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SPRING –FULL ON!

OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK ASCENT TRIP

Hiking over 17 miles in three days with everything you need on your back will test anybody. Peak 7 led our first Ascent trip of the year in early April to the South Coast Wilderness section of Olympic National Park. We had a girls and a guys trip go out and it was a great experience for the kids, the guides, and the adult staff from the group. Our Lead guides, Trey and Katie, share a little bit about the trips below.

THE GUYS TRIP

With the excitement of finishing up and getting my pack off my back, I had the parking lot in my sights and was dreaming about the delicious chocolate goodies that were waiting for us in the van. My dreams were quickly interrupted when I saw Zack, one of the students, who had just finished, running towards me. I figured he was going to tell me that all the windows were busted in on the van. I quickly asked him if everything was O.K. and he said, "Yup, just going to help the other guys finish." Upon finishing, Zack immediately dropped his pack and ran to help the rest of the group. What selflessness! God really used this to show me Jesus' selflessness that was displayed on the Cross. Praise God for His work on the Cross and that same work that is alive in Zack's life. May that same selflessness be in our lives. Philippians 2:3-5 - Trey N.



Thank you Volunteers!

Your help to Peak 7 is invaluable!

WHAT: this year we have grown in the number of participants we are able to reach. At this point we have over **100** kids signed up for Ascent and close to **800** gearing up for rafting trips.

WHY: with these numbers, it is impossible for our staff to reach them all without your help.

HOW: you can help by hanging out with kids, donating gear, working in the warehouse, helping prepare for a trip, guiding, cooking, and keeping Peak 7 in your prayers.

THE GIRLS TRIP

From the first day of hiking until the final push to the van, the girls were challenged to enjoy every moment of God's creation and to trust Him in new ways. After the first day, the girls were exhausted and some were ready to drop and quit. It was amazing to help them press on and see them grow closer together as a group and overcome their fears. I especially enjoyed seeing them caring less about their appearance, laughing at their mud-caked legs and rain-soaked hair as they stomped through the trails! Allie, one of the students, said that she almost didn't come on the trip and saw little reason to go backpacking. But, by the last day, she was leading the girls to the end and encouraging them every step of the way. She would yell to the back of the line "come on ragamuffins, you can do it"! Later, she told me that she loves backpacking and now hopes to go again. We finished strong by humming oldies and singing praise songs (at the top of our lungs). We praise God for his guidance and His intentional purpose for each one of us. Jeremiah 29:11

- Katie K.



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QUOTES

- "I was staring at the mountains and thinking about Jesus and it just put a smile on my face and made my heart warm." - Justin, Ascent Trip Participant
- "I had a supercalifragilisticexpialidocious day!!!!" - Rachel, Rafting Trip Participant
- "It was really exciting to see the kids faces and to see how much fun they were having - to be a part of that was a blessing!"
- Jordan, Peak 7 Guide



"ALL FORWARD!"

The weather can make or break a white water rafting trip - but nothing can get in the way of the work God has for us to do. In the sunny, rainy, and even snowy conditions, God has already blessed us with a great start to our rafting

season and good conversations with the students. We've had 5 trips so far and with each one, the students have had a blast - along with our guides and the volunteers who helped out. Everyone was safe and we praise God for His sovereignty in everything. We've got hundreds of more participants coming up in the weeks and months ahead. Your prayers and encouragement are a blessing to us. Keep them coming!

SHARING GOD'S COMFORT

In June Peak 7 heads to the Wenatchee River to take Seattle area groups out rafting. Solomon's Porch is one of those groups located in Wenatchee. Solomon's Porch serves local youth in Wenatchee and has been doing so since 1992. We called them earlier this year to book a trip and found out that their donor base had shrunk so much that they couldn't justify even the reduced costs that we offer. We were able to tell Solomon's Porch that we would take their kids on a rafting trip free of charge. It was a blessing to both Peak 7 and to Solomon's Porch. Without the generous donations from our donors and the energy and time of our volunteers we would not be able to offer our services at low/no cost like we do. God tells us in 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God." Thank you for helping us to share the comfort of God with other ministries. - Russ E.

God's Unfailing Promise

We are running wild trying to keep up with all the ways that God has been creatively providing for the needs of Peak 7. He promises to provide all that we need according to His great riches in Christ Jesus (Phil 4:19). It has been incredible to watch him fulfill that promise as we trust Him. This past winter we realized we were in need of more space for our equipment and the Lord blessed us tremendously with a warehouse and an office. Now we have been able to organize equipment efficiently, present a more professional image to groups and organizations, prepare for trips faster, and offer more opportunities for volunteers to serve with us. One of our most recent prayers was for a new vehicle to use for our Ascent trips. We prayed and networked with other ministries, and sure enough, God provided 2 vans through a donation from Urban

Impact in Seattle. They needed some work on them...but a local mechanic donated some of his time and we got both vans fixed up! God proves His love to us over and over through His sufficient grace and power in our lives.

We are humbled and thankful every time He provides for the ministry of Peak 7 Adventures. Through the trials and blessings we face, we are continually being reminded of God's faithfulness and assured of His unfailing promise that He will guide us in all our ways. - Ryan K.



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