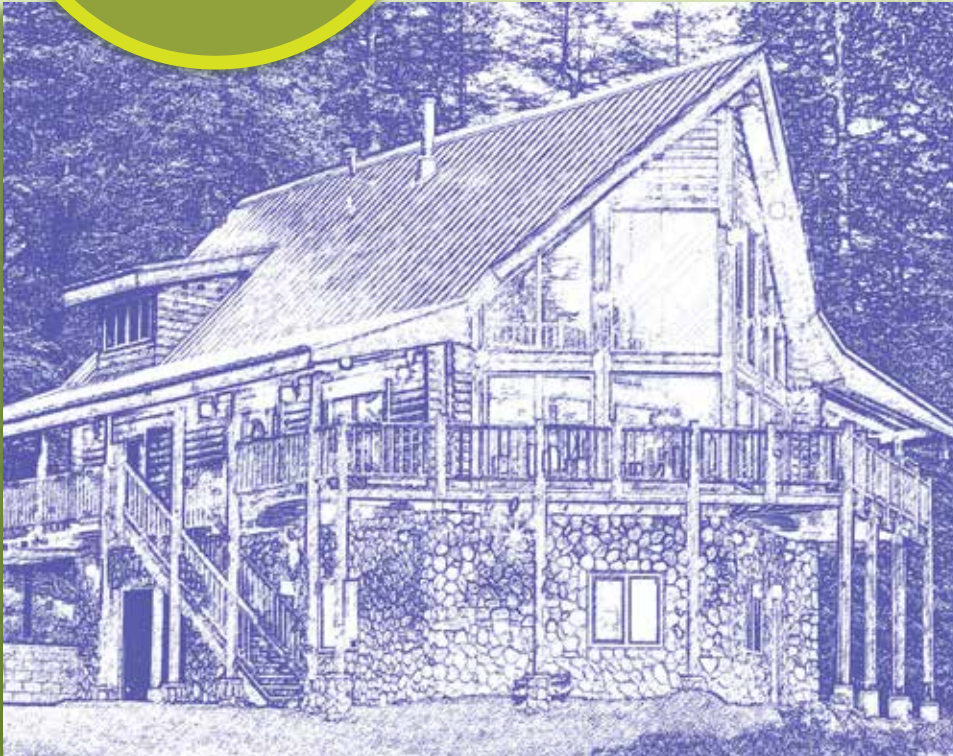


ctk
Lodge

creating an environment for spiritual discovery

A PROPOSED FACILITY FOR COMMUNITY AND GROWTH



As a former camp director and youth pastor, I have spent a considerable amount of time developing camps, retreats, mission trips and adventures for young Christians to more intentionally experience Christ. I have also discovered that when people pause from the normal routines of life, they experience *spiritually catalytic* moments.

What I've also experienced in my years of ministry, is that life change rarely happens without the guidance of mentors *in community*. God designed us for community. More precisely, God designed the Church to serve one another. And God designed us to bring up each generation by teaching them the foundations of the faith. This is also why a lodge, camp or retreat center can be so spiritually catalytic.

Think about the "highs" that people experience in their Christian journey: at huge rallies, through life-changing camps, through gifted teachers and lecturers the average Christian is stimulated to change. Talk to anyone who has been to a life-changing camp, retreat, or a Billy Graham Crusade. What will they tell you?

"It was amazing."

"God revealed himself to me. "

"I accepted/rededicated my life to Christ."

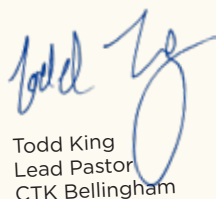
Great! Fantastic! So why would we do we not leverage that ourselves? Why don't we build a rhythm of getting away together into our culture?

Truthfully, there's no shortage of high caliber speakers, national conferences or local rallies we can attend. They often *can* provide spiritual transformation. Yet I believe these catalytic moments are far *more powerful* when share them with the people we actually do life with!

That's the idea behind CTK Lodge: to create a sacred space that will provide opportunities for significant catalytic experiences shared with people from our community, so that we can advance God's Kingdom further and faster.

And think of how much use we could get from a space like this: staff retreats, ministry team getaways, intern development, youth camps, marriage enrichment weekends, small group bonding events, prayer retreats, spiritual enrichment workshops... and the list goes on. Really, there is no end to what we could do together!

