

Snap Shots of Summer

2014 Summer Stats

- 9 weeks of summer camp
- 648 campers (includes Family Camp)
- 17 Joshua Staff
- Lots of volunteers
- 20 Timothy Staff
- 9201 meals prepared
- 7500 ammo rounds for riflery
- 32 Campers accepted Christ
- 25 Bibles given away



Scholarship Thanks

This year YAA gave out almost \$2000 in scholarships. This thank you is from a 12 year old camper.

"Thank you for donating a scholarship for me to go to camp. I had a lot of fun. Here is a little bit of what I did. I got to shoot a 22 caliber rifle and a paintball gun for the first time ever. I also made lots of friends and learned about Christ. Thank you for helping me go to camp for the first time."

It is deeply rewarding knowing that so many kids participate in this life changing experience we call Christian Camping!



Decisions for Christ

Each summer we carefully screen and

assemble a stellar group of young adults to carry out all the work required to implement our summer camps. A key responsibility of our counseling staff is to meet with every camper to talk about the reality of God and chat about spiritual questions and matters. Through conversations like these, 32 campers chose to accept Christ as their personal Savior and 245 expressed a desire to learn more and develop a deeper relationship with Jesus. We know that camp is only the beginning or a stepping stone in the spiritual development of campers, which is why we have our staff fill out "Decision Cards" for each camper. We send these cards to their local church or a church in their area so someone can follow-up and continue the discipleship process. Please pray for every camper that heard the good news of Jesus Christ, that the Holy Spirit would keep and guard each and every heart until God comes again to take us to our true home.



2014 YAA Summer Staff

Our much sought after - Wish List

Every year YAA is faced with wonderful new opportunities to expand on what we are already doing. As well, we always have projects to keep our facilities in good working condition. Many people don't realize that YAA is a non-profit organization and as such, we greatly depend on the generosity of the community and constituency to rally around us and help us with the costs that camper fees couldn't possibly cover.

We know you greatly value and appreciate what YAA is about and what we are accomplishing in the lives of so many children and families. This fall, we specifically ask that you take your enthusiasm for YAA to new heights and consider what you personally can commit to help YAA flourish. Please consider the following ways to get involved personally and then let us know what you decide. We can't wait to hear from you!

1. Use your voice and help us tell our story: Share with your friends about what YAA has to offer and how they can attend a camp or use our facility.
2. Carve out time to volunteer: With a limited staff, willing people use their skills to complete many tasks that otherwise would be outsourced.
3. Consider all the things that fill your garage and living spaces: YAA will not be able to accept it all. But if you pay attention to what the camp needs, chances are you can find some things to which camp can give a second life.

Partner With YAA by

- Praying God's protection and provision for all that YAA does.
- Considering serving as board member or on an advisory team
- Making a donation to fund one of our programs, projects or staff positions
- Volunteering in any number of capacities. You name it, we can likely use your help!
- Reviewing our Wish List and consider how you can help us realize these needs.

4. Provide your professional expertise and resources: You may have personal know-how or tools and equipment that you can make available to YAA. Let us know how your resources could help us accomplish something that we couldn't do on our own.

5. Make donations of gifts-in-kind, stock investments or cash: Adding new activities, facilities and equipment along, with maintaining what we already have, comes with a great cost. Your financial gifts or equivalent gifts-in-kind allow us to offer quality programming without the frustration of using worn out equipment and facilities.

The following is a list of specific needs for the immediate future

Programs: Sports equipment, field games, and balls ~12 pairs of snowshoes ~ The construction of a giant swing ~ Phase I of a high ropes course ~ Air rifles ~ construction of two carpet ball tables and two corn hole games. ~Leather working tools for crafts ~ 3 portable electric pottery wheels ~ 6 wood or metal picnic tables and 6 free standing benches

Equipment: Replace kitchen exhaust hood to comply with fire marshal's inspection ~ double stack convection oven ~ 3/4 or 1 ton pickup truck to replace our aging 1995 truck ~ technology for meeting rooms in our new lodge ~ side by side utility vehicle with dump bed for maintenance and housekeeping ~ body work on our road sanding machine ~ maintenance on dump truck ~ replacement of our Bobcat skid-steer ~ a used backhoe ~ 5hp portable water pump

Tools: Meat slicer ~ Food processor ~ new dishes for dining hall ~ leaf rakes, steel rakes, grub hoes, 25' tape measures, 12" band saw, scroll saw, 2 chain saws ~ wood splitter

Construction: Remodel of staff A-frame home and apartment ~ construct two 600sf storage buildings ~ remodel existing chapel ~ development of a new recreational/activity area at the site above all our buildings ~ design work and project planning for building a brand new sanctuary to adequately accommodate our growing camps and retreats.





