

The UBarU retreat center is located on 142 acres in the beautiful Hill Country. It is a certified IDA dark sky park (the only privately owned facility so designated) and with an observatory, and offers astronomy events as well as summer youth camps, adult retreats, and cabin stays for retreats in solitude.

Live Oak has been a strong supporter of UBarU. Our continuing support has made possible the awakening adventures of youth camps, the spirited discussions and contemplations of adult retreats, and the welcome solitude and explorations of a cabin stay.

Today UBarU faces a crisis that threatens the ability to serve and indeed, its continued existence. The UBarU water well, drilled just post WWII, is nearing exhaustion. Increasing density in the Hill Country and the persistent effects of climate change – meaning droughts – have dropped the level of the Edwards Aquifer on which the retreat center depends.

A new well needs to be drilled to secure long term public water access, expand conservation measures and if possible, expand housing for a future generation of visitors and friends.

The new well plus infrastructure alone will cost close to \$200,000. A Capital Campaign has been launched to Dig Deeper to Go Higher.

Please join us in generously contributing to the January Share the Plate for UBARU.