



Canyon Echoes: A brief shout out!

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“THANK YOU” from scholarship recipients

“Thank you so much for letting me experience camp for less! I was so excited to come and it was worth it! I had so much fun this week and I can’t wait for when I can work at camp for the whole summer. Thank you for all you do at YAA.”

6th-8th grade camper

“Thank you for giving me the opportunity to come to camp! I had a great time and learned a lot about God and how to “hit the target”. I have always had a good relationship with God but every time I go to camp it reminds me how special God is and how grateful I am to have Him in my life and to know Him.”

Sr. High camper

Director’s Corner

Swerve Daddy, Swerve!” These were the shrieks of delight that my siblings and I would make Sunday mornings as we drove to LaGrange chapel, and went around a tight cloverleaf ramp onto a highway. Dad would let the car drift a bit to the shoulder, then forcefully swerve, all the more tightly back into the already sharp turn making the tires squeal while us kids all piled up on the left side of the car.

Life is chock full of memorable experiences: some that are simply fun to recount while others illicit times of learning and change.

An early mentor of mine, back in my days at Honey Rock Camp, used to warn me against becoming what he termed an “Experience Monger.” This was a person that rushes through life **doing** everything they can possibly fit in but rarely, if ever, **being** influenced or changed by what they were experiencing.

Instead, Ken Kalisch inspired me to be attentive in all I was doing, always looking for the “Ah Ha!”

moments when the proverbial light bulb would turn on and something would become clear, making sense out of life in a new and profitable way.

Today, at the helm of YAA, I recognize Ken’s influence coming through as I strive to make camp a place of intentional community that fosters intentional living.

This summer’s programs had no lack of fun activities and adventure that produced all kinds of squeals of delight and laughter. But as we zeroed in on our theme of living our lives **On Target for Christ**, a peculiar word surfaced with our summer staff that gripped and guided us each and every day.

Unswervingly! became our anthem as we declared our allegiance to wholeheartedly follow God as He led us into and through each moment of every day. This was inspired from the lives of Joshua and Caleb who were the only two Israelites over 20 who entered the land promised



Jim Hawthorne

to them by God because they unswervingly followed God. (Num.32:11-12 & Joshua 14:6-14)

I am counting on life to deliver lots more laughter and simply fun memories as God leads me through more mind-bending curves. But one lesson I’m taking away from this summer is that life is at it’s best when I live wholeheartedly for God without swerving from Him.

Until we see each other again, let’s live intentionally.

JH

~ Ladies ~

Mark your calendars

Women’s Conference

March 28-30, 2014

Speaker: Pam Farrel

Registration opens October 1, 2013

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And What A Summer It Has Been !

I wonder how many campers couldn’t sleep the night before their week of camp - too excited or nervous about what lay ahead. Did any of them know how their lives would be changed - some forever - when they drove up the road into camp? In all, 64 campers decided to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior for the first time! The counselor

information we collect also informed us that 176 campers expressed a desire to continue growing spiritually! So many campers, all returning home as different people! Praise the Lord!

Great speakers, stellar staff and a whole lot of fun define YAA Summer Camp 2013. From day camps to overnight camps to wilderness trips, young people played hard, learned new skills, made lasting friendships and got to know God the Creator of the Universe just a little bit better.

Campers were given opportunities to try a variety of activities and challenged to discover something new about themselves in the midst of seeing God change their lives. It truly was a great summer!



Thoughts from Tim



Tim Canning
Program Director

In the summer of 1994, I went away to church camp for the first time. For years before that, I had observed my siblings coming back from camp and testifying to what a great time it had been. I went away that summer, and though I suffered from tremendous homesickness, I was able to stay at camp the entire week! That experience helped prepare me for the numerous homesick campers I have comforted as a camp counselor the past few years and currently as a full-time program director.

I believe in the unique power of camp. Having worked many summers in camping ministry I can vouch for

the way camp programs and camp staff can change lives of the campers. One of the main reasons I have dedicated my career to serve in a Christian camp is the fact that I have witnessed numerous campers come to Christ over the years. I also have observed them make commitments to serve the Lord in their schools or in their future careers. Being a part of the growth in so many young campers and staff over the past years has been life changing for me as well.

Based on these experiences and observations, as well as testimonies of camp staff and summer campers, I believe that Yellowstone Alliance



Adventures is a place that is true to its mission of "Directing people to Jesus Christ and developing them to reflect His character."

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8-Plex Lodge Update

Occupancy has been granted!
But there is still more to do

- Finish installing the siding
- Carpet & Tile the floors
- Finish & Trim Work
- Counters & Cabinets
- Light Fixtures
- Stone work on fireplace
- Sound and AV equipment
- Landscaping

Remaining cost to complete:
\$70,000

Volunteer Weekend! Columbus Day

October 11-14, 2013

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Joshua shout outs !

"...But God does not just work in the lives of campers here; he works in the staff as well. God blessed me this summer with fellow staff that I could really open up to, learn from, and encourage. Every day I would find myself entering into conversation pertaining to our struggles, the Spirit moving in cabins, or just parts of God's character. I learned so much this summer of the importance of intentional community and how this creates the support of Christ's church. The intentionality and vulnerability in relationships are God-given ways that we can pour into one another's lives and be Christ's love to one another. This summer opened up a new view for me of what it looks like to be Christ in everyday life, in everyday relationships, and in everyday actions." *Christy Neese: Counselor - Indiana Wesleyan University*

"This summer has given me the confidence to openly talk about God and my faith that I did not really have before this summer. I feel like I have a better idea of what serving God in everything I do looks like" *Ashley Gerken: Counselor - Joshua Staff - Furman University*



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PLAN AHEAD !

2014 Camp Dates

June 16-20:	Day Camp I
June 22-27:	5th - 6th Grade
June 23-27:	Day Camp 2
June 29-July 4:	7th-8th Grade
	6th-8th Adventure
July 4-7:	July Family Camp
July 8-12:	Sr. High Camp
July 13-18:	3rd - 5th Grade
	Sr. High Backpacking
July 20-25:	6th-8th Grade
Aug 29-Sept 1:	Labor Day Family Camp