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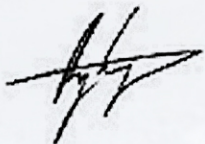
Dear Peak 7 Supporter,

2014 is barely a couple months old, yet here at Peak 7 we're already off to a very busy, but also very blessed start. In January alone, we provided five times more winter trips than in 2013, and February is looking to be nearly as busy. In fact, based on numbers, this is our most successful winter trip season to date! We've also added a new adventure experience: overnight cross country ski ascent trips. These trips provide youth with a unique way to experience Creation in the delicate beauty of winter. Whether they've skied before or not, an outdoor experience like this always has the potential to inspire awe. Inside you will find a story from Alex Nycum, one of our Program Coordinators, detailing the account of one such winter trip this season.

I am also excited to update you about the "Climb for Change: Two Peaks, Two Days, Two Beards" fundraising campaign that kicked off in early January. Climb for Change is being spearheaded by cousins Landon and Andrew Faulkner who will be climbing two peaks in Northern California at the end of February as a way to raise funds and awareness for Peak 7. Needless to say, we are so thankful for both Andrew and Landon and proud of their taking action to serve youth in our communities. You can read more about what these two are doing and how you can join them inside.

We have plenty of exciting events throughout the rest of the year as well, including Ski to Sea, Dirty Dash, Color Me Rad, Bocce Ball, and more. In addition to these events, we've been interviewing Summer Team members. Through prayerful consideration and careful planning, we hope to assemble a team of young adults passionate about displaying the love of our Father to our region's most needy youth through adventures in His Creation. We would appreciate prayers for discernment as we continue with interviews.

None of this exciting news, or any of the opportunities we have to demonstrate love to the kids we serve, would be possible without your prayers, your encouragement, and your support. We are blessed by you and look forward to changing more young lives together in 2014!



Ryan Kerrigan  
Executive Director

# CLIMB FOR CHANGE

TWO PEAKS  
TWO DAYS  
TWO BEARDS

Climbing buddies, cousins, and all-around bearded mountain men Landon and Andrew Faulkner are leading “Climb for Change: Two Peaks, Two Days, Two Beards” a charity campaign to support Peak 7. Over a weekend in late February, these gentlemen will set out to scale Mount Lassen (10,463 feet) and Brokeoff Mountain (9,236 feet) in Northern California’s Lassen Volcanic National Park in a span of two days. They will traverse over 30 miles of predominantly snowy terrain while gaining more than 6,400 feet in elevation. In addition to this challenging climb, Landon and Andrew set a goal to raise \$3,250 between the official launch of the campaign on January 1st and the end of February.

To accomplish this feat, we’ve been working together to spread the word via Landon’s blog, social media, newspapers, and even Landon’s local TV news station, Good Morning Sacramento. Thanks to the incredible generosity of dozens of supporters, we hit the goal of \$3,250 on February 6th, with more than three weeks left in the campaign! In response, and in true mountain man fashion, Landon and Andrew decided to set their sights even higher by increasing the fund-raising goal to \$5,000 by the end the campaign.

To encourage continued support, we have awesome donated prizes to give away which Landon secured from some very generous companies. Here are the prizes that will be raffled off and the donation tier to which they correspond:

\$25-\$49 Donation:	T-shirts and Powerocks 40% off coupons	15 winners
\$50-\$99 Donation:	Powerocks Magicstick Flash	10 winners
\$100-\$149 Donation:	Powerocks Rose Stone	5 winners
\$150-\$199 Donation:	Osprey Backpacks (Talon 11, Stratos 24, Tempest 30 (women’s))	3 winners
\$200+ Donations:	Teton Sports 0 Degree Polara 3-in-1 Sleeping Bag	1 winner

(If you’ve already donated, you’re automatically entered into the raffle)

Every donation encourages Landon and Andrew in their climb while helping Peak 7 impact more young lives through meaningful outdoor adventures. We are so thankful for the generosity we’ve experienced and believe we can reach the \$5,000 goal by February 28th with your continued support!

To donate to Climb for Change, visit: [www.active.com/donate/climb4change](http://www.active.com/donate/climb4change)  
To check out Landon’s blog, visit: [www.landonfaulkner.com](http://www.landonfaulkner.com)

Help spread the word and use #MakeAdventure on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram!

## NEW TEAM MEMBER

Tucker Walker is our new Volunteer and Marketing Coordinator. Tucker grew up in Hillsboro, Oregon where he spent most of his time outside building shelters, swimming in ponds, and photographing bugs. He is a 2011 graduate of Whitworth University and an Infantryman in the Washington Army National Guard. Currently, Tucker is hoping to further his education by pursuing a Master’s Degree in Biology and attending Officer Candidat School. He hopes that he can use his experiences and knowledge to mentor, inspire, and teach others.

