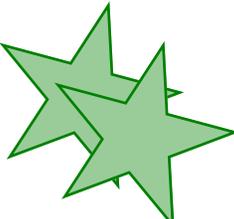


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Canyon Echoes



Summer Stats

13 High School Leadership Staff

14 College Staff

20 Adult Volunteers

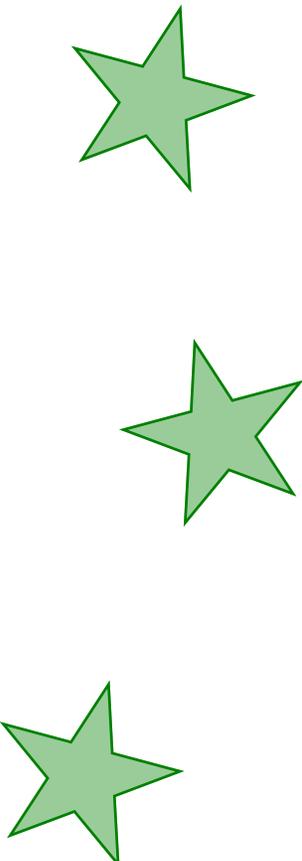
110 Residential Camp Campers

71 Backpacking Campers

150 Family Campers

10 Campers Excepted Jesus as Lord & Savior!

Camp Needs / Wish List

- A commercial riding lawn mower to care for fields.
 - Board Games for use in the dining hall. (please only complete games.)
 - A wood fireplace/furnace for the dining hall.
 - Soccer goals for field games.
 - Additional archery equipment. Bows, targets & arrows.
 - A new computer for publishing purposes.
 - A walk in cooler.
 - A 4-wheeler / "Gator" for all the camp chores.
 - Craftsmen to donate some of their time: carpenters, electricians, plumbers, concrete workers, painters.
 - Finish Paying of costs for recent improvements.
 - Concrete for a donated two car garage to be used as our shop.
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Director's Corner

WOW ! Look how time flies ! This summer, July 15th marked the 7th anniversary of my role as the Director of YAA. I am excited to say that today, Andrea and I are as convinced of our calling to this camp as we were the day that we arrived.

It has been a privilege to be a part of this exciting and rapidly growing camp that has Christ at the very center. Over and over again we hear the words; "we sure appreciate the wonderful spirit in this place." Of all the compliments that we receive, this one cheers us on more than any.

As I reflect on these last seven years I am overwhelmed with all of the changes that have taken place. There have been 4 additional children added to our family; a camp name change; a major face lift to our property including the recent completion of a gorgeous sports field; and of course the most major infra-structural project of all: the construction of a waste-water system that will allow us to grow into a camp that can house 200 people all year round.

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Summer Reflections from Staff

Over the "last two months my faith has grown so much. I'm learning to place every bit of my trust in Christ. I thank God for bringing me to YAA." "The whole summer was an amazing experience. I look back and all I can see is the love and unity among the staff. It made everything a good memory." Kimberly Harwood

"I can't think of anything that's more practical than what you would have done [to more be more effective at reaching campers.] If I weren't a Christian before I came, I would have confronted some pretty convincing evidence that I need to be." Brent Cline

"How it should be...Christ, campfires and companions...Welcome to life at YAA." Christian camping is a service ministry, and I saw servant hearts—modeled by Jim, carried out by the rest." Ben Stauffer

"I believe this summer was one of the best I have ever had." Kari Palin

Recent Improvements

1. The shower-house has received a complete renovation including new floors, walls, fixtures, mirrors, showers and a Boiler to meet all the hot water demands. Now you can always get a hot shower.
2. Our sports field is finished with room enough to play softball and two sand volleyball courts.
3. RV Camping is a big hit with electric and water hook-ups for 16 separate campers
4. Our program activities got a big lift with a 630' cable zip line that is a hit for the young and old.
5. New purchases replace old ones that had become unsafe.
6. A few new bows helped our archery program succeed by increasing the skill of many campers.

"I know, O Lord, that the way of human beings is not in their control, that mortals as they walk cannot direct their steps."
Jeremiah 10:23

"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."
Jeremiah 29:11

WE NEED YOUR HELP.

We still need to raise some money to cover the costs for all of our projects.

Please see the chart below if you can help out.



The total amount we need to raise for these projects is \$38,000. We try to use fundraising to cover capital development projects like these, but currently we have had to dip into our operating budget for the year. If you've enjoyed these improvements and are able to, would you please consider a tax deductible gift to Yellowstone Alliance Adventures to help us with the last \$20,000

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Amidst all of the change, there is one thing, (and many), that have stayed the same. I regularly thank God that he has enriched me with so many fabulous people. My wife Andrea is just awesome to me. She is my support, my confident, my friend, and my co-worker. ~ My staff that returns each summer to join in running our kids camps. They are great friends that keep me sharp and remind me of how valuable that this ministry is. (This last week I performed my second wedding for another camp couple.) ~ All of the families and children that join our programs and bring their smiles, laughter, zest for life, and willingness to share themselves with me. ~ Lastly, there is my incredible Board of Directors that keep my vision focused and my motives pure. They breathe confidence into me and rally around every chance they get to insure the success of this great ministry.

My thanks goes out to all of God's people who work to help me succeed in my position as the Director of Yellowstone Alliance Adventures. I look forward to many more years serving with you.

Sincerely,
Jim Hawthorne

Meet the Board:

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Yellowstone Alliance Adventures seeks to maintain a Spirit filled and Spirit lead Board of Directors. We are always looking for new members that have a passion for Christian camping and a vision for how YAA could better carry out our mission of "Introducing people to Jesus Christ, Training Leaders and Strengthening Families. If you would be interested in serving with us, please contact Jim Hawthorne at 763-4727.