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TIME TO GET THE PADDLES WET

Five bright-eyed and bushy-tailed Youth for Christ (YFC) students woke up before the roosters on Tuesday morning. They headed to Olympic National Park for a five day Mountain Bible School with Peak7. Our first stop was at REI in Seattle to pick up gear they “rented” to us for free. Then we continued west.

Just outside the park, God redirected our plans and sent us to the coastal trail, where the weather looked more promising. By promising I mean it was only supposed to rain for 4 of the 5 days. However, God provided amazing weather. We only got rained on once and that was the last night when we were in a campground near the vehicles.

We backpacked along the beach with amazing views of the jagged rock islands in the Pacific Ocean. Each day, we navigated across streams, darted past the tide, traversed rope ladders,

SPRING BREAK MBS TRIP

went swimming, and had 30 minutes of alone time with God in His beautiful creation. At night, we set up camp, built fires, battled land shrimp, roasted s’mores, and participated in Bible studies.

God used this Mountain Bible School to impact these students’ lives and souls during spring break and for the rest of their lives. He provided in every way possible to prove His faithfulness time and time again. Examples of His grace were displayed over and over to each of us as we saw more of His provision and how undeserving we are of it. We all enjoyed God and His Creation to the fullest.

- Trey Nichols
Isaiah 55:8-12

Quotable Quotes



“I wish I was a Mr. Potato Head; then I could pop off these tired legs and slap on some new ones.”
- Matt



SUMMER AT A GLANCE

It has begun. I can’t believe summer is already upon us. The winter is behind us, and we are ramping up for all that is in store this summer.

Our goal this summer is a pretty big one: we are planning on taking 40 rafting trips and 12 backpacking trips. That is a more than a 500% enrollment increase over 2006. To date, we have 33 rafting trips and 4 backpacking trips booked. These trips include groups from Union Gospel Mission, Anna Ogden Hall, Excelsior, The Hutton Settlement and Morning Star Boys Ranch.

We are really excited about what God is doing in this ministry. We hired the

second fulltime staff member, Trey (a good old boy from the South). He started in March and is a perfect fit. We also have 2 summer interns. One will be a guide, and the other will take on marketing responsibilities.

We have already completed 3 rafting trips and are excited to do a lot more. We are definitely looking forward to spending time with kids and sharing the good news of Christ with them.

As we go into this summer, please keep us in your prayers.

- Ryan Kerrigan
Phil 1:6

SEEING GOD'S HAND

- God provided an Angel Donor. This family will match every donation received in 2007, dollar for dollar, up to \$50,000.
- God provided safety for all of the people involved in Peak7's first MBS trip.
- This past winter we had a board meeting scheduled the same day as the volunteer appreciation dinner. We wanted it to be special but we also did not have much money to spend on it. Well, the day before the dinner, Qdoba Mexican Grill called up and we were informed that we had won a taco bar for the dinner.
- God provided a Program Director, Trey, who has a heart for the Lord and kids. He took a leap of faith and raised his own support to join the team.
- He provided 2 interns for the summer!

"This is the second most fun thing I have done in my life; the first was being born."
- Jesse

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LOOKING FORWARD

Please join us in praying for the following:

- We are applying for a grant for a couple of vans. Please pray that if it is God's will, we will receive the grants.
- Pray for the safety of every individual on the Peak7 trips this summer.
- We are working to acquire backcountry permits for multiple areas, so we are not limited to one place. Ask that this will be granted.
- Ask the Lord to continue to open the hearts of the people we come in contact with.
- Pray that God will provide teens to fill spots for the remaining available trips.



LETTER FROM THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Dear y'all (or you guys, for non-Southerners),

I am constantly in awe of how awesome of a God we serve. We always find God going before us and preparing the way. I want to share a few examples of how God has been moving. Ryan and I begin each morning in prayer. One morning Ryan prayed for my support. That afternoon, we opened a support envelope with a \$2,000 check in it. It brought us both to tears as we praised our God.

The weekend before our first MBS, we prayed for God to provide Bibles for each of the students. That Monday I went to the Christian bookstore and explained the situation to the manager to see if they could donate the Bibles.

Before he could finish explaining that they could not, a lady standing nearby asked if I would accept a donation - as she slid money across the counter.

Those are just 2 stories of the many ways that God shows His faithfulness each day. His provision is so confirming and encouraging as we serve our God with the understanding of Him going before us. - **Ephesians 2:10**

Joy in Hope,

Trey

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"The best part of the trip, so far, is seeing Spokane in the rear view mirror." - Joe



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