

Keep Circle Pines' ray of light shining in these dark times!

CPC teaches, through work and play, that cooperation is necessary for peace, social and economic justice and earth stewardship – and that to achieve it, we must engage in organized, collective action with diverse people and creatures. In America, generations learn this practical alternative to greed through music, art, laughter, love, play and work.

In these times of growing hate, fear and climate change CPC has a key role to play. We provide young and old, from all walks of life, inspiration, strategy, skills and partners to make the world a kinder, greener, more just, peaceful and cooperative place. We provide joy, community and respite for activists. Never has this been more important.

Just like democracy, this is precious and fragile. As an independent cooperative we have struggled to retain staff, and relied heavily on volunteers. For most of those 85 years, its continuation has been precarious. There is no parent organization. Members sustain this unique community to nurture its values and spirit for ourselves and new generations.

Our institutional history resides in us as individuals. Few living people have experienced all 85 of those years. CPC's continuation, its ability to thrive and change to meet future opportunities and challenges depends on us. Retaining and learning from its history, and being its living memory and future requires commitment and action from each of us. Our participation in leadership programs, financial support, growing membership, capturing our story and continuing to foster youth and adult leadership is critical to securing CPC's future.

A recent example is the resurrection of Winter Camp by one of our young staff and interested youth. After its absence for 20 + years, they rebuilt a program that, in unique CPC style, challenges our young folks to step up to leadership. At Winter Camp our young folks take responsibility to create and run their own program including all the practical parts. At that Winter Camp, our young leaders initiated the CPC Legacy Project, through which CPC youth interview elders to capture, preserve and learn from our history.

We need your financial and volunteer help to ensure that CPC continues and grows.

Here are some of the ways you can help:

- 1) [Go to this link to make a contribution:](https://secure.lglforms.com/form_engine/s/Zhq5Qh3GfKlIYh3bKjLMRg)
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- 2) Join a CPC Committee (volunteer labor is our lifeblood)
- 3) Volunteer (to Eddie) to work on a project, event, or infrastructure