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Dear Peak 7 Supporter,

As we are ramping up for this summer's programs we are excited to give the youth in the Seattle community an opportunity to get out and experience something new and challenging. I have been realizing more and more how small their world is. Most of the youth we work have not been outside their neighborhood. As our Mission Statement makes clear, our desire is "to challenge every young person to grow spiritually, physically, mentally and emotionally through wilderness adventure." We are excited about being able to do that, but we need your help to be able to do it.

As you will read in the newsletter, this is a challenging year for us. Since July of last year, we have expanded to two new markets, and tripled out staff. With those changes and additions, we have also doubled our budget. For us, that means a lot of time devoted to fundraising to be able to support our programming to get the kids out this year. For you, that means a potential opportunity to become financially involved in Peak 7.

Many of you have already taken the step to become financially involved to help us reach our funding goal of 170k in Seattle this year. But for those who have not, would you please consider an opportunity to give? We work to operate as lean as possible to stretch the gifts that people give. But the reality is that in order to run the programs that have been booked already this year, our finances need to improve. Everybody know that beginning an organization in a new area is a daunting task, but we also believe that we serve a great God.

Please prayerfully consider becoming a financial partner with us this year, and for the years to come!

Ethan Petro

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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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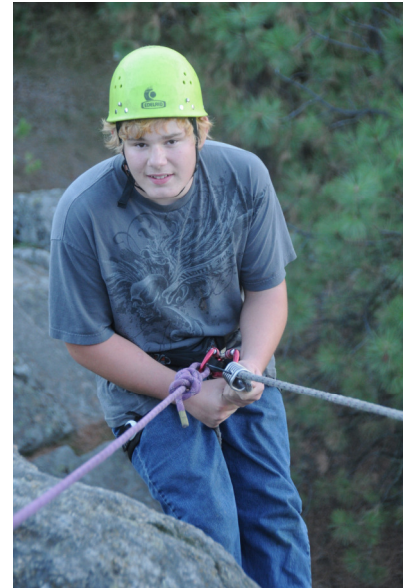
## READY, SET, GO!

### IN HIS HEART A MAN PLANS HIS COURSE, BUT THE LORD DETERMINES HIS STEPS. PROVERBS 16:9



What a joy it has been to see Seattle grow over the past few months. What started out as 10 or so people sharing dinner several times a month and praying for Peak 7 has grown to at times, 25. What started as Peak 7 being a relative unknown ministry in Seattle has grown to becoming more of a recognized name in town.

As we get ready for the trips to start with youth from all over Western Washington, we are finalizing our summer staff, making sure that our gear is ready to go, and praying for the hearts of the youth that will spend the summer with us.



### AT A GLANCE

May kicks off with 2 climbing trips with a new organization that we will be working with for the first time this year.

June begins with three weeks of training for our summer staff. We'll do some scouting in the North Cascades at the end of June and fit quite a bit of rafting in throughout June as well.

We have staff coming from all over the country; Pacific NW, Midwest, and even the East Coast. We're excited about the staff that is coming on board and excited to see how they will be used this

summer.

July is a packed month with trips from Tillicum YFC, a 50 person climbing trip! with military kids, and numerous other climbing trips.

August, finishes up a packed summer with at least one Ascent II trip up Mt. Olympus, a Union Gospel Mission Ascent trip and a Young Life girls Ascent trip at the end of the month.

We are excited about what God has in store for 2011!



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KIDS FOR TRIPS THIS YEAR!

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## SEEING GOD'S HAND

- Austin, our Seattle Program Coordinator moved to town and has been doing an excellent job developing contacts and getting the job done. He is a natural leader with a huge capacity for growth.
- Our summer staff has already begun to arrive - excited for the season to begin.
- Successful Climbing Training
- Great connections with new organizations.

## LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Ever have the feeling God is *really* stretching you? That's how I feel right now. What a whirl wind of a year thus far. Adding two new locations, doubling the number of staff members, doubling the budget and adding new programs has proven to be quite the challenge. Please keep us in your prayers this year.

Although the number of staff and the budget has doubled, contributions to our ministry have not. God's rapid expansion of Peak 7's ministry has kept us on our knees. One amazing answer to prayer occurred as the board was trying to figure out how the OR branch would work financially this year. As I was preparing the budget for Oregon, the board asked me to put another \$10,000 in the donations line on the budget, trusting God for the results. I did not think that level of additional giving would

be possible and I told them that. But I added it to the budget anyway and prayed about it. Amazingly, within the week we received a check for **exactly \$10,000** from Canby Grove for a scholarship fund for kids in Oregon. I was once again blown away. It does not stop there. A couple months later we received **another** \$10,000 from them.

That donation certainly does not meet all our needs nor eliminate all of the hurdles ahead, but it sure is neat to see the way He takes care of us.

I am deeply humbled and profoundly honored to be a part of this ministry. There are many days that I personally feel overwhelmed and it is good to know that Peak 7 is completely in His hands.

- Ryan Kerrigan



**“FOR GOD HAS NOT GIVEN US A SPIRIT OF FEAR AND TIMIDITY, BUT OF POWER, LOVE AND SELF-DISCIPLINE.**

**-I TIMOTHY 1:7**

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