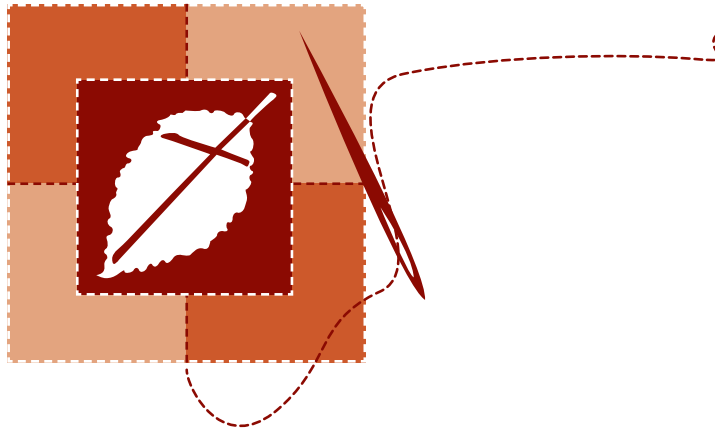


Carol Joy Holling Camp, Conference & Retreat Center



# Quilt Auction

**July 25, 2026**

## ***Quilters' Guide***

Quilts will be accepted between

**May 15 and July 17**

*Quilts cannot be accepted after July 17  
and cannot be stored for future events.*

# Dear Friend,

You make the annual Carol Joy Holling Camp Quilt Auction an incredible success each year!

Your donations to the auction allow campers from all over the region to attend a week at camp—and no camper is ever turned away due to financial constraints. The time spent at Carol Joy Holling Camp brings faith alive for all who are in this sacred space, but especially the campers and Summer Ministry Team members.

I invite you to join us on Saturday, July 25, 2026, for the 38<sup>th</sup> annual Quilt Auction.

I pray you find it in your heart to participate again this year. Whether it is by creating a beautiful quilt or joining in the fun and excitement during the day of the Quilt Auction, your prayerful consideration and time make this day so very successful.

In this guide, you will find information to help you plan your quilt as well as promote the Quilt Auction to your community.

Please take note of important deadlines, restrictions, and required packaging in order for our dedicated team of volunteers to process the quilts in a timely and orderly manner.

God bless you in your quilting,



Allison Blatchford  
Events and Communications Manager

# Planning Your Quilt

Quilts of all sizes are welcome. Buyers are usually looking for standard-sized quilts.

The lists below includes the **MATTRESS TOP** measurements for standard mattress sizes. This is the minimum size quilt needed to cover the top of the bed. If you would like to have more coverage, you will need to add inches to the width and height.

- Crib (52x28)
- Youth (66x33)
- Twin (75x39)
- Full (75x54)
- Queen (80x60)
- King (80x76)

Tied, machine-quilted, hand-quilted, and hand-stitched quilts are all found at our auction.

Buyers enjoy both traditional and contemporary designs with coordinated colors, finished edges, and detailed stitching.

Many of our buyers are quilt lovers, but not necessarily quilt makers. They are looking for “quilts with heart.” They want to know the name of the design, who made the quilt, and why the quilters chose the design they did. Any information you have to share will be appreciated and certainly cherished along with the quilt.

It’s also interesting to include the number of quilters involved and how many hours were put into the making of the quilt. This information should be included with the quilt when it is delivered to camp. Any photos taken during the process will be given to the buyer along with the quilt to add a special touch to their purchase.

# Restrictions and Exclusions

To keep the Quilt Auction at a manageable size and maintain a fast pace sale throughout the day, we have found it necessary to limit the types of items we can accept.

Please consider the following parameters when crafting items for the Quilt Auction:

## Accepted Items

- Full-size quilts
- Crib quilts
- Lap Quilts
- Busy/Fidget Quilts (for elderly, specially-abled, infants, toddlers, etc.)
- Quilted play mats
- Quilted wall hangings
- Quilt storage or display items (chests, racks, ladders, etc.)
- Quilt art (pieced wooden items, barn quilts)

*Vintage Quilts in excellent condition are welcome.*

***Quilts that are stained, worn, or otherwise damaged may be used in camper bedding packs or given to Summer Ministry Team members at the Quilt Auction team's discretion.***

Excluded Items:

- Afghans
- Pieced tops, or any other unfinished pieces
- Placemats, table runners, or toppers
- Pillows or pillow cases (unless part of a set with a quilt)
- Doilies
- Stuffed animals or dolls (unless part of a quilt set)
- Apparel (including aprons)
- Purses, bags, or other accessories
- Macrame hangars or other items
- Tea towels
- Pot holders
- Needlepoint or embroidered art (unless on a quilt)
- Toys, play houses, or barns

