



Statement from True Friends related to its decision to cancel an agreement to allow a group to rent one of the organization's camp facilities

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True Friends announced today it has cancelled an agreement to allow the Asatru Folk Assembly to rent a camp facility in Maple Lake for an upcoming event over the Labor Day weekend. The decision to cancel the reservation was made after True Friends' leadership received additional information about the Asatru group and the organization's background.

The decision to cancel the rental agreement was made in accordance with the terms of the rental agreement and after review by True Friends leadership. The Asatru group's mission and areas of focus significantly conflict with True Friends' core values, resulting in the decision to cancel the reservation.

True Friends operates five camps throughout Minnesota to provide life-changing experiences that enhance independence and self-esteem for nearly 4,000 children and adults with disabilities each year. True Friends has allowed the rental use of its camps to other organizations, when they were not in use, to help raise additional funds to support the organization.

The conference and retreat hospitality staff of True Friends made arrangements to rent the Maple Lake camp area. True Friends was not initially aware of the scale and scope of the Asatru group. When True Friends leadership learned more about the organization, it made the decision to cancel the agreement.

True Friends was formed in 2012 when Camp Courage and Friendship Ventures joined together. The collective group has been providing quality programming and services that make an important impact on many lives for more than 50 years. As a result of this situation, the organization is going to review how its facilities are rented and used by outside groups.

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