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Director's Corner

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There are many word pairs that were literally meant for each other or have become so familiar together that we simply must associate them side by side. Test your ability to recognize a few and then **check your answers on the back page.**

In comedy we have Abbot and (1) as well as Laurel and (2). In fairy tales there is Hansel and (2). In sports there is Baseball and (4). For desert there is Apple pie and (5). A tasty breakfast includes Bacon and (6). Two people that look and act in identical ways are known as Tweedledee and (7). Let's not forget candy's favorite pairing of Peanut butter and (8). The dynamic duo are Batman and (9). Famous outlaws were Bonnie and (10).

And whether you are a kid, teen, college student or parent, there is another pair of words that are like music to your ears.

"Summer & Camp." These two words, quite simply, are made for each other. Together they stir up something inside of us that make our emotions run wild, kindle our imagination, make us giddy with excitement, promise adventure in nature, and best of all fun with great new friends. At the end of each week, those two words have caused us to stand a little taller, walk a little quicker and smile a lot bigger.

Why? Simply because it is what it is and there is no replacement for **Summer Camp!** If you have ever been to camp then you know exactly what I mean. It's campfires and s'mores; counselors and campers; swim time and buddy checks; nature hikes and star gazing; free time and camp store; all-camp games and one-to-one visits with people that care. There are guitars and crazy camp songs; skits and

God-talks that help us discover important truths about who we are and how to navigate this life.

Now let's be careful and not get disoriented by the many mis-leading invitations that will soon be in front of us. Many good organizations will be offering their activities under the auspices of "camp" but none deliver anything that compares to the value of a week at a real summer camp.

It's kind of like roasting a tomato over a campfire and putting it between two graham crackers. Who ever heard of someone eating that and then saying... "MMM can I have **S'more!**"

Don't wait. Space is limited for our residential and family camps. Register today! And get ready for the best week of your summer. It simply must be Summer Camp at Yellowstone Alliance Adventures!

Pam Farrel Woman's Conference

Pam Farrel will be joining us **May 13th-15th** to hold a women's conference based on of her book "7 Simple Skills for Every Woman". Register online @ www.yaacamp.org. The cost for the weekend is \$160. Call 406.763.4727 for more information. To learn more about Pam visit her website at love~wise.com. An added bonus! Join us for dinner and hear marriage encouragement from Pam and her husband Bill. Sunday, May 15th at 6pm in the YAA dining room. \$60 per couple, call to reserve your spot!



CAMPER CORNER!

Kick It!

Written by Kelly Polark

Can you kick the soccer ball & score a goal? Use each hint to write a word that is only one letter different than the word above it!

B A L L

The Opposite of short _____

The hind part of an animal _____

Put to Sea _____

Dirt _____

Spiral _____

Dark mineral used for fuel _____

G O A L



Snow Craze Report

"Yellowstone Alliance Adventures had another successful Snow Craze this year with six different churches attending and over 60 participants. Key note speaker, Josiah Stumbo brought us a powerful message of God's love.



Human Curling Winners: Congrats Billings

With break out sessions from our own Lisa Beedy and district assistant to the superintendent, Andy Beare, it made for a powerful weekend. We also managed to have a lot of fun playing in some beautiful weather. Broom ball, tubing, snow shoeing, skiing, and human curling all brought great enjoyment to our campers. If you couldn't make it this year, be sure to mark your calendars for next year's annual Snow Craze Feb. 17-20, 2017. We will see you

SUMMER CAMP 2016!

SUMMER'S AROUND THE CORNER!

The days are getting longer, the weather, at times, seems to be getting warmer & camp preparation is under way! Camps can fill up fast so don't put off signing up your camper!

NEW this year:

Choose from 3 different weeks of Day Camp for 1-4 graders. Note: We will no longer host an overnight stay for day camps. Instead see our Mini-Camp.

MINI CAMP: "Mini" camp is for 2nd-4th graders who want to experience overnight camp but are not quite ready for a full week. Great counselors, comfortable cabins, delicious food, Gospel-centered Bible lessons & a whole week of camp stuffed into 3 days! A little shorter but still amazing!

ARCHERY CAMP:

Archery Camp is for 7th-9th grade campers who have a keen interest in archery. Under the guidance of an archery expert, campers will enhance their shooting skills using a compound bow, re-curve bow, & a long bow. Campers will hand craft a hickory long bow, three arrows, an arm guard, & a finger tab.

