



Peak 7 Adventures
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Dear Peak 7 Supporter,

WE COULD NOT DO THIS WITHOUT YOU!

In order for Peak 7 to run programs throughout the year that reach out to the youth of the Pacific Northwest, we count on volunteers to help carry a lot of the load in terms of program facilitation and spreading the word about Peak 7. One of our volunteers from Seattle is Adrian. While she is "local", we use that in a loose sense as she drives regularly over an hour to attend community events and volunteer on trips. I could go on about our volunteers, but I'll let Adrian tell you a bit more:

"Ask anybody how they got connected and are involved in Peak 7 and you will see God's faithful and sovereign hand at work. There is story after story of how God has lead people to Peak 7. I was helping at a YMCA youth center that had brought their kids on a coastal backpacking trip during spring break with Peak 7. Unfortunately, I was not able to go, but one of the leaders knew my passion for the outdoors and kids, and told me to check out Peak 7. As it ends up, they were launching a location in Seattle, close to my hometown! I went to one of their planning nights and ended up signing up for a Ski to Sea team to be the cross-country skier. At a deeper level, I was seeking out community and a place where I could get involved with other Christians who had the same interests. It was apparent that God had me on a path straight for Peak 7.

One of the greatest blessings that have come from my first year volunteering with Peak 7 is community. I did not know what to expect the first time I came to one of the monthly dinner and community nights, but God knew exactly what He was doing. I was looking for a way to use my love of the outdoors to invest in young people's spiritual lives. He gave me what I asked for more abundantly than I could have dreamed of. The Peak 7 community has shown me genuine friendship, encouragement, prayer and many good laughs along the way. We are living life and serving together! It is an amazing blessing to be part of this adventure called Peak 7."

It is the dedication and support of volunteers like Adrian and many others that help us to continue to provide the Peak 7 experience to what we hope will be over 2600 youth in 2011. Whether you are local, or live across the country, there are many ways to get involved in what we believe God is doing through Peak 7. We appreciate your continued prayers and support, and would love to talk about what opportunities exist for you to get involved!

Thank you for your support,

Ryan Kerrigan
Executive Director



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SUMMER WILL SOON BE UPON US!



Does running rapids, climbing rocks, and impacting youth for Jesus forever sound like a dream to you? Actually, it's "just" another exciting summer at Discovery. Things are gearing up for the summer- contracts are coming in, summer staff are applying, and donations are coming in to make this another epic summer. We are beginning to hire staff, train our staff and volunteers, and preparing the details for the summer.

Many changes are also taking place this summer- one of which will be our move back to Prineville, OR, into a warehouse that God has provided through a local Christian businessman. In addition, as we mentioned in our last let-

ter, our focus is shifting towards reaching out to at-risk organizations. We have made multiple positive contacts that should be turning into trips for this and future summers. Pray as we seek to build relationships with these groups and get the youth out on trips.

None of this could be done without the help of our amazing support family. We just want to ask you to partner with us again this summer through prayer, encouragement, volunteering, and donations. May God be glorified and praised through this summer of ministry.

~ AJ Myers



SEEING GOD'S HAND

- We have a warehouse in Prineville! One donor has given us 14,000 sq feet at least through the summer.
- All our vehicles are now up and running (again, thanks to someone who donated his time- thank you!)
- We are ahead of schedule with our summer bookings.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT

Looking for a way to get involved with our ministry? Check out these options:

Pray

- Sign up for our prayer blog
- "Like" our Facebook page and get updates
- Let us know you want a monthly email update: aj@peak7.org

Volunteer

- Consider guiding for us next summer
- How about cooking, driving or something else?

Give

- Donate to AJ and Liz's support (currently around 60%)
- Donate to our Portland General Fund
- Help cover the cost for a participant in our of our programs.
- Donate equipment (or money toward equipment)- contact us for details.

Go to our website and click "make a donation"

Donate Online

WWW.PEAK7.ORG



2011 TRIP DATES

- Guide-In-Training: June 19-25— Want to know what its is like to be a guide? Come to GIT! 16-17 yr olds - \$325 pp
- John Day Fishing Trip: Our June 17-19 trip is full, but you can still book your own bass fishing trip on the John Day!
- Father/Son Rafting Trip: August 15-19—Five days of father/son bonding time on the Deschutes River. \$360 pp

For more information check out the website or call us today!

THE MOTIVATION

The first time we met him, he was cursing like a sailor, doing handyman work for our new landlord to help pay his rent. Tyson* and his dad Jim* were living in the apartment next to us when we moved in, and we quickly learned that they smoked, drank, and loved loud music, that Jim didn't have a car and his son had a penchant for wrecking them. While I've always had a huge soft spot in my heart for kids who come from rough situations. Needless to say, my interaction with our new neighbors was always pretty brief.

AJ, on the other hand, didn't mind the distractions when Tyson cornered him about fixing his newly wrecked car, or whether our visiting Ecuadorian friend liked living that close to Russia—in fact, he seemed to relish them. One evening, he walked in after a half hour out talking car parts and casually mentioned that Tyson had asked about what we do with Peak 7. His response to AJ's answer?

“If I'd had something like that growing up, maybe I wouldn't be in the mess I am now.”

I heard something whisper that I must never take for granted the power of Jesus to change a life.

AJ and I decided to have Tyson and Jim over for dinner and spend the time we were here in Spokane trying to invest in that relationship, so shortly after that AJ struck up a conversation with Jim, planning to ask them over for dinner that week. Turns out, Tyson had gone back to jail the day before for violating his parole. By the next day, Jim had moved out. To my great surprise, I found myself disappointed. But deeper than that, I felt a determination to do what God has called me to: to minister to every kid who comes through like it matters. To talk to them like they're hurting and need Jesus.

Because the truth is that without Jesus none of us have hope, and whether we would end up looking like Tyson or not, in God's eyes it's all the same. Ultimately, people live like Tyson because they've got no reason *not* to. As Christians we are called to be God's ambassadors to them, in light of the

grace God has shown us. Because Tyson is just a graphic illustration of who we all are without Christ.

~ Liz Myers

*Names have been changed

FOR THE LOVE OF CHRIST
CONTROLS US, BECAUSE WE
HAVE CONCLUDED THIS:
THAT ONE HAS DIED FOR
ALL... THAT THOSE WHO
LIVE MIGHT NO LONGER LIVE
FOR THEMSELVES, BUT FOR
HIM WHO FOR THEIR SAKE
DIED AND WAS RAISED.

-II COR. 5:14,15



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