



Peak 7 Adventures  
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Dear Peak 7 Supporter,

**What an adventure!**

My name is Ethan Petro and I am the new Area Director for Peak 7 - Seattle. God is definitely at work in Peak 7 and we're excited about the growth, where God is taking us, and the kids' lives that we will be able to be a part of. Whether it's for a day on a climbing or rafting trip, a week on an ascent trip, or perhaps even longer. Having been on three ascent trips, I have been privileged to spend time with the Peak 7 staff and participants on the trips in God's creation. This year we're on target to reach over **1800 youth**--but it is not about the numbers, it is about changed lives.

As most of you know, we work on a daily basis with those that society has marginalized - the underprivileged, the "at-risk", the "unloved" - but the greatest part of the equation is that God can redeem all of the brokenness, Jesus equals hope. There is absolutely nothing that will meet all longings and ambitions, nothing else that will bring deep joy and fulfillment, and no one that can give a reason for living like Christ. Our hope is to be used to show the kids that there **is** hope all while challenging them.

Our time outdoors gives us a chance to get them away from their "normal" and allows us to interact on a deeper basis with the kids. This small interruption in their day-to-day lives, can have a huge impact in the way that they view God, the way that they see themselves and again, for them to see that there **is** hope.

In closing, there are several other things happening at Peak 7 that we wanted you to know about. We are looking to bring another program coordinator on staff for next year, we have a great community of Peak 7 already begun in Seattle, we have brought a number of other sponsors on board this year who are excited about Peak 7, and we just wrapped up another great summer of great adventure. As we head into fall and run our fall trips and begin to plan for next year, please pray for warehouse and office space in Seattle, vehicles and trailers in Seattle, additional space in Spokane and that the Lord would direct us as to who we should be hiring.

Thank you for your support,

Ethan Petro  
Seattle Area Director

**Psalm 19:1-- The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.**

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## SUMMER IS DONE!



**The Sovereign LORD is my strength! He makes me as sure-footed as a deer, able to tread upon the heights.**

**-Habakkuk 3:19**

Laying on a rock in between two tents full of kids looking up at the brilliant night sky, I couldn't help but listen in on the conver-

sations. Broken families, shattered dreams, longing for acceptance, just wanting to be wanted.

My heart broke for these kids - I wanted them to know the hope that there is in Christ.

To know that there is more than pain and hurt, and that Christ can redeem their situation.

The next day as we were hiking, one thing that stuck with me the whole week was the verse from Habakkuk. As we were climbing, scrambling, and summiting, I couldn't help but think of the

parallels. One of our campsites was accompanied by a herd of goats. Watching them and thinking about our day, I kept thinking about the stories I had heard the night before and realizing that God does not promise us a problem-free existence, or that He will take away our troubles. But He does promise that He will give us the feet to handle the path we are on. That is the hope that we want to give these kids.

So, thank you for partnering with us and for your support. It does not go un-noticed, and we couldn't do this work without you. Soli Deo Gloria!

- Ethan Petro

## SEATTLE, HERE WE COME!

As the newest member of the Peak 7 community, I'm excited about the opportunity to launch Peak 7 on the west side of the state. We just moved out from New Jersey and are looking forward to working with kids in the Seattle metro area. I have a wife (Joni) and two daughters (Hannah Gray, 2 and Tenley 4 months). I've been privileged to have been able to go on three trips so far this year - the coast trail, a hike in the Alpine Lakes Wilderness and an Ascent II trip up Mt. Olympus. How great it is to be able to spend time in God's creation telling kids about Jesus! I look forward to getting to know many of you better and to serve on behalf of Peak 7 in Seattle!



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## SEEING GOD'S HAND

- *He provided us with a Seattle Area Director*
- *Two Ascent II trips to Mt. Olympus*
- *This year, to date we have served over 1700 youth and counting*
- *An amazing safe summer with kids in Creation*

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Yes, the LORD has done great amazing things for us!  
What joy!

Psalms 126:3

## SUMMER TRIP REVIEW

TUCK AND ROBIN LAKES

There were days of packing and preparation, hours of driving, potholed filled winding roads and triple checking gear. Finally, the confusion, noise and baggage of the real world slipped away. The twelve of us; 8 youth from the Jubilee Boys Ranch, Chip\* (the tech guy), Austin and I, set out on the adventure of a lifetime. With little choice but to keep putting one foot in front of the other we made it to our first campsite with enough time to set up our tents, cook dinner, and begin getting to know one another before the miles caught up with us and forced us to bed.

Day two. These two simple words have so much meaning. For me it is the climax of pain from the previous days hike. It is the point when I realize there remains 2,000 vertical feet by the end of the day. It becomes the day of truth that defines the rest of the trip. Overcoming the pain and pushing through to the summit becomes my only vision. For some of these boys, this day and the pain can be likened to other difficult goals they are trying to reach in lives off the mountain. For some their goal is to overcome their addiction with cocaine. For others it is to repair their dissipating relationship with their family. Still others seek to get back on their feet, graduate high school, and move on to college. A half of a mile into day two the group came to a halt. Jeff\* and Greg\* had stopped and taken off their packs, insisting this was the end of the road for them. From an early age they had learned to stick together. They were brothers and had been raised without a father by a mother who struggled to provide for them. As guides, there was little we could do to change their minds. It took the entire group to rally around their comrades. After some encouragement, the group became one in their "mission" to finish out the trip.

Jeff\* and Greg\* finished day two after reaching Robin Lake and then continuing on to summit Granite Peak at 7144 ft. Reflecting upon the day Jeff\* said, "I never thought I was going to make it. Every ten minutes I thought I was going to die, but we accomplished our mission." After conquering his fear of heights on day three, Greg\* reflected on his time in the mountains. He said "Most of the time when I have prayed I felt like I was not talking to anyone, but today when I prayed, it felt like I was talking to my father."

While this trip was an amazing introduction to the outdoors for these boys, it was so much more. This trip pushed them beyond anything they ever thought was possible. It allowed them to see how much they can accomplish. And most importantly, it gave them the opportunity to experience God's wonder through His creation and interaction with the group.

\* name changes

~Scott Ptolemy



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## FATHER'S AND SON'S

"Dear Peak 7 crew. This is Cameron Barclay (Greg Barclay's son (fire boy)) and I just wanted to email you guys to tell you how much fun the rafting trip was and what a blast I had rafting with my dad and making a few friends and just learning about God and how to become a man. I want to thank Nicole and the rest of the girls for the great food and their help with everything. I also want to thank Ron, Ryan, and Austin for the way they were like friends not just river guides. I had the best week that I can remember. Going through all the rapids and then stopping for lunch, fishing, and talking to Ron about all of his adventures, and Ryan and his jokes and sense of humor, and Austin for his great leadership and how every one there walked with God. It really gave me hope to know that I'm not the only person with problems. When I left it was sad because it felt like I was leaving a family, every one was like a father there. I just want to thank you for making this one of the best weeks of my life with my family and the crew there. Thanks again! I am hoping that I can go on another Peak 7 adventure soon."

- Cameron Barclay

