

Experiencing Joy at Glenhagen Farm Retreat

Picture the exhilaration of a hot summer day, the refreshing touch of Big Bureau Creek's cool water at **Glenhagen Farm Retreat**. With a net in hand, you're captivated as a school of tadpoles swiftly darts past your feet. Bullfrogs echo, a delicate dragonfly perches on the tall green river grass, and a red-tailed hawk gracefully glides overhead. These are the unique experiences that await you at Glenhagen Farm Retreat.

Glenhagen Farm Retreat is a 501(c)(3) charity that provides tent camping and nature experiences on 63 acres of prairie, woods, and stream near Princeton, Illinois. Most campers have never slept in a tent, seen the stars at night, or heard an owl hooting. The camp offers a safe, peaceful environment, a welcome contrast to the urban environment where most campers reside.

Favorite activities include exploring the creek, hiking woodland and meadow trails, cooking s'mores around the fire pit, sand volleyball, and learning about the wonders of God's creation. The camp provides a pavilion with a kitchen, showers, washrooms, a gas grill, tents, games, and an educational curriculum. Comments from campers include: "Glenhagen has moved me spiritually and emotionally. You welcomed us students with open arms. Thank you for letting us be a part of your family!" and "Overall, it was an amazing adventure."

Plymouth Place corporate partners **Andy Tecson** and his wife **Nancy Hagen** enthusiastically founded the camp. Nancy describes her late father, **Glen Hagen**, who the camp is named after: "My dad was a person who believed the that world's resources should be shared with everyone, and the camp reflects his values."

Visiting groups have included Cristo Rey Jesuit High School—which annually conducts a Care for Creation retreat; Bridge Communities—which provides transitional housing for single mothers; Kids Above All—a social service agency serving youth; Building Leaders Advocating Change—which provides STEM education and mentoring in DeKalb; Harmony Community Church from Chicago; and the Green Team from Gary Comer Youth Center—made up of teens who grow 20,000 pounds of fresh vegetables and contribute them to the community on the South Side of Chicago.

To learn more about ways to get involved, go to glenhagenfarm.org.



*Cristo Rey Jesuit
High School students
and Nancy Hagen
explore Glenhagen
farm retreat.*

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