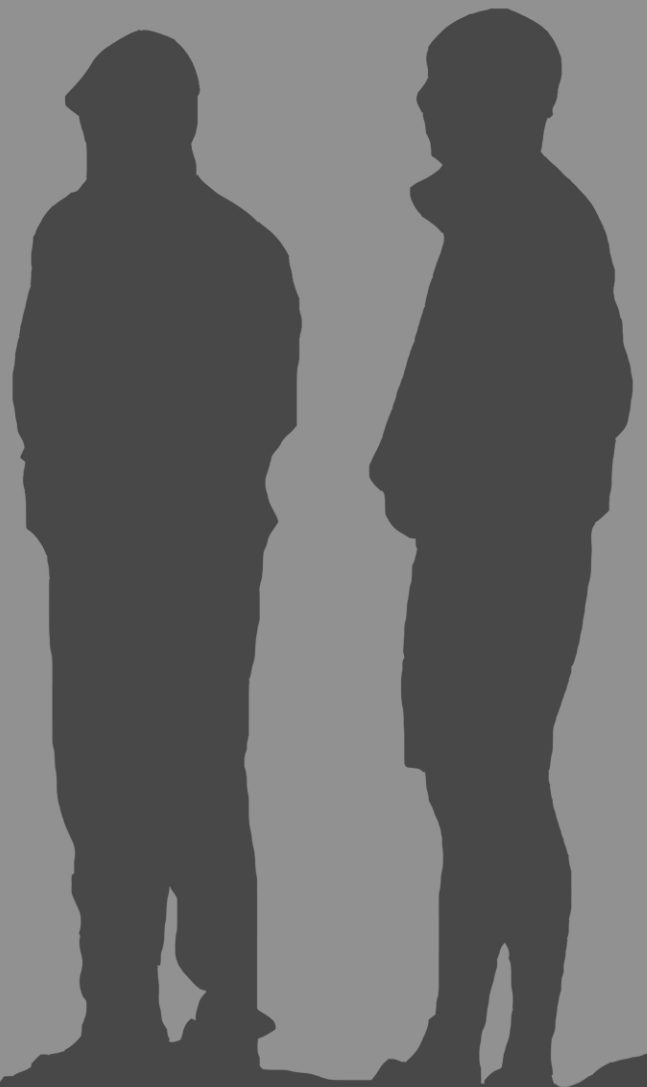


# A WINTER TRIP WITH ALEX

Two of our trips this winter have been with a teen drop-in center in Seattle, a place where homeless teens could “drop in” a couple times a week for food, showers, clean clothes and other necessities. For our first trip they had ten kids signed up to go snowshoeing, but only two showed up. Our prayer is always that God brings the kids on trips that need to go, so we set off with these two young men, one leader and two guides. During the course of our trip we had a lot of time to talk. One of the guys was very excited and proud of himself for being clean from meth for 28 days. We congratulated and celebrated with him. Both young men, however, talked enthusiastically about how much they enjoyed smoking pot and one was very excited because he had been offered a job working at a strip club. While we were having these conversations there was an argument going on in my head about what to say to these guys.

I could have said a number of things about how these guys shouldn't want to work at a strip club, how they should stop smoking pot and clean up their language, and why they should go to church and read their Bible more. There is a lot I could say - but that wasn't the point, that's not what they needed to hear. I hate that my first instinct is toward condemnation rather than grace and love. People don't need to hear everything they are doing wrong. Oftentimes, it is far better to hear that there is a God who loves them and that because of His Son they have complete freedom from their past, present, and future. I think I miss that a lot of the time.

As the trip went on, we had the chance to talk a lot about forgiveness and why we need to forgive others, as well as be forgiven ourselves. There were some productive conversations and it was a fun trip. Two days later we led a second trip from the same drop-in center, and something really special happened. One of the guys from the previous trip came back because he enjoyed the trip so much the first time. He told us that he had been praying for snow. While on the trail it started snowing some of the biggest flakes I've ever seen (probably 2-3 inches in diameter, not exaggerating). In the middle of the trail he got down on his knees with his arms stretched out and declared with excitement “God answered my prayers!” I can't help but think he's right.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

AND WAYS TO GET INVOLVED



## Ski to Sea

### RACE

Let us know if you're interested in competing in one of the 7 legs and we'll look for a spot on a team.

### VOLUNTEER

We always need help with logistics, transportation, cooking, and other duties to help make this event a success.

### SUPPORT A RACER

We ask every team member to raise funds to support Peak 7. It's a great way to both encourage our racers and help us change young lives!

## BOCCE BALL 2014



### PLAY

Start recruiting your team of 4 now and keep an eye out for our announcement of this year's theme.

### VOLUNTEER

Volunteers help with everything from setup and tear down to refereeing and picture taking. Bocce Ball wouldn't be a reality without the help of dozens of volunteers every year!

## COLOR ME RAD

### RUN

Use the promo code [PEAK7](#) when you register to SAVE 10% on your registration fee and have 15% donated to us!

### VOLUNTEER

Help in 5-hour shifts at packet pick-up before the race, or during race day doing a variety of fun stuff. Every hour volunteered earns Peak 7 \$15.



## THE DIRTY DASH

### RUN

Use the promo code [PEAK7](#) when you register and 50% of your registration fee is donated to us!

### VOLUNTEER

Help in 5-hour shifts at packet pick-up before the race, or during race day with any number of fun things. Every hour volunteered earns Peak 7 \$15.

### EVENT

### LOCATION

### DATE

ski to sea	bellingham, wa	5/25
color me rad	spokane, wa	6/14
dirty dash	south sound, wa	6/21
dirty dash	eugene, or	6/28
dirty dash	spokane, wa	7/19
bocce ball	spokane, wa	9/14