



Peak 7 Adventures
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Dear Peak 7 Supporter,

With the great expansion that Peak 7 has been on, I thought we'd bring it full circle and let you know of the overall impact God is doing through Peak 7 this summer. Between Spokane, Seattle and Portland, so far this year we have given 1487 youth the opportunity to experience an adventure they otherwise wouldn't have.

Thanks to the faithful support of you and so many others, Peak 7 is able to challenge and invest in young people in a way that goes beyond a week long trip. The relationships that already exist when a group joins us are greatly deepened because we give an organization's leaders the tools to take back and sustain what was created on a Peak 7 trip. This ensures that youth continue to have a positive influence that will invest in them and challenge them to achieve their highest potential. As Mahadsanit, of Somali Community Services Coalition said:

"Thank you so much for guiding us on your outdoor adventure. We had so much fun rock climbing, rappelling and learning about nature. We've never had an opportunity like this before and we were so happy, excited and sometimes even a little scared. We really appreciate you reaching out to us, befriending us and making us feel comfortable and safe, even though we were nervous. Being in such a supportive environment allowed us to learn how to trust in others as well as ourselves while having an amazing time. It was an incredible day and one we won't forget. Some of us even want to start climbing on our own. Again, thank you."

I am so grateful for the opportunities we have to equip fellow organizations that are committed to investing in lifelong experiences for our youth. Thank you for allowing us this chance and know that your generous support through prayer, time, talents and treasures is humbly and graciously received.

Blessings,

Ryan Kerrigan
Executive Director



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A NOTE FROM SUMMER STAFF

Christ among the chaos

"Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

The whole of Psalm 46 and especially verse 10 has really spoken to me recently and resonated with what the Lord has been teaching me while working with Peak 7. The Psalm as a whole speaks of God being our refuge and strength in the midst of chaos, He is ever present and says at the end of the Psalm, "be still and know that I am God, I will be exalted..."

For me, this past year has been a year of chaos. Being my first year out of school, with all the transitions and decisions, there have been and still are a lot of unknowns. With all of the unknowns has come much anxiety about where I'll be, what I'll be doing and how I'll get by. During this crazy phase of life, the Lord has been showing me in a very real way what it looks like to trust Him, and how as my good father, He will provide for his child. He tells us in Luke 12:32 "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your father has been pleased to give you the kingdom." Seeing how the Lord has faithfully provided for me this past year and has opened doors to bring me here to work with Peak 7 from across the country, has been an encouragement to trust him in all the craziness that this summer has and will bring.

This summer is a continuation of the Lord teaching me all of these things. I have realized that it is easy for me to get caught up in planning

and running trips in hopes of eliminating any bumps along the way or any aspect of messiness, creating a way in which I can rely on myself and not trust God. I want to be able to control the outcome of the trips and the way in which we reach that outcome. I've also noticed that when I encounter the inevitable bumps along the way, I work even harder to hide the disarray instead of than welcoming it and trusting God to work through it.

This past week I was a guide on a 5 day backpacking trip in the North Cascades with a group of girls who had just graduated high school. From the beginning of the trip, the messiness began to present itself. A van broke down at the trailhead, the route that we had planned on taking we found was impassible, and the girls were not engaging at all. Already, the trip was not as I had envisioned. During this, I saw my tendency to try and smooth the surface, making everything look presentable, while not acknowledging the mess.

The Lord, had different plans for us that week than I anticipated. There was uneasiness in the changing circumstances and the unwillingness from the girls to move outside their comfort zones. I wanted to cover this up but God didn't allow us to smooth the surface. He continued to create chaos that we couldn't deny and then proceeded to show up in the midst of that chaos. During the end of that week, it was such a blessing to see God move in the hearts of those girls, breaking down fears and insecurities and showing how the gospel speaks directly to each of those things. The girls began to admit their lives were messy and allow each other to step into that mess. It was a beautiful picture of God's grace for us.

The act of God showing up at the core of our messiness is all of our stories. The gospel isn't the story of God ignoring our mess, but the story of Him stepping into it. He comes into our incredibly disordered lives, and speaks the unbelievable truths of His love to us. Through the redemption of our broken lives, He is exalted.

So, to me, Psalm 46 has been a reminder that despite all the chaos of our lives and of this summer, our God is still in control. He will show up amongst the wreckage of our lives because that is what He does, and in that He will be exalted. "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

Becky Galage

Seattle Girls Ascent Guide



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In the field...

One of the most amazing weeks for me so far this summer has been G.I.T. (Guide In Training) week. We got to take three guys out for a week on the rock and river, and teach them what it's like to be a guide. It was so amazing to see how much God did in their lives in just seven days. The guys were all challenged by everything- from sleeping under the stars to rappelling ("walking backwards off a 100 ft cliff"). They also got to share their testimonies with us and learn about how we do ministry. It was really neat to see them step up and face some of their biggest fears. We had some good conversations while we were floating down the river about how some of the challenges we faced can relate to our spiritual lives. There was one guy, we'll call him Will*, who was out there with us because he had gotten into some trouble at home and his parents sent him out here, kind of as their last hope for him. I was amazed at how open he was to what God wanted to do in his life, and God really did a lot! At the end of the week Will shared his testimony with us and it was shocking to hear where he was just one week before, and see how much he'd really grown. As his leaders we got to pray over him and wash his feet on the last night. It was really humbling for me to see him so broken and hungry for more of God. Those guys taught me a lot about God that week, and I'm excited to see what God is going to do in their lives as they are back at home.

~Amber Carmack

*Name has been changed

'YOU WILL SEEK ME AND FIND ME WHEN
YOU SEARCH FOR ME WITH ALL YOUR
HEART.'
~JEREMIAH 29:13



PRAYER REQUESTS AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

SEATTLE

- * Volunteers are needed for climbing trips
- * People to attend Thursday potlucks
- * People to host Community events
- * Help needed when packing for trips

SPOKANE

- * Bocce Ball Tournament : Please get the word out that teams can start signing up!
- * We need a few small groups willing to stuff one of our quarterly newsletters.

OREGON

- * Donations of Equipment to run programs.
- * Help shuttle and cook for upcoming trips

- Please consider sponsoring a youth on one of our adventures. This year, more than ever, we have had kids needing full scholarships in order to participate. We want to insure that EVERY kid have the opportunity to participate. Your donation would have a DIRECT impact !

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