



August 21, 2012

Dear Peak 7 Supporter,

**“I wanted to let you know that Jerry had a wonderful time on the five-day Ascent Trip. He enjoyed the physical and scenic portion of the experience, but found the emotional and social component even more rewarding. As a parent of a child who had an abusive parent, I find that your organization continues to guide my son to become a more responsible kid. It takes a village!”**

**- Participant’s Mother**

Wow, what a year 2012 has been! At the moment we ‘re working on wrapping up a busy summer season, with a few final trips scheduled throughout September. It’s been a true blessing witnessing the Lord work through Peak 7 to really invigorate the spirits of the participants we serve on a weekly basis. How humbling an experience such transformations can be on our own walks, and we can only pray and hope to continue to assist the next generation in realizing their greater potential through the great outdoors.

With that said, the upcoming fall season is one of planning and preparation for 2013 and beyond. Being called to serve all youth through experiencing God’s creation, this time is crucial in raising additional funds to provide more experiences for youth. The demand for our services continues to grow year after year and understandably so, considering the world we live in today. It takes a community to inspire change and we’re so thankful for all the support our friends and family have provided thus far, keeping in mind that it’s ultimately all for the glory of the One above.

Blessings,

Ryan Kerrigan  
Executive Director



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## “OUR”TEEN CHALLENGE



### Another chance to go rafting? Are you serious?!

My men would LOVE the opportunity to go again, as well as to get the others that were unable to go on the river! I know there were several that chickened out, including our staff, because of the sensational news reporting of flooding dangers. I'm sure they may want another opportunity to get on the river after seeing the photos and hearing from others how much fun it was.

I'm not patronizing you Peak 7 when I say it is truly one of the greatest highlights for our students while they are in our 12 month program. The chatter about river rafting and rock climbing with Peak 7 lasts all year long. It gets passed down from graduating students to incoming students who anticipate having a like opportunity. Our guys love Peak 7!

In fact, we were at a softball game recently and there was a big grey truck parked on the road side with a Peak 7 decal sticker in the canopy window. A student pointed out the sticker to the others and said, 'Look! One of our Peak 7 guys is here!' Their chosen vocabulary was telling. The student expressed an ownership of Peak 7 by using the vocabulary 'our Peak 7.'

As students erupted in laughter while sharing memories made on the recent rafting trip, I was reminded that you guys have done something significant for our men that might seem very normal for you because you run the river all the time. You connected them to the power and majesty of our Creator God and gave them a natural high unlike anything they've experienced.

What you have given our men is so much that they now include you in the brotherhood of Teen Challenge as indicated in their searching the softball field for 'our Peak 7.' Addiction has taken everything from our men. All they have left is a relationship with Jesus Christ and each other. Relationships are what they value more than anything. Including Peak 7 in their family is significant. We have some rough edges but I can tell you, these men will stand for you and serve you like few others because we are now family.

So how about another rafting trip? YOU BET! The guys are gonna GO CRAZY when I tell them. Can't wait!!

**Tony Cloud– Teen Challenge Spokane**



## A FRUITFUL SEASON: MEET OUR SEASONAL GUIDES



**Andrew Bower** - Having been involved with Peak 7 for three years now, Andrew has been a tremendous help for our Spokane and Oregon rafting and climbing programs. A rock climbing and rafting extraordinaire, you'd be surprised the places you may cross paths with this avid outdoorsman.



**Aaron Lehmann** - A true world traveler, Aaron's journey has taken him from Pakistan, where he lived for 9 years, to the Himalayas and much of Thailand. As one of Oregon's seasonal guides, he has been a huge help and we wish him the best as he finishes his studies at Corban University as a mathematics major/ Bible minor.



**Rebekah Nienke** - Hailing all the way from Greenville, South Carolina, "Bekah" helped out as an Ascent guide for our Spokane program. Engaged to the man of her dreams and studying Outdoor Leadership at North Greenville University, we are excited for her future. I won't forget to mention that she's an exquisite baker!



**Story Cosgrove** - Truly a character you would more likely come across in a story than in real life, Story was busy adding his own unique flavor to the outdoor experience as one of our Seattle Ascent guides. Another Greenville, South Carolina native, he has a big future ahead of himself which may or may not include his own bottling company.



**Jacob Santhouse** - This Colorado native is working towards his Bachelor's Degree in Youth Ministry at Moody Bible Institute. The opportunity to be a seasonal guide for our Spokane Ascent program couldn't have been a more perfect fit for Jacob. His hard work and humble spirit will be greatly missed as he heads back to finish his studies in Chicago.



**Kyle Pettit** - The plaid (always wore it on the river) river rat, or should I say raft guide for our Spokane rafting program this year, Kyle could most always be found on the Spokane River when not fathering his family's newest addition. A retired US Army soldier, our gratitude and thanksgiving goes out to him for all of his service.



**Katie Pitt** - Though she didn't get to use much of her nursing background this summer, thankfully, Katie was a huge asset to the Seattle program. "My favorite moment this summer was witnessing the power of Jesus to break down walls and soften hearts. When kids open up and show you their hurting hearts, that is where I saw Jesus and His healing, consuming love."



**Zach Buckmaster** - An extreme personality with a liking for extreme activities, Zach made every trip he guided a vibrant and exciting experience for all the youth. We are extremely thankful and happy to have had him as a seasonal guide in Spokane. He will be heading back to Portland briefly and eventually, make his way back to Spokane to study at the Community College.

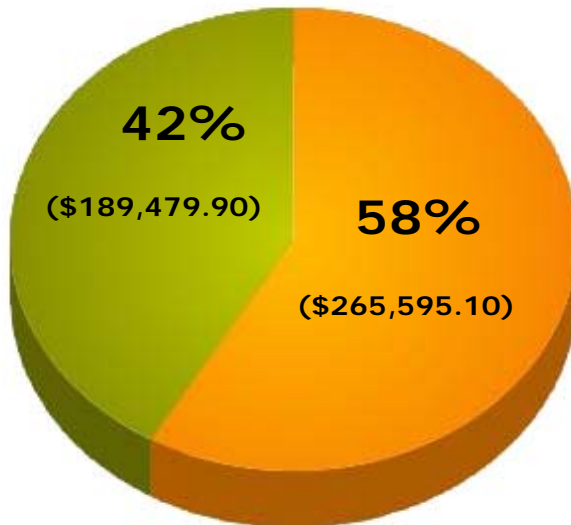


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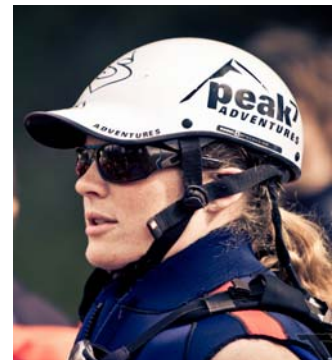
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**2012 Budget**  
**(\$455,075.00)**

- Income as of 8/20/12
- Left to Raise



**Thank You Nicole**



Nicole Winters has been with Peak 7 for three years. Always a favorite amongst female participants, her heart for Jesus and serving youth are qualities we treasure in all our staff. We are grateful for her time here at Peak 7 and wish her the best as she continues on her journey.

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**UPCOMING PEAK 7 EVENTS**



**Bocce Ball Tournament:**  
September 9, 2012 - Spokane, WA

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