



Liebe Waldseer,

**We are getting ready for our summer and busy preparing to welcome villagers from across the country and globe to *Waldsee*!** Counselors and staff are arriving, some from the German-speaking world, and brushing up on the latest teaching techniques to create a fun and engaging educational experience for our villagers. Our kitchens are perfecting their *Spätzle*, *Rouladen*, and *Kaiserschmarrn*, and our village stores are stocked with *Gummibären* and *Afri-Cola*.

**You can be a part of the magic of *Waldsee* when you give to our Keep the World Speaking campaign.** Your gift during or before May 12-14 will go to support smooth operations, excellent programming, and other hallmarks of a *Waldsee* program.

This summer at *Waldsee*, villagers are coming together to explore not just the German language and culture, but also what it means to live and learn as part of a community. From meal times to evening programs, villagers are not just learning a language; they are forming connections and growing their capacity to understand themselves and others.

Last summer, we celebrated our 65th summer at *Waldsee*. We sang, shared cherished memories, and were reminded of the moments that connect our community across continents and generations. Something about hearing the *Glocke*, being around a *Lagerfeuer*, or seeing



your *Waldsee Freunde*, reminds you that we know how to slow down, have fun, and see the best in each other.

**Your gift will ensure all villagers at *Waldsee* have a transformative experience. Thank you for helping Keep the World Speaking!**

With appreciation,  
The *Waldsee* Team!



### Courage in Action

“I first arrived at *Waldsee* at age 12, speaking absolutely no German. I chose the name *Melanie* because I felt confident that I could pronounce it. (I was right!) I didn’t know at the time that I would be *Melanie* for 4 years as a villager and then 18 years (and counting!) as a staff member.

Over the years, I realized that *Melanie* could do things that Allison wouldn’t have dared to do. As *Melanie*, I stepped outside my comfort zone so often that my comfort zone gradually expanded to include things such as speaking in front of large groups, playing guitar and teaching songs, and jumping in to improvise in any wacky skit. Even seemingly little things, such as being willing to speak another language imperfectly and make mistakes, felt like a courageous act that I could do when I was *Melanie*.”



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