



peak 7 ADVENTURES

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MOUNTAIN BIBLE SCHOOL

At age 15, John* has already seen a lifetime's worth of hardship. John's father is a methamphetamine addict who abused his family and then took off, leaving them homeless. Before this summer, John had never been more than 20 miles outside of Spokane.

In August, Peak7 initiated our Mountain Bible School. Four young men spent five days backpacking in the spectacular wilderness of the Cascades. Each day began with a Bible study and was punctuated with lessons from God's creation. Daily, each person was encouraged to find a place of solitude to meet face-to-face with their Creator.

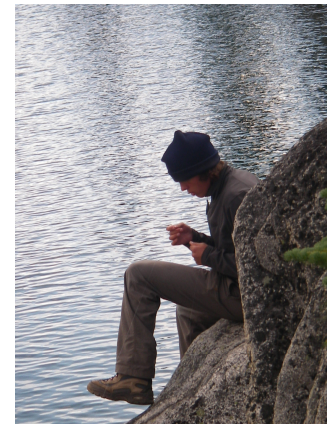
The wilderness is a powerful place to meet God. Each person in the group experienced God in new ways as they saw Him through creation, had to rely on His strength to over-



come fear and hardship, and daily had to decide where to put their ultimate trust.

John's wilderness encounter with the Father's love was brought about through a partnership between Peak7 and Youth for Christ, and was made possible through generous contributions from sponsors.

"The best experience I've ever had!"



"It's a once in a lifetime experience. I really appreciate Peak7 making it"

"Thank you for this marvelous adventure. I have made many memories that I will talk about for a long time. The 5 days of hiking was the hardest thing I have ever done, but I learned a bunch and I got to see God's beauty first hand. Thank you for letting me go!"

* Names changed to protect privacy

RAFTING SUMMARY

Wet suits, life jackets, helmets, paddles, rafts, other safety equipment, and a few guides are all it takes to be ready to head down the river.

Jason* is one of the young people who went on a rafting trip with Peak7. He, like the other participants in this day's trip is from a residential psychiatric



facility for at-risk youth. His counselors told us that he had a reputation as a "gangster" and never shared in group discussion.

After his trip, Jason was a changed person. He went back to the facility and apologized to staff and other residents for things that he had done to them weeks before. During his next debriefing, he opened up for the first time to his group. We hope to work more with Jason and eventually train him as a guide. Giving Jason a job during the summer will help

him to keep involved in positive activities and be able to avoid trouble.

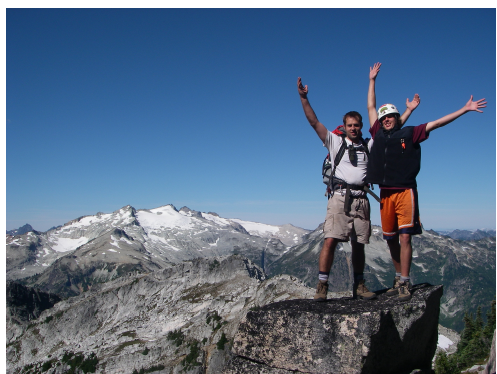
It was amazing taking troubled teens down the river for their first time ever. The amount of energy, after they got over their fear, and the teamwork these kids exhibited was incredible. Placing their trust in something other than themselves was a major growing and learning experience for each of them.

Peak7 had a total of 17 rafting trips this past summer.

“You guys made me feel very safe and I conquered a lot of fears. I had a blast!”

SEEING GOD’S HAND

- Through God’s grace, we were granted 501(c) 3 status from the IRS in less than 2 months. This means that contributions to Peak7 are now tax deductible.
- God provided safety for all 120 people involved in Peak7’s seventeen rafting trips and five days of Mountain Bible School.
- We are in our second year



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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

This summer Peak7 impacted the lives of 120 adults and young people. They learned multiple outdoor skills but, most importantly, they learned more about having a personal relationship with our Heavenly Father.

Many of the young people we serve cannot afford a trip like the ones we offer. They come from impoverished and broken homes, like John in the story on the first page. Yet they, perhaps more than others, can benefit from the individual attention and outdoor experience that Peak7 has to offer.

These experiences are made possible only

“What is fun fun fun fun? Rafting with Peak 7 Adventures is so cool! I would not have been able to afford to go if it weren’t for you sponsoring me to go!”

through the generous donations of our sponsors. Peak7 provides outdoor adventure activities for individuals in the expectation that it will impact *their relationship with Jesus Christ*. Our ministry is sharing the gospel with youth and mentoring them in the wilderness so they can experience the fullness of God’s creation.

Would you prayerfully consider giving a donation to Peak7’s ministry?

Blessings,

Ryan

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LOOKING FORWARD

Please join us in praying for the following:

- Peak7 is looking for a summer intern to work on grants in the development department and a program coordinator.
- Rafting starts again early this spring. We are considering the possibility of a MBS trip during spring break.
- We are working to acquire backcountry permits for multiple areas so we are not limited to one place.
- Over 25,000 youth sleep in shelters in Washington. Approximately 3,000 live on the streets in Spokane. They need God’s love and Word.

2007 Budget

