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Lake Burton Civic Association President Mike Hammer, left, presents a check to Jeanie Cook Camp Evergreen. Assistant Treasurer

## Lake Burton Foundation gives \$5,000 to Camp Evergreen

Lake Burton Civic Association Foundation (LBCAF), a 501c3 charity organization, recently announced an LBCAF Grant Award Recipient in the amount of \$5,000. The grant recognizes charitable organizations that are making an important community impact in Rabun County or the surrounding area.

This award grant goes to Camp Evergreen near Moccasin Creek on Lake Burton. The Camp started in 1999 by Bob and Jeanie Cook on the former Camp Cherokee for Girls property on Cherokee Cove. Later, Camp Evergreen then leased the former Camp Winfield property in 2009 and has since purchased and further developed both the property and programs. For over 20 years, the camp has been run by Katie Grady, the Cook's daughter, and her husband Toby, and is located on 80 acres of wilderness close to Hemlock Falls. The non-denominational outdoor ministry connects over 500 campers each summer with God, nature, and each other through intentional programming and traditional camp activities. However, what sets Camp Evergreen apart is their passion for providing camp for all children, regardless of their economic situation. Each summer, the camp reserves three of their sessions for 200 economically disadvantaged children to experience a week of camp. These campers are invited through Atlanta and North Geor-

gia based agencies and school districts.

Camp Director Katie Grady has seen the incredible impact of camp firsthand, "For these children, the Camp Evergreen experience is life-changing, sometimes in ways we never would have expected. For some children it is the opportunity to hear the crucial message that God loves them and has a unique plan for their lives. For others it is the opportunity to play and explore as a carefree child in a safe nature environment.

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And for others it's simply the opportunity to eat three square meals and a snack each day." Students attend camp for free by obtaining Camperships from monies donated to Camp Evergreen for this purpose. The LBCAF Grant Award to Camp Evergreen will be designated for Rabun and Habersham children

Camperships.

LBCAF is an affiliate of the Lake Burton Civic Association which has approximately 1,200 members that live near the Lake Burton area. More information about LBCA or LBCAF can be found at [www.lbca.net](http://www.lbca.net) or you can email [lbcaburton@gmail.com](mailto:lbcaburton@gmail.com)

For more information about Camp Evergreen or making a donation to them visit their website at [www.campevergreen.org](http://www.campevergreen.org) or call them at 404-210-9149.