



Peak 7 Adventures
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Dear Peak 7 Supporter,

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.

Blessings,

Ryan Kerrigan
Executive Director



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CONQUERING THE RAPIDS OF LIFE

Rafting season has started off with a bang. We had an awesome last weekend of guide school on the Deschutes River and with the help of Tom Hall it was a success.

We have already taken down many familiar groups, like Teen Challenge, and Rogers High School Young Life. It is always great to see the smiling faces of everyone as they pull into the take out. Their faces tell the whole story as they realize they've just conquered a river.

For some the challenges they face on the river are no comparison to the challenges they will face when they get home. We hear so many stories of broken home and relationships, drugs, abuse, and loneliness. This is their one escape from everything back home. They have people who have their backs as they paddle through the rapids. The experience of a guide to bring them safely to the end.

These are the things that they need in their lives, a positive support system and a guide to see them safely to the end.

As the guides interact with those in their boat. They have the opportunity to share about their own guide Jesus Christ. The one who helps them through the rapids of their lives.

When the rafting season hits in Spokane it means more than just a fun time on the river. It means people having the opportunity to as the Peak 7 motto goes "Challenge the Body and Engage the Spirit"

Jon Cramer
Spokane Program Director



And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

Mark 4:37-39

MEET ANDREW BOWER



Andrew is originally from Loveland, Colorado. His dad introduced him to the great outdoors at a very young age and he has been frolicking in the mountains as much as possible ever since. In 2007 he moved to Spokane to attend the Moody Bible Institute where he is finishing a degree in Biblical Studies. Over the past few years he has worked as a climbing instructor in Spokane and recently began raft guiding with Peak 7. His primary passion is climbing, whether it's on rock, ice, or big mountains but he can also be found splitboarding, kayaking, slacklining, or eating copious amounts of cookies in his free time. Andrew loves sharing his experience in the outdoors with others and is constantly looking forward to his next adventure. He is grateful for the opportunity to serve youth through Peak 7 and is excited to see God transform lives through His creation.

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SEEING GOD'S HAND:

- We've been able to connect with new organizations.
- Spring calendar is filling up.
- Successful Raft Guide School
- Four great backpacking trips on the Coast this Spring Break

THE PARTICIPANT PERSPECTIVE

I wanted to share with you my experience on Sunday with Josh and his friend as we rafted the Spokane River with Peak 7. We had an amazing time together and your staff and volunteers went over the top to make the trip special for everyone. Josh absolutely loved it and can't wait to do another trip. The two guides in our boat, Andrew and Curtis, not only loved the Lord but were excellent guides and made the trip so special for everyone in the boat. I was also really impressed with AJ and Nicole and we learned so much about water safety and felt totally prepared to "face the rapids."

I loved the devotion following the meal and fellowship. I can really see how hearts can be open after sharing this type of experience. Plus the staff and volunteers really are gifted with connecting with kids and sharing a new experience and the love of Christ.

- David a father and participant



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Volunteer Ascent Training | May 20 5pm - May 22 4pm |
| Volunteer Climbing Training | 8-5 pm May 22 |
| Community Building Event | 6-8 pm May 22 |
| Donor/Volunteer Appreciation | 9am or 2pm June 11 |
| (Rafting trip on Wenatchee River) | |
| Father/Son Rafting Trip | July 5 - July 9 |
| (for more info visit www.peak7.org) | |



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