Kind Regards,



Todd King
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Our Mission

To create an authentic Christian community that effectively reaches out to unchurched people in love, acceptance and forgiveness so that they may experience the joy of salvation and a purposeful life of discipleship.



For Personal Growth

Silence and Solitude: The foundational substance of the Christian disciplines. "Solitude is generally the most fundamental in the beginning of the spiritual life, and it must be returned to again and again as that life develops."
(Dallas Willard)

Distinctive Wilderness Settings: Secluded location and limited connectivity helps people disconnect from distractions. Focus turns to the beauty of the natural setting as people learn, face challenges, and reflect.

Sabbath Rest: Developing the discipline of spiritual rest and quality time with God.

For Community Growth

Growing Together: Group discussion, dialogue, and discovery can lead the conversation rather than the traditional lecture format.

Laughter: To celebrate God, life, and one another.

Group Development: Create opportunities for all types of CTK groups to advance their purposes.

Growth Through Challenge: To push people to their personal thresholds in order to discover the wounds, fears, and sins that prevent us from enjoy the riches of the Kingdom.



What We Want

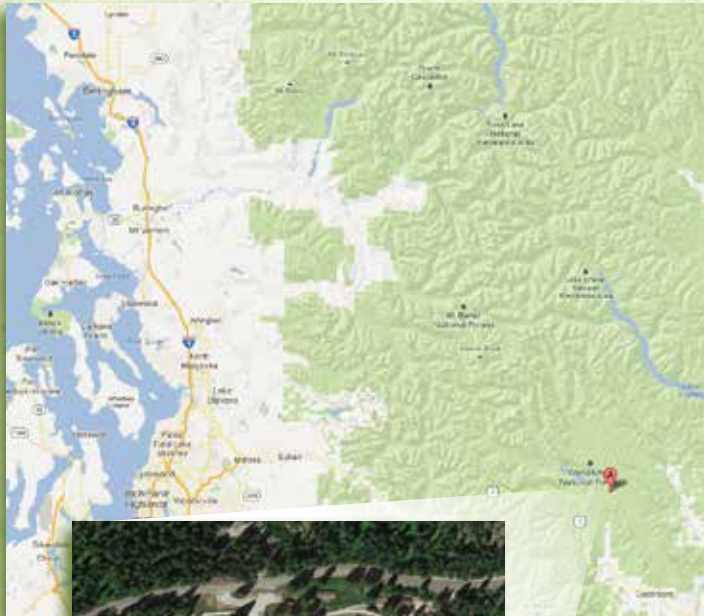
We want our own facility in order to make retreats and getaways affordable to CTK groups. This will also give us the ability to easily schedule prime weeks throughout the year.

What We Don't Want

We have no desire to create or run a huge camp or retreat center that requires a large staff to run it. We don't want to open this up to the general public or create a business.

The Location

The proposed building site is at Stonewater Ranch, 19537 Chiwawa Loop Road, Leavenworth, WA 98826.



The existing building site already has septic installed. We would need to build a road and parking area, as well as run the power from the road.

A Strategic Partnership



We are currently in talks with Youth Dynamics, owners of Stonewater Ranch, to use a building site on their property.

We are discussing a long-term lease with them that would include an option to purchase if they ever need to sell.

We are working to establish priorities and expectations that will guide how both organizations can use the facility throughout the year.

The Lodge

- Approximately 5,000-6,000 sq ft
- 10 bedrooms, 10 baths
- Great room, kitchen and meeting room for 60 people
- Each bedroom will have one king size bed and two sets of bunk beds, making it comfortable for 10 couple or families, or groups of up to 60 people
- A comfortable, natural Northwest look and feel, using wood and stone in the design.
- Sustainable building practices

Next Steps

- Pray that we would continue to be in God's will
- Determine scope and do cost analysis
- Explore financing options
- Finalize partnership with Youth Dynamics
- Form a Design and Implementation Team
- Choose an architect and contractor

Let's Build This Together

If you would like to help make this project a reality, we would appreciate your prayers and ideas. Please also consider donating time, materials, and/or finances.

We are gathering a team to visit Stonewater Ranch this spring to further explore the possibilities. If you would like to be a part of this team, please contact Todd King at toddk@ctkbellingham.com or 360-733-1337.