



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



GOD PROVIDING FOR OUR NEEDS

EACH OF YOU SHOULD USE WHATEVER GIFT YOU HAVE RECEIVED TO SERVE OTHERS, AS FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF GOD’S GRACE IN ITS VARIOUS FORMS. ...IF ANYONE SERVES, THEY SHOULD DO SO WITH THE STRENGTH GOD PROVIDES, SO THAT IN ALL THINGS GOD MAY BE PRAISED THROUGH JESUS CHRIST. TO HIM BE THE GLORY AND THE POWER FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN.

- 1 Peter 4:10,11



another way God has provided for Peak 7’s needs. The property in all is just less than 5 acres, has a 4 bedroom house, and a 4400 sq ft shop. The house will allow us to house our seasonal staff and provide a comfortable place for them to rest after their long hours of service.

Our new warehouse facility provides enough room to adequately store our current equipment with room to expand. This facility also has

a heated room which allows us to hold events and classes. This room has already proved very helpful as we have held our first Wilderness First Responder class, a property warming party, and will be holding our Raft Guide School this spring.

In addition to the vast amounts of space is a large gravel parking area.

This parking area has been more than ample for the classes and events we have already held. We thank God for His graciousness in providing this property for Peak 7. We are looking forward to many years more years of ministry out of this new location.

Jon Cramer
Spokane Program Director



This past winter we moved into our new program office and warehouse facility off of White Rd south of Spokane. We had been quickly outgrowing our old facilities this last year and began the process of looking for a place that would fit our current needs and provide room for growth. In December God provided us with this amazing property. This is just

SPRING RUN OFF



Spring is on it’s way and that means Rafting Season. Please be in prayer for safety, and that youth would be impacted throughout our rafting season. Last year we took over 1200 participants out on the water and we are aiming for that much and more this season. We are starting the season off with our Whitewater Raft Guide School. This school has trained our volunteer

raft guides and been a major reason why we are able to serve so many people. Rafting season also means the start of a huge need for volunteers. We have many different positions that need to be filled throughout the season not just raft guides. If you are at all interested in volunteering please contact Lynn Smith at lynn@peak7.org or 509.467.5550

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SEEING GOD'S HAND:

- We've been able to connect with new organizations.
- Spring calendar is filling up.
- First Wilderness First Responder course run superbly thanks to Dr. & Mrs. Kevin Kerrigan
- Generous donations of gear from Ibex, Gear to Grow, Hydro Flask and Petzl.

THE DIFFERENCE A DAY MAKES

The 2010 summer with Peak 7 was awesome! I had to opportunity to be the lead guide on almost all of the climbing trips in Spokane. There were many cool things about the position. I learned a new way to set up a belay rope, got to work with other volunteers, and take people climbing. However, by far the best part of my job was helping kids (and a few parents) overcome their fears while on the rope. Climbing a rock face while grasping and stepping on thin rock protrusions or rappelling while dangling from a relatively thin rope is not a natural thing to do- even my heart rate gets going when I climb. As such, many kids faced large mental barriers when

climbing. By encouraging them, teaching them how to climb and demonstrating how to use the climbing gear, they were able to overcome their fears. Once they did, it was amazing to see their sense of empowerment. I believe when youth surmount these barriers while climbing they have a great chance of transferring their new found confidence over to everyday life. I look forward to being involved with Peak 7 in the summers to come.

-John Harper



UPCOMING EVENTS

Rafting Season Kickoff	6-8pm	March 23
Community Building Event	6-8pm	April 26
Volunteer Climbing Training	8-5 pm	May 22
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Donor/Volunteer Appreciation	9am or 2pm	June 11

(Rafting trip in Wenatchee)



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