



April 5, 2013

Dear Peak 7 Supporter,

It's hard to believe we're already three months into this new year. For Peak 7 Adventures, we saw the Lord's continued blessing in 2012 as it was a year filled with memorable and safe trips, continued growth in the number of youth we served, and new opportunities to share our mission at film festivals through the documentary *True ASCENT*.

As I look ahead to what the rest of 2013 will bring, I can't help but be excited for a number of reasons. To begin with, at some point early this summer, Lord willing, Peak 7 will serve its 10,000th youth since our founding over seven years ago. While there may not be a formal celebration, this number gives us cause for excitement as it is a sign of the Lord at work through Peak 7 and a testament to the incredible generosity and encouragement of our donors and supporters.

Other exciting news covered more in-depth inside includes our receipt of a major grant from the MJ Murdock Charitable Trust, our move to a new office space in Spokane, hiring new staff, the official release of the *True ASCENT* documentary, our always enjoyable fundraisers, and a couple successfully completed spring break trips.

I continue to be humbled by the growth the Lord has caused in this ministry. Seeing what's already been accomplished this year makes the preparation for another fun and enjoyable program season that much more exciting. I cannot thank you enough for your continued partnership with this ministry and the direct and profound impact you are having on the lives of our most vulnerable youth. We've come a long way in just seven years, but it seems the Lord has us poised to take another big step forward this year!

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ryan Kerrigan', is written over a white background.

Ryan Kerrigan
Executive Director



PEAK 7 NEWS

MJ MURDOCK GRANT



We are very excited to announce our receipt of a grant from the Murdock Charitable Trust to purchase new equipment and two vans for our Oregon office! The total amount of the grant is \$83,000 which is broken down into two parts: \$47,000 of the grant are non-conditional, guaranteed funds. We have already requested those funds to help purchase a shuttle van for Oregon before the summer season kicks into full gear. The remaining \$36,000 of the grant will be provided only if we are able to raise \$72,000 in a 1 to 2 matching program by December 31, 2014.

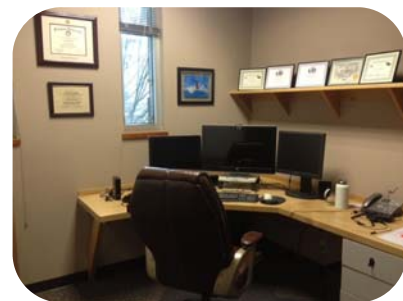
We feel so blessed to have received this grant and are confident that we can raise the necessary funds by the end of next year. Any funds we receive after the official date of the grant reward can be applied to the \$72,000. This includes fundraisers, other grants, and individual donations, all of which we plan to pursue in achieving this goal. But we can't do it without your help! Lucky for you, there are many ways in which you can support us in this mission: get involved in one of our awesome fundraisers, donate to the campaign, tell your friends and family about Peak 7, or come out and volunteer with us to learn more about how we transform the lives of youth through the beauty and challenge of creation!

We wouldn't be where we are today without the incredible generosity of donors and supporters like you. We know that with the Lord's support and your encouragement and involvement, we can accomplish this wonderful mission!

If you're interested in supporting Peak 7 or would like to learn more, please feel free to call or email Ryan Rodin, Development Manager, at (509) 476-5550 or ryan.rodin@peak7.org.

WE'RE MOVING!

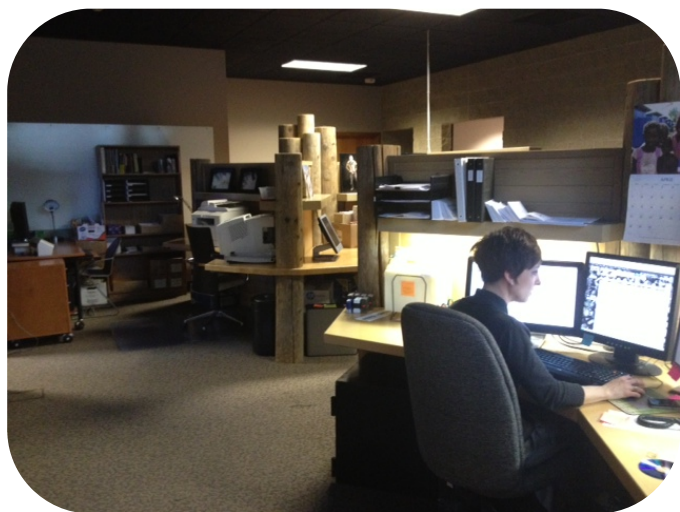
Starting Monday, April 1 (no fooling) we began the process of moving our Spokane headquarters and program office into the same location in north Spokane. While we are sad to be leaving the space so generously provided by the Jamieson's all these years, we are very excited to have all of our Spokane staff in one place!



