

# 2016 YEAR END LETTER

## Hello Friends

This is our annual fundraising effort to ensure that we reach the 30% of our budgetary needs that come through donations. But before getting to that, I first want to express my deep gratitude to you. In very real and significant ways, you are responsible for the results that this incredible ministry has in the life of so many people. We simply wouldn't exist without you.

From the viewpoint of those of us who are assigned to the front lines and are entering into potential life changing moments with campers and guests, I want to make sure you know how totally dependent we are on what you provide.

To start with, thank you for your role as a prayer partner with us. It would be crazy to think that we could provide any amount of hope for people or build confidence that God is for them if it weren't for people praying to that end.

So many of you supported us by sending campers or by promoting events and retreats. Many of you come as participants or volunteers and help us shoulder the work load. I am thankful for all of you who serve alongside us as board members, advisors, friends, encouragers, co-laborers and as donors. The tremendous outpouring of support we have received this past year encourages and assures me that we are engaged in the right areas and are pursuing right ends.

I have drawn from two Facebook posts to engage you in the tangible and significant life changing effect our programs has. You are significant in these results as your partnership with us strengthens and supports everything that happens here.

YAA is dependent on many forms of generosity but right now I need to let you



know how important your financial support is. Currently we are \$44,000 behind last year's total giving to capital improvements and \$84,000 under funded for our general operations.

"Found this gem (of Kelsey) The influence of YAA is strong with this one."  
Mark Holle



There are so many dreams that we hope to pursue but they will only become a reality as this additional funding is provided. Will you please prayerfully make a donation to YAA before the end of this year? Your gift will ensure our viability and continued success in shaping the lives of those whom God brings to us next year. We greatly need your financial support in any amount that you can give at this time.

Sincerely,

*Jim Hawthorne*

*"I'm scared," a small voice barely made it three feet away from her while atop of the large, wooden structure. I heard her soft cry as I had already hooked her harness to the pulley that would take her 950 feet across the valley. Plenty of kids had gone down the zip-line. I made excellent care for their safety, yet it would have been unfair to have pushed her anyways or to discredit her fear saying "everyone else has done it; you should not be afraid." She was afraid. Optimism would not change that. Neither did a countdown or testing the strength of the strap by sitting back in it or inching closer to the edge. Others did not share her fear. Neither did I. But to her, this fear was real and she was not going to move. We waited as the other kids quieted down or left and soon there was just the sounds of the winds through the pines, her sniffles, and the birds. "How about we go together?" I asked. The tears slowed and she quivered less. She took a few gaspy breaths to slow down and nodded her head. And zoom we went - together. "Thank you," she said as we unhooked our harnesses and hiked back to the tower. (5-year summer staff member, Alex Plasket)*

Detach and return with your financial gift

## Yellowstone Alliance Adventures Response Card

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I would like to receive information regarding the high school and college leadership programs.

I am interested in summer camp information

I am interested in retreat & conference information



### Please use my gift to meet the following needs:

- Use where needed most \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- General Operating Budget \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Camper / Staff Scholarships \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Program Improvements \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Capital Improvements \$ \_\_\_\_\_

- I would like to become a regular partner in YAA's ministries
- \$50/mo.  \$100/mo.  \$200/mo.  \$ \_\_\_\_\_/month

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

### **Please include this card 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.