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Greetings Friends,

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May will be nearly over when you receive this and I will be holding my breath with anticipation of the arrival of 20 college students and 15-20 high school leaders in June. This staff is our largest ever as we respond to increasing camper numbers and strive to deliver the best experience of their summer! Entering into relationships with these wonderful people who come filled with excitement for life, compassion for kids, an intense love for Jesus and an eagerness to serve and grow in any way they can is the highlight of my year.

It is difficult to remember the faces and names of each person who has served at YAA during my 20-year tenure as camp director. In my rookie summer, my entire staff was four college and four high school students that helped me get my feet on the ground. Since then, I have had the honor of coming alongside hundreds and entering into their life. It is inspiring to think how each one chose to use their summer to love kids personally, serve with all their might, develop their leadership skills, and strive to know and love God more. Recently, I was encouraged by a gift and note from one who reminisced about our daily devotions in staff meetings in which we explored the reality that our God is so BIG!!!

I am grateful for the expansive camp family that welcomed me in, rallied around my leadership, and continues to support this vibrant, life-changing ministry. There are thousands now who value what camp stands for and hundreds who had their life completely changed because they heard about and experienced God's love, and chose to put their trust in Jesus here at YAA.

Twice a year my pattern is to write a note reminding you that Yellowstone Alliance Adventures is a non-profit ministry and depends on our extended camp family supporting and enhancing our ministry quality. It's true that we charge a fee to those who come to camp, but that income barely covers our operating costs. Covering all development and replacement costs depends on our supporters' generosity. I am writing to ask you specifically for a gift that we will use to enhance our service effectiveness, programs or facilities.

Please feel free to indicate how you would prefer that we use your gift. The following list identifies this year's needs of highest importance.

- Replace our 40-year-old single convection oven with a double convection oven - \$10,000
- Install a proper exhaust hood with fire suppression over our kitchen cooking equipment - \$4,000
- Renovate our meeting hall: new roof, siding, flooring and an addition - \$40,000
- New activity areas to accommodate our increasing camper numbers: an outdoor arena for paintball in the summer and broomball in the winter; two new carpet ball tables; purchasing equipment for an archery tag program; building a high excitement activity such as a giant swing 60 feet tall - \$50,000
- Purchase adjacent properties that would allow us to expand our borders. Currently there are four separate listings that touch our boundaries. Call me if you feel led to know more about this.

Little by little the vision for this camp that started nearly 55 years ago continues to take shape. Thank you for being part of establishing this wonderful place.

Building His kingdom one camper at a time,

Jim Hawthorne
 Executive Director

Detach and return with your financial gift

Yellowstone Alliance Adventures Response Card

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ ST _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Cell _____
 Email _____

Please send communications ___ Electronically or ___ USPS

- I am interested information regarding the high school and college leadership programs.
- I am interested in summer camp information
- I am interested in retreat/conference information
- I am interested in volunteer opportunities
- Please remove me from your mailing list



Please use my gift to meet the following needs:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Replace Convection Oven | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen Exhaust & Fire Suppression Hood | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting Hall Renovation | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program Expansion | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Purchase | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Where needed most | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camper Scholarships | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I pledge to give throughout 2015 | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50/mo. <input type="checkbox"/> \$100/mo. <input type="checkbox"/> \$200/mo. <input type="checkbox"/> \$_____/month |

We will follow-up with you regarding how you can do this electronically

**Please include this card it with your gift made out to:
 Yellowstone Alliance Adventures**

YAA is a 501(c)3 and all gifts are tax deductible and will be receipted Accordingly. We strive to use your donation as requested. In the event your donation cannot be used for its exact designation it will be used on a similar need. Contributions are solicited with the understanding that the donee organization has complete discretion and control over the use of all funds.