



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 Western Washington, 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 those volunteers here in Seattle is Adrian. While she is "local", we use that in a loose sense as she drives regularly over an hour to come to 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 has 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 to Seattle, 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,

Ethan Petro
Seattle Area Director



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PHOTO SHOOTS AND MEXICAN FOOD

Several weeks ago, I had the pleasure of meeting a photographer that was volunteering his time to Peak 7 for a project that he was working on. We came up with several concepts that were exciting and that would bring some much needed professional level photography to Peak 7 for marketing and advertising.

So this past week, Chris and I picked up two homeless individuals from Capitol Hill here in Seattle. We had a great time in the studio shooting several different set-ups that Chris had come up with. The two hours just flew by and at 4:55, we were rushing to pack up and leave before the studios closed.

(www.chrisshooverphotography.com)

After the shoot, we headed down to grab some Mexican food (thanks Chris!) and just hang out. It was a great time to spend some extra time just talking about life, understanding homelessness a bit more and sharing back and forth about views on life. It caused me to realize that I have no idea of the daily struggles that those who are homeless deal with, but also I appreciated the honesty on their behalf in speaking to the fact that many of the choices that they made had led to their current situation. They were trying to get back on track, and hopefully through meeting because of this photo shoot, we can play a role in that transformation.

Soli Deo Gloria!



Peak 7 Seattle

**BE SURE TO
CHECK OUT OUR
FACEBOOK PAGE
FOR DETAILS ON
SKI TO SEA 2011!**

IT IS ABOUT YOU

This winter season has been a great one for Peak 7 Seattle, largely because we have been able to rely upon some incredible volunteers. During the summer, we are able to rely upon summer staff and other volunteers to help facilitate most of the trips. But in the winter, because of tighter schedules and the absence of summer staff, we really do count on volunteers to help run our trips.

We have had some great trips up on Rainier this winter, and look forward to a packed schedule for spring break trips as well!

Like Chris who is giving of his time to help out

with photography, we need people to be engaged at all levels of Peak 7. This could range from trip volunteers, people helping to pack for the trips that go out every week in the summer, individuals that can help with event planning (fundraisers), help writing newsletters!, people with warehouse/office space, individuals who might have an extra room for a summer staff while they are serving...as you can see there are many ways in which to get involved!

We would also love to have you participate in our Ski to Sea fundraiser this year—it is a great even to come together as community and raise money for scholarships for the youth that we take out on trips! More info on Facebook and the website!

Donate Online

WWW.PEAK7.ORG



Are you interested in helping Peak 7 bring outdoor adventure to at-risk youth in the Seattle-Tacoma area in 2011? Do you have the passion to run, bike, ski or paddle on a relay team of 8? Then join a team for the Peak 7 Ski to Sea Fundraiser! Proceeds from the Peak 7 Ski to Sea Fundraiser create sponsorships for at-risk or underprivileged youth to participate in a white water rafting adventure, an Ascent backpacking trip, or a day of rock climbing and rappelling.

Help us reach our goal of raising over \$50,000, which would allow more than 300 youth receive sponsorships. Visit our website for more information about the race!
<http://www.peak7.org/about/skitosea>

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

What a year 2010 was, and what a year in Jan, we have developed a new 2011 is going to be. I along with many software program with Scott Jamieson others have been amazed at how much (mostly Scott's doing) to help us with the Lord has done through Peak 7. our donor database, CRM and trip Growing from basically one location to 3 management and on top of all of that, we in a matter of months has proven to be a rewarding, yet very challenging Busy does not even begin to describe addition. Along with that, we moved Peak 7 these last few months! We are into a new 4,400 sq ft warehouse in constantly stretched and challenged by Spokane, moved into a 14,000sq ft the Lord. When people ask me where I (donated space) warehouse in Prineville, think Peak 7 is going, I answer them by OR and developed our own Wilderness saying 'wherever the Lord wants us to First Responder course that was written reach out to hurting kids.'

by Dr. Wilson and Dr Kerrigan. Our first course was taught by Dr. Kerrigan

SEEING GOD'S HAND

- We have had a great winter camping season working with several different groups and some great volunteers!
- We are looking forward to a great season of rafting, backpacking, mountaineering and rock climbing!



**"Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made."
(John 1:3)**

- Ryan Kerrigan

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