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Dear Peak 7 Supporter,

Because of your generous and helpful support, we have had the opportunity to serve almost 1800 youth throughout the Pacific NW this year! That is an increase of over 500 more kids than 2009. We have been able to provide youth the opportunity to experience the wilderness (many for the first time) and learn more about themselves and about God. We have walked many miles (literally!) with these youth and have heard stories filled with hurt, pain, and despair. We have experienced great adventures together, shared our stories, and hopefully had the opportunity for the hope that we have to spill over into them.

In addition to getting more youth outdoors, we have been growing in other ways too! We were busting out the seams in our warehouse, a donor and mentor, told us about a property in Spokane that seemed like a perfect fit; we agreed. We decided to rent it and moved in on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Dec. **We also expanded our programs into Portland.** We inherited a ministry called Discover Outfitters that has been running trips for 18 years. With it we acquired 4 river permits along with enough gear to start running trips down there! This is a huge answer to prayer since permits are something that is difficult to come by. There was also a 14,000 square foot warehouse that a donor is generously letting us use for free in Prineville, OR.

This has been a pivotal year for us and I don't think we're slowing down! Our goal is to serve approximately 2,500 youth at risk in 2011. In order for this all of this to happen, we are counting on your financial partnership to enable us to continue to reach the youth in the NW. This year is a critical one in establishing a solid financial foundation in Seattle, Tacoma and Portland that will help us attain other funding from outside sources. Many grants want to see financial commitment to an organization before they will grant any funds. A number of people have partnered with us, but we need others to help us meet our funding goal for 2011. While we actively seek out funding through grants and foundations, we do count on individual donors to make up the bulk of our funding. Peak 7 truly is a unique organization in what we strive to accomplish, and the opportunity that we have to build relationships that work to point youth towards Christ. Please consider a monthly donation that helps us continue what we are doing in 2011!

Thank you for your support,

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### A NEW DIRECTION FOR DISCOVERY



What a year it has been! As many of you are probably aware, Discovery has been through much change this past year. Early this last summer Canby Grove, our parent organization, announced that it would be closing its doors in early October. However, they wanted Discovery to be able to continue as a ministry, and allowed us to begin looking for another ministry with which to join ourselves. As of mid-September we had still not found an organization.

The last week of September we made contact with an organization based in Spokane, Peak 7 Adventures, and

within a week they had reviewed our proposal and were taking steps to acquire our ministry. After much prayer and consideration on both sides we decided this was the direction God wanted to take us all, and as of October 15th, the merger was finalized.

In addition to all these changes, there have been some staffing changes as well. Tom Hall, our long-time program director, has sensed God calling him in a different direction at this time in his life. AJ Myers will continue with Discovery and his wife, Elizabeth (Knower) will be joining him and the team in Spokane.

SO JESUS SAID TO THE TWELVE, "YOU DO NOT WANT TO GO AWAY ALSO, DO YOU?" SIMON PETER ANSWERED HIM, "LORD, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO? YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE.

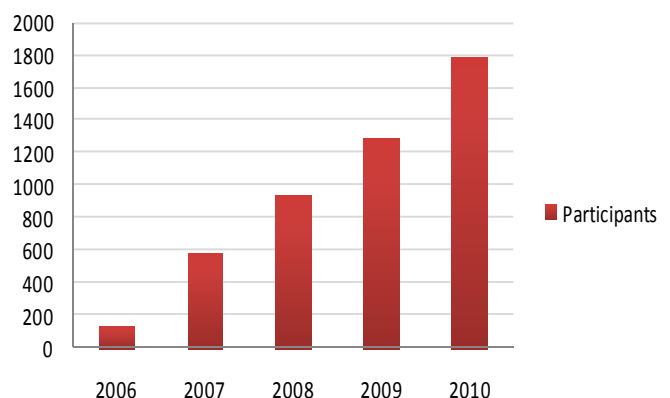
-JOHN 6:67,68



### PEAK 7 AT A GLANCE

- Began in 2006
- A non-profit ministry that focuses on at-risk youth
- Recently expanded to Seattle, WA
- Now opening a branch in Portland, OR (Discovery Outfitters)
- Learn more: [www.Peak7.org](http://www.Peak7.org)

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS



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AND JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID TO THEM, "IT IS NOT THOSE WHO ARE WELL WHO NEED A PHYSICIAN, BUT THOSE WHO ARE SICK."  
-LUKE 5:31



## SEEING GOD'S HAND

- Discovery has found a new home with Peak 7 Adventures.
- God has kept us safe as we have traveled thousands of miles during our transition.
- We had 1071 camper days this last summer– that's 1071 combined days' worth of ministry!

## SUMMER TRIP REVIEW

One camper really stood out to me this summer- a boy named \*Ryan on one of our multi-day raft trip. I was able to talk with him on the way down from a hike. He was very afraid of heights so I was encouraging him and talking About different things to him to keep him from focusing on his fears. When I asked what he wanted to do with his life he said he wasn't really sure, but he didn't feel like he was smart enough to go to college. He's going to be a senior in high school this year and he said he doesn't really care much about school, so he doesn't try his best or put much effort into getting his work done. I was able to share with him some of my

experiences and how I wasn't really motivated to do my best in school either, but that's something I really regret now because I've had to make up for it. We talked about how decisions now can have a huge affect on the future. He really seemed to absorb what I was saying, and by the end of the hike was committed to putting more effort into his schooling. I also encouraged him to get plugged into a good church. He's been going to church every now and then with a friend, but he said his family doesn't have a church they're going to regularly. I know that God is working in his life by showing him how

important it is to try his best at everything he does and that it's okay to dream big.

I could tell Ryan is really searching for his identity. I've been praying that he will find it in Christ. It was exciting for me to watch as God used this trip to work on his heart and mind.

~Amber Carmack

\*Names have been changed

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT

Looking for a way to get involved with our ministry? Check out these options:

### Pray

- Sign up for our prayer blog
- "Like" our Facebook page and get updates
- Let us know you want a monthly email update: [aj@peak7.org](mailto:aj@peak7.org)

### Volunteer

- Consider guiding for us next summer
- How about cooking, driving or something else?

### Give

- Donate to AJ and Liz's support
- Donate to our Portland General Fund
- Help cover the cost for a participant in one of our programs.

Go to our website and click "make a donation"



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