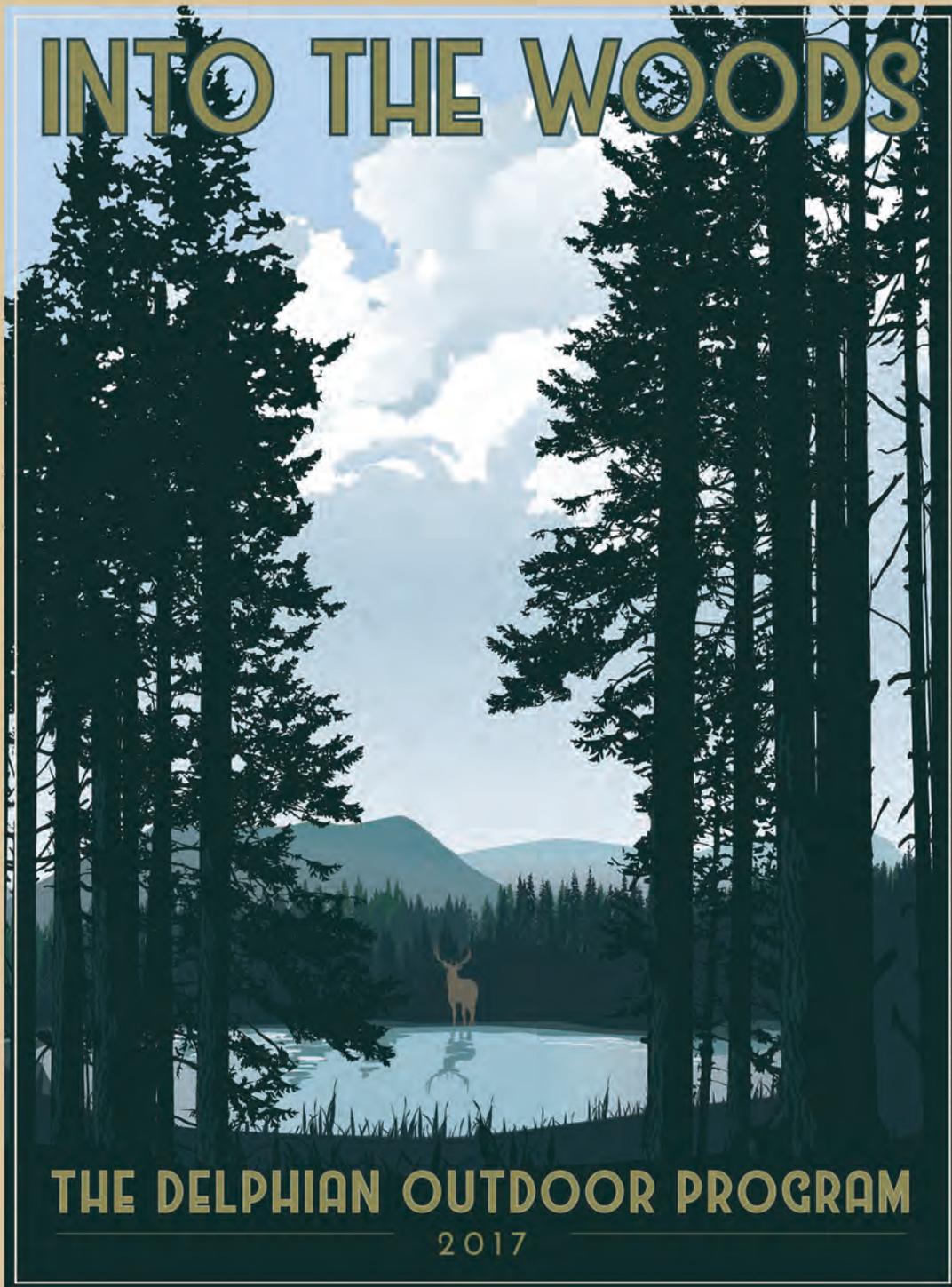
Cost Estimate: \$1.2M Endowment

Once created, these new facilities will need to be maintained. Thus we are targeting an additional \$1.2 million in endowment funds to cover ongoing maintenance costs, ensuring that today's facilities will continue to provide high-quality experiences for tomorrow's students.

*In all things of nature
There is something
Of the marvelous
—Aristotle*

So now we launch officially *The Delphian Outdoor Program* with a \$2 million target. We welcome your support!

INTO THE WOODS



THE DELPHIAN OUTDOOR PROGRAM 2017

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