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TIME TO HIT THE TRAILS

Rafting has ended and what a season it was! We ran 44 rafting trips and took over 600 people down the river.

RAFTING RECAP

Here are a couple of stories about lives that have been impacted.

*Anne, is from a residential psychiatric facility. She was one youth whose perspective changed greatly. In her reflection paper, she wrote when she looked back on the rafting trip, she realized it really changed her. While rafting, it was the first time she really thought about not smoking weed anymore. She found a natural high from rafting, an experience awesome

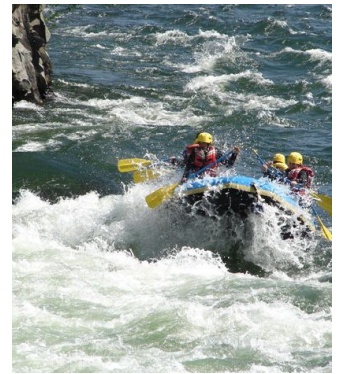
enough to take the place of weed.

*Sara was another who benefited from a Peak7 rafting trip. She was so nervous that she was shaking. Once the trip began, she felt nothing but excitement. When the rapids hit, she was terrified, but by the end of the trip she was proud of herself for sticking it out. She wanted to keep going!

Anne and Sara demonstrate how Peak7 rafting trips are a positive force in the participants' lives. By confronting their fears, learning wilderness skills and learning to trust, the youth have an unforgettable experience that impacts their relationship with Jesus Christ.

*names changed

Quotable Quotes



"I survived the rapids and saw a lot of nature. What more could you want in a day?"

PEAK 7 FEATURED IN THE NEWSPAPER

Local journalist Virginia de Leon joined Peak 7 Adventures and Spokane's Youth for Christ for a day of rafting on the Spokane river. She reported her experiences in an article "*Adventures in Healing*" in the July 14 issue of the Spokesman Review. De Leon interviewed the staff, and included background information about Peak7. She highlighted that many of the kids who come to Peak7 have been through rough experiences, and included that the trips "forever change their lives." She included a quote from the YFC



Peak 7 Adventures takes three rafts full of kids down the Spokane River and through the Bowl and Pitcher. The excursions are designed to show youngsters that hope exists through God. The Spokesman-Review (Photos by Christopher Anderson The Spokesman-Review)

Ministry Director, Harry Neff, who said that "These trips take them out of their isolation and help them realize the goodness of God in the midst of chaos and pain."

Peak7 is honored to be featured in the Spokesman Review as we seek to become partners with our local community in serving at-risk youth. The Spokesman Review article has already spurred a great deal of interest in Peak 7 Adventures and increased awareness of Peak7.

*Read more at www.peak7.org/about

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"I felt at peace when I was in the boat, just admiring God's creation."

SEEING GOD'S HAND

- We have raised \$25,000 of the \$50,000 needed by Dec. for the matching grant.
- Through God's grace, Peak7 grew significantly in size this year.
- God kept all of our rafters, guides and volunteers safe during the rafting season.
- God has led many youth to come on Peak7 backpacking trips.
- Generous donors have provided Peak7 with a raft, paddles and food.
- Backpacking gear bought at wholesale cost or donated to Peak7.

LOOKING FORWARD

Please join us in praying for the following:

- Pray for the safety of every individual on the Peak7 trips this summer.
- Pray that God continues to provide volunteers and donors.
- Pray for increased publicity and marketing, and that the Lord will continue to open the hearts of the people we come in contact with.
- We are looking for storage space and office space; pray that God will make something available to us.
- Pray that God provides youth for the remaining backpacking trips.



PEAK 7'S SUMMER INTERNS

"Sorry, we can't offer you a job without any experience."
"How am I supposed to get experience if no one will hire me?"

Ever heard or thought those words before? One way to obtain real-life experience is through an internship. This summer, Peak7 has been blessed to have two summer interns. Ryan McCrary (aka McJunior) is the outdoor recreation intern, guiding both rafting trips and backpacking trips. "Without Ryan as my right hand man on trips, we would not have accomplished nearly as much as we did," says Program Director Trey Nichols.

Laura Akstin is the marketing intern. Her responsibilities include promoting Peak 7 in the Spokane community through radio, newspaper, and other media. She heard about Peak 7 through Gonzaga University, near downtown Spokane. "Laura has been instrumental in increasing awareness of Peak 7 Adventures," said Ryan Kerrigan. Interns provide invaluable help to Peak 7, and learn important skills as well. Do you know anybody who would be interested in interning with Peak7 next summer? Maybe even yourself. Contact us at (509) 467-5550.

"I had a lot of fun playing trust games on the raft with people!"



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