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Hearts with Hands and Venture of Faith Camp Open American Red Cross Emergency Shelter for Residents Impacted by Pineland Road Fire

Lake Park, GA, May 2, 2026: 12:00 PM EST. || The evacuation order in Echols County, Georgia has been lifted. The shelter at Venture of Faith Camp is now closed. We are grateful for all the first responders and the American Red Cross teams who worked tirelessly to care for those affected.

Lake Park, GA, April 22, 2026: 12:00 PM EST. || In response to the wildfire, Hearts with Hands, in partnership with sister ministry Venture of Faith Camp, announces the opening of an American Red Cross emergency shelter for residents affected by the **Pineland Road Fire** in Echols County, Georgia. The shelter has been established in coordination with Echols County Emergency Management and local officials to provide a safe place for evacuees and those who no longer feel secure remaining in their homes.

The emergency shelter is located at:

Venture of Faith Camp
1309 GA Highway 135 S
Lake Park, GA 31636

Residents who have been evacuated or who feel unsafe due to wildfire conditions are encouraged to seek refuge at the shelter.

Individuals and families are asked to bring the following items if possible:

- Medications
- Important documents
- Clothing and personal items

- Bedding and pillows
- Items for children, including formula, diapers, and comfort items

Pets are welcome; however, they will be housed separately.

“Hearts with Hands is committed to standing alongside communities in crisis,” said Greg Lentz, Executive Director for both Hearts with Hands and Venture of Faith Camp. “We are grateful to partner with Venture of Faith Camp, the American Red Cross, and local emergency officials to provide safety, shelter, and support during this emergency.”

Residents are urged to stay alert, follow instructions from local emergency management officials, and continue monitoring official channels for updates regarding the Pineland Road Fire.

Echols County Press Release: <https://www.facebook.com/share/p/18b2359PER/>

Fox Carolina Report:

<https://www.foxcarolina.com/2026/04/22/its-beast-its-monster-wildfire-explodes-more-than-16000-acres-south-georgia-forcing-evacuations/>