Sibling Discount: For overnight and wilderness camps only! Your first camper pays full price and then take \$30.00 off for each sibling that attends camp.

Register for Camp online @ yaacamp.org

Day Camp: 1st-4th Grade

Campers begin to explore life and return home each night. Days will be full of activities, games, and so much more. Transportation from Bozeman is available for registered campers.

Three weeks to choose from!

June 13-17, 2016
June 20-24, 2016
June 27-July 1, 2016
Cost: \$175 a week

NEW! Archery Camp: 7th-9th Grade

Archery camp is for students who have a keen interest in archery. Campers will enhance their shooting skills using a compound bow, re-curve bow, and long bow.

July 5-8
Cost: \$375

NEW! Mini Camp: 2nd-4th Grade

A little shorter but still amazing! "Mini" Camp is for 2nd-4th graders who want to experience overnight camp but are not quite ready for a full week.

July 5-8, 2016
Cost: \$200

Base Camp: 6th-8th Grade Boys

Experience a twist on the residential camp program. Base camp will take you deep into the Gallatin National Forrest to gain knowledge in back country survival skills!

July 25-29
Cost: \$300

Residential Overnight Camps

Take a step away from the normal routine and jump into an incredible adventure! Have a week full of challenging adventures and legendary games that will help you learn more about yourself.

3rd-5th Grade - June 12-17
5th-6th Grade - June 19-24
6th-8th Grade - July 10-15
9th-12th Grade - July 17-22
Cost: \$300

Backpacking Camp: 9th-12th Grade

Take your summer adventures to new heights! This overnight camp will take you on a 5 day backpacking trip to explore the mountains in our back yard.

July 25-29
Cost: \$325

Family Camps

Our Family camps provide a wonderful environment to seek refreshment and strength at your own pace. There will be a wide variety of activities like hiking or just take time to relax. Teaching from the Bible occurs for adults and children in carefully planned sessions.

What better way to make memories and leave a lasting legacy than bringing your family to camp.

Jim Stumbo from Helena Alliance
July 1-4

Paul Turek from Sydney Alliance
Sept. 2-5

Cost: a deposit of \$50 per married couple/family plus a free will offering

SPRING WISH LIST

A big thanks goes out to those who help us keep our equipment in good shape and up-to-date.

Program Items:

- 8 Colors of 12 ea. - Penny uniforms
- 40 - 6" "Gator" Dodge Balls
- 6 - 14" Kick balls
- 2 - Boxes of 8 different colors Sharpie Markers
- 25 - Bibles for give away \$10 ea.
- 3 - Climbing ropes \$100 ea.
- 6 - Climbing harnesses \$45 ea.
- 10 - Mountain Bikes \$500 ea.

Maintenance Items:

- 6 - Pulaskis for trail building
- 1 - John Deere 4x4 Gator with dump box
- 2 - Stihl chain saws (MS 271, MS 291 or MS 241)

Technology:

- Video Projector
- Video editing program
- GoPro Hero 4 Black
- Video Processing Computer

Annual Spring Work Week May 16-22, 2016

Come spend a day or the whole week helping us get camp ready for the summer. There will be a wide variety of projects to work on from carpentry to landscaping to cleaning. So bring your family and friends and be part of the bigger picture of camping ministry. Your time and efforts will bless a whole bunch of campers and

you will be blessed by working side by side with other volunteers who love YAA! Room and board are provided. Just give us a call at 406-763-4727 to let us know you are coming! If you can't join us as a volunteer, please consider a donation to cover material costs for these projects.



Work Week Projects & Material Cost:

- Trail building
- Vehicle maintenance
- Changeover of seasonal activity areas
- Construct a Ga-Ga ball pit \$750
- Staining fence lines, decking and siding \$500
- Paint and refurbish camp store and craft room \$1,000
- Spring cleaning of grounds and buildings
- Replace entry gates and sign posts
- Finish siding and shakes on staff A-frame home \$1,000
- Pour concrete pads for rifle range, dining hall and sheds

Farewell to the Canning's

Tim Canning has served as Program Director at YAA for the past 4 years. He and his wife Rachel moved to camp about 5 months after they were married and we have had the privileged to watch their family grow with the

addition of two boys during their time here. Thank you Tim for being part of the YAA family and sharing yours with us! The Cannings are moving on this spring to the next big adventure God has for them! We will miss you!!