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Let YAA Help Plan Your Christmas Event!



The Christmas holiday season at YAA is absolutely gorgeous. With snow on the ground and a fire crackling in the fireplace, YAA is the perfect place to hold a Christmas Dinner Party. Whether it is for church, office staff or even your family, YAA will do all of the decorating, catering and clean up.

With a variety of menus and pricing to choose from, allow us to take the stress out of your preparation and we will make this Christmas season one of the best on record!

Call 406-763-4727 now for pricing, menu options and availability.



Jr. & Sr. High
Campers - Save the Date
February 13-16, 2015
Snow Craze
WINTER CAMP



Directors Corner

Joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. Colossians 1:12

These 22 words became the anthem of our summer of ministry and outreach to our seasonal staff, campers and all the families that attended our programs.

The thought, reduced down to one singular overwhelming word, QUALIFIED, frequently shouted by our team and posted on a giant banner in our dining hall, continues to resound in my mind. I personally, was impacted in a fresh new way by this astonishing truth. God really does love me, knows all about me, how messed up my world can be, and has done everything necessary for me to be accepted with full status as a valued member of his family.

"Me? Qualified?" many of us ask? If I am totally honest, I don't know if I have ever felt totally qualified for anything in life. I know that I long for assurances and always seek some kind of affirmation to settle the angst inside me by confirming whether or not I am good enough and have what it takes to succeed or belong.

Working with so many children of all ages as well as adults, I have come to realize that this uncertainty resides in each of us. Sure, some people have naturally higher levels of confidence but at our core everyone faces doubts and uncertainty. Every camper who walks on to the property of YAA is wondering at one level or another, "Will I be accepted here?"

At times it truly breaks my heart to see such a spectrum of personalities, skill levels, physical stature, and social awareness, all trying to measure up, yet no one seems to know for sure what is really required of them. Is life really this complicated?

Apparently this is why we continually put in place various measurements and standards that determine whether we are in or out. This makes sense since we live our lives in an economy that is based on what we contribute and how we perform. There have to be measures of production for it to work. It really is comforting to know exactly what is expected of me. Setting up standards provides me with the information I need to know whether I have made the cut.

One of the most wild highlights of this summer took place during our high school camp coffee house with an open mic variety show. I was astonished as I watched the most beautiful thing unfold right before my eyes. Person after person, group after group performed for the entire group. Some would have brought a standing ovation from the judges of America's Got Talent, while others would have received the gong or been pulled off the stage with a gaff hook in any other venue.

But to my immense delight, I witnessed nothing short of unconditional approval at the end of every act. Whether it was a great or not so good act, instantaneous applause erupted that seemed to last until



Jim & Andrea Hawthorne

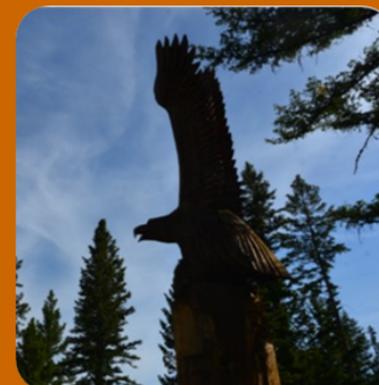
the next act started. I was so proud of those young men and women as they were literally giving each other a foretaste of what God is already saying to all of us. You've have what it takes!

Not because of anything that you are capable of doing, producing, or are even becoming, but because of what I have given you through the life, death and resurrection of my son Jesus Christ, you are QUALIFIED!

Wow! What a wonderful experience this summer has provided for so many, me included! I am proud to say that YAA is not merely a place but it's also a program and it is people who are committed to introducing everyone that visits to the only Person that can answer all of life's persistent questions. In Christ Jesus, all of God's promises are YES.

Thank you for your part in helping this ministry provide the significant role that it does. Your prayers, friendship, advice, encouragement and contributions are establishing the future of this camp.

This magnificent 20 foot tall soaring eagle log carving has found a new nesting



ground at YAA. Perched between our two newest buildings and overlooking the center of camp it reminds all of us that *those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up on wings like eagles, they shall run and not grow weary, they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31)*

We are indebted to all those who love YAA and are on the lookout for ways to utilize the gifts and resources that God has entrusted to them in order to enhance and bless the ongoing development of this ministry.

Our heartfelt thanks extends to the masterful artistry of chainsaw carver, Dave Clark; Anderson Precast Co. for donating the concrete pedestal; the ingenuity of two farmers, Dave and Shawn Bos, who figured out how to relocate it safely. And, most significantly, thanks to Steve DeBoer, the former owner who was the first to envision its new home and generously donate this sculpture to camp.