

The Red Canoe Society

For many individuals, their days and weeks spent paddling and portaging in the Canadian wilderness as a Wabun camper were transformative. Many have expressed their gratitude by supporting the Wabun Foundation through lifetime gifts to the annual fund and capital campaign initiatives. The Red Canoe Society was established in 2024 to recognize individuals who have decided to continue their support of the Wabun Foundation and Camp Wabun by making a bequest or other estate planning commitment.

Becoming a Member

You may become a member of the Red Canoe Society simply by notifying us that you have named the Wabun Foundation in your will or estate plan. A charitable gift from your estate is a favored method of giving that enables you to achieve your financial goals and benefit an organization that is meaningful to you. No other planned gift is as simple to make or as easy to change, should you ever need the assets during your lifetime.

Making Your Commitment

- **A Bequest in a Will or Trust:**

You can designate a specific amount, a percentage of your estate or trust, or a specific asset. Adding a codicil to your existing plan is an easy way to accomplish your goal.

Sample non-binding bequest language: *I give to The Wabun Foundation, located at P.O. Box 36, New Canaan, CT, 06840, online at wabun.org, and federal tax identification number 47-4480383, ____% of my total estate (or \$____).*

If you have already included a gift to the Wabun Foundation in your will or trust, please inform us. We would love to thank you and welcome you to the Red Canoe Society.

- **IRA Beneficiary Designation**

One easy way to make a legacy gift to the Wabun Foundation is to designate the WF as a beneficiary of your IRA. This is a simple and non-binding process.

Several donors have designated that the Wabun Foundation will receive 5% or 10% of their IRA.

- **Life Insurance**

If you have reached a stage in your life when life insurance is not essential, you may designate the Wabun Foundation as owner and beneficiary of a new or existing policy. You also may name the foundation as a contingent beneficiary.

- **Life Income Gifts**

As the name implies, life income gifts offer opportunities for you to benefit the Wabun Foundation while receiving income for yourself or spouse for life. Gifts through Charitable Trusts, Pooled Income Funds, and Charitable Gift Annuities offer attractive ways for you to support the Wabun Foundation and receive tax benefits and income.

Membership in the Red Canoe Society involves no dues, obligations or solicitations, but it does allow us to thank you and recognize you for the plans you have made, and it may inspire generosity in others. Your most important satisfaction derives from making a lasting contribution to the long-term prosperity of the camp you loved.

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