Our new address is:

14617 North Newport Highway, Suite 7
Mead, WA 99021

We would love for you to stop by so we can show you around! While the new space means additional costs, it is also a sign of how much we've grown and how much the Lord has blessed us since we began just seven years ago.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS!

Ryan Rodin
Development Manager



Hired in late February as the Development Manager, Ryan is responsible for everything fundraising related, including donor relations, grant writing, planning fundraising events and certain marketing and communications activities.

Before Peak 7, Ryan worked as a staff member to legislators at both the state and federal levels. He enjoys spending time outdoors, especially fly fishing and backpacking. He is excited to be part of the Peak 7 and team and is looking forward to talking with donors and supporters about why they enjoy partnering with Peak 7.

Becky Harris
Program Coordinator



Becky is the new program coordinator for the Peak 7's Spokane branch. She books, plans, and runs trips including whitewater rafting, rock climbing, Ascent, and winter trips. She has a passion for God and the outdoors, and looks forward to sharing God's creation with others.

Becky is a graduate of Eastern Washington University, where she was very involved with the college's outdoor programs. Becky led trips similar to Peak 7's while at Eastern, but she is excited to be in the ministry field doing what she loves.

2013 EVENTS — MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

FUN-draisers



Ski To Sea Race:
May 26, 2013 - Bellingham, WA



Color Me Rad Race:
June 15, 2013 - Spokane, WA

10% off
race fee

Promo Code 'Peak7'
When you register

50% of race fee gets donated to Peak 7



The Dirty Dash Races:
June 22, 2013 - Seattle, WA
June 29, 2013 - Eugene, OR
July 13, 2013 - Spokane, WA
August 31, 2013 - Missoula, MT



Spokane Bocce Ball Tournament:
September 15th, 2013 - Spokane, WA



Oregon Bocce Ball Tournament:
September 22nd, 2013 - Prineville, OR

TRAININGS AND TRIPS



Raft Guide Training:
May 21-26, 2013 - Maupin, OR



Wilderness First Responder:
June 2-8, 2013 - Spokane, WA



Father & Son Raft Float Trip:
June 27-30, 2013 - Grand Ronde, OR
July 8-12, 2013 - Deschutes, OR



Open Enrollment Ascent Trips:
July 15-19, 2013 - Spokane, WA
July 15-19, 2013 - Seattle, WA



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Challenging the body | Engaging the Spirit

OLYMPIC COAST TRIP—DREAM CENTER

On April 1st, a group of girls from inner-city Spokane made their way across Washington to spend five days hiking the Olympic Peninsula coast. The hike from the trailhead to the beach revived legs weary from the 8-hour trip while overhead, grey clouds brought the threat of rain. Excited to see the ocean for the first time, one girl exclaimed “I can smell the salty air!” After reaching our campsite at Ozette, other Peak 7 leaders and I pursued deeper conversations with the girls, asking about their home lives, God, and what makes them special.

As we continued our hike over the next few days, the girls were thrilled to see starfish for the first time, enjoyed beach yoga, and stood ankle deep in the mighty Pacific Ocean, admiring their surroundings. These experiences fostered a great amount of togetherness and vulnerability in our now tight-knit group. After being prompted by a leader earlier in the day to consider their strengths and weaknesses, we all opened up and shared our personal stories on one of the last nights.

Leaving the serenity of the peninsula was hard, both physically and emotionally; we dealt with blisters, tired legs, and the reality of returning home setting in. However, while we were sad to leave the trees, the beach, and our starfish friends, we knew the experiences we had and the connections we made would stay with us far beyond those five short days.



trueASCENT

The film is finished and we’re excited to share it with you! *True ASCENT* reveals the spiritual, physical, and emotional journeys of five youth as they summit Mt. Baker with the help of Peak 7. Since its release in early February, we’ve been privileged to share the documentary at film festivals, conferences, universities, and hopefully soon, public television.

We would love to share it with you as well. To purchase a copy of the film, go to www.peak7.org, click on ‘online store’ in the menu to the left, and enter your email and password, or register as a new user if you have not yet.

We have been so blessed by the film and how it captures the transformative nature of the beauty and challenge of God’s creation. If you purchase a copy or have one already, we would encourage you to share it with whomever you believe would enjoy hearing the story of God’s work through Peak 7.

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