

Camp Friedenswald Climate Action Plan 2024-2030 Summary: Updated 2026

Rationale

Camp Friedenswald (CF) acknowledges that climate change and other interconnected environmental and social crises (a [polycrisis](#)) are threatening human and non-human life across the globe. As a faith-based Mennonite organization, Camp Friedenswald views broken connection with self, God, others, and nature as a spiritual root of the polycrisis. It is from a deep commitment to peace, justice, and spiritual wholeness that Camp Friedenswald will continue to play its part in the collective global effort to stop climate change. Camp Friedenswald is committed to reducing its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and working to engage staff, campers, and guests in climate actions. In order to meet the goal of limiting warming to 1.5 degrees, as described in the [Paris Agreement](#), climate science calls for reducing GHG emissions 50% by 2030 (from a 2005 baseline) and reaching net-zero by 2050 ([IPCC](#)).

Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction Targets:

- 75% GHG reduction by 2030 against baseline year of 2015 for scopes 1 and 2
- Reduce indirect scope 3 emissions through purchasing, waste, food, and education goals

Strategy 1: Reduce Scope 1 and 2 Emissions: Fuel directly burned and electricity

Goal 1: Increase energy efficiency in buildings

Goal 2: Transition from propane to electric

Goal 3: Install more solar on-site

Goal 4: Reduce use of gasoline and diesel fuel

Strategy 2: Reduce Scope 3 Emissions: Indirect emissions

Meat Purchases

Goal 1: Reduce the amount of beef served at Camp

Goal 2: Increase plant-forward meals served at Camp

Local Foods

Goal 1: Spend at least 8% of the food budget on local food

Food Waste

Goal 1: Reduce leftovers that end up in compost

Goal 2: Educate campers and guests about food waste

Waste/Circular Economy

Goal 1: Maintain current level of waste diversion opportunities for staff and guests

Goal 2: Identify and utilize any additional waste diversion opportunities for CF

Goal 3: Reduce the amount of waste produced at Camp

Transportation

Goal 1: Reduce emissions from guest and camper travel to and from camp

Goal 2: Reduce emissions from staff travel

Strategy 3: Increase Education and Engagement on Climate Action

Goal 1: Incorporate climate action education into existing programming at Camp.

Goal 2: Create new programming or classes specifically designed to both educate campers about the impacts of climate change and empower them to be change agents

Goal 3: Build climate change literacy into the culture of camp

Strategy 4: Conserve and Restore Land and Water

Goal 1: Maintain a minimum of 500 work hours dedicated to land stewardship each year

Goal 2: Maintain high quality Mitchell's satyr habitat

Goal 3: Ensure successful reforestation of 16-acre tree planting

Goal 4: Use current best practices and climate-adaptive practices in land stewardship

Goal 5: Ensure commitment to preservation of the natural acreage of Camp Friedenswald