*\*CJH reserves the right to accept excluded items that have a special history, provenance, or tie to Carol Joy Holling Camp.*

*\*\*If you have generously created one of these excluded items for us already, please consider offering it to be auctioned at our Heart of Camp Gala, which also benefits the mission and ministry happening at Carol Joy Holling Camp. Items for the gala's silent auction can be delivered to camp before March 20, 2026, or after January 1, 2027, for next year's gala. More information is available at [NLOM.org/gala](http://NLOM.org/gala) or by calling Allison at 402-944-2544.*

*\*\*\*Unfortunately we don't have a large enough space to store items where they can be protected from damage until next year's event(s). We appreciate your understanding and storing them safely until next year!*

# Deliver Your Quilt

Quilts should be delivered to Carol Joy Holling Camp between **May 15 and July 17, 2026.**

In most cases, the quilts will be auctioned in the order received at camp. Exceptions may be made at the team's discretion.

It is very important that the enclosed instructions for delivery are followed closely to keep accurate records and to give proper credit to those donating quilts.

1. Complete the enclosed quilt donation form and include it with a **color photograph of your quilt** in an envelope.
  - a. The photo needs to clearly show the design of the quilt.
  - b. When photographing the quilt, please turn over one corner of it to show the backside.
  - c. On the back of the photo (in ink), please list the congregation, group, or individual donating the quilt and their city.
2. Neatly fold the quilt with the envelope easily visible and place the quilt in a bag or box.
- 3. Please do not pin the envelope to the quilt.**
4. Quilts can be mailed, hand-delivered, or sent along with pastors or campers coming to camp. (They should bring the quilt with them to registration.)

**Each quilt must have its own completed form and photo.**

Extra quilt donation forms are available.

- Visit [NLOM.org/quilt-auction](http://NLOM.org/quilt-auction)
- Call the camp at 402-944-2544
- Photocopy the enclosed form

# Promote the Auction

You can also contribute to the success of this special day in these ways:

1. Create a display with photos of the quilters working on the quilt as it progresses and display at church or in your community.
2. Report progress in the church bulletin or newsletter.
3. Contact your local newspaper and offer a photo of the quilters working on the quilt. We can help you provide them with complete and accurate information about the auction.
4. Invite members of your local quilting organizations to our auction. It is a perfect opportunity to see a variety of quilts and meet other quilters.
6. Use the publicity packet you will receive at a later date to encourage others to join in your project. Hang posters around your church and the community!
7. Attend the auction as a group for a social activity.

Remember—the more people attending the event, the more campers will benefit from this important fundraiser.

# View the Quilts Online

Be sure to check out the quilts before the auction. You'll start to see them online in mid-June. If you or others can't be at the auction, we'll have volunteer bidders who can submit your bids for you. Go to [NLOM.org/quilt-auction](https://www.nlom.org/quilt-auction) and follow the links to view the quilts. There is an absentee bidder form on the website. If you wish to bid on a quilt, fill out this form, and we'll have a volunteer bid on your behalf!

# Visit the Quilt Auction

Join in this exciting day at Carol Joy Holling Camp on July 25, for our 38<sup>th</sup> annual Quilt Auction! You are encouraged to attend to see your quilts sold and possibly meet the buyers. The auction and lunch will be held rain or shine. (We will use the Town Hall in case of rain.) Bring your friends and families! Quilts will be on display by 9 a.m. **The live auction begins at 9:30 a.m.** We will continue until all quilts are sold, which is usually around 5 p.m.

The quilts will have numbered cards attached indicating the order in which they will be auctioned. This way bidders can approximate when their favorite quilts will be up for auction. The cards also include information about the quilt donor and the size, type, and design of the quilt.

Through the years, quilts have auctioned for \$25 to \$20,000. Lance Larsen, a professional auctioneer from Cordova, Neb. volunteers his time to auction the quilts. He and his associates will do their best to encourage bidding and bring a fair price for each quilt. **The silent auction will be on Qtego, an online bidding site. Bidding will open at 2 p.m. on Friday, July 24, and end at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 25.**

You won't want to miss the lunch with dessert and drink served from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

If you or someone from your group cannot attend, you can check the website at [NLOM.org/quilt-auction](http://NLOM.org/quilt-auction) for sale prices throughout the day. You will also receive a postcard after the auction with the results of your quilt(s).

## Questions

Contact Allison at [ABlatchford@NLOM.org](mailto:ABlatchford@NLOM.org) or 402-944-2544.