



December 4th, 2012

Dear Peak 7 Supporter,

“Mt Baker had a profound impact on Adin’s life. Upon his return, his countenance was different; he looked brighter and happier. He shared with me his experience and how he had a new appreciation for his life and opportunities. Adin is looking forward to next season and wishes to become a regular on the Peak 7 outings. “

- Chris Knowton, YMCA Teen Program Director

Merry Christmas, with the 2012 season officially wrapped up, we get to reflect on how this past year went, but more importantly, give thanks to all our supporters and sponsors that made such experiences as Adin’s possible. One can’t deny that this ultimate provision comes from The Lord our God and we are continually grateful for the work He’s doing, not only in the youth we serve, but all those within the Peak 7 community.

Every year we’ve been blessed to be able to provide more outdoor experiences and this year was no exception. Participant numbers were increased by 22%, serving 2,725 youth and 47 participants through our wilderness medicine training and certification courses. Preparing for next year, it’s our desire to be able meet this increase in demand with the intent of being able to provide first-rate outdoor experiences that all can partake in. Please join us in prayer as we book trips for next year in hopes to reach those youth that are wanting discover meaning and purpose in life. Thanks for all that you do for this ministry!

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Kerrigan".

Ryan Kerrigan
Executive Director



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THE SUMMER GUIDE EXPERIENCE



“How are you gonna tell me I have to keep hiking?”

Brianna had her arms crossed over her chest and raised her eyebrows defiantly .

I could only laugh, because I honestly had no answer. This was my first trip guiding with Peak 7 Adventures, and everything that I loved about the wilderness and the mountains were so far failing to make an impression on Brianna, a twelve-year-old girl from one of the roughest parts of Spokane. “Well,” I said, “you’re right, I can’t actually make you. But it would sure be a bummer to turn back now and I am positive you can keep going.”

Brianna didn’t bother hiding her anger as she stood up from the rock where she had crumpled several minutes earlier and we began the next switchback. Our destination was Stiletto Peak, a breathtaking lookout in the North Cascades only four and a half miles from our base camp on the Pacific Crest Trail. But three of those miles were substantial switchbacks, and Brianna was not the only teenage girl unhappy with the day’s agenda. Our progress was punctuated with frequent stops, expletives, and animated pronouncements that “this is too hard.” Time did not allow us to reach our intended goal,

but we climbed high enough to enjoy the sun in an alpine meadow and dip our feet in the glacier creek.

Throughout the five days, each girl continually challenged me with their struggles, their questions, and their blatant honesty. Their lives have very little room for pretense or for people who pretend to be perfect. This meant they didn’t get uncomfortable when discussions turned deep, personal, or spiritual—they simply said what they thought such as:

- “Hold up, I didn’t get it. How can a guy dying a bunch of years ago make a difference in my life now?”
- “How can I believe in God when I have cried so many times and nothing happens?”
- “I am just angry with God; how can He let things hurt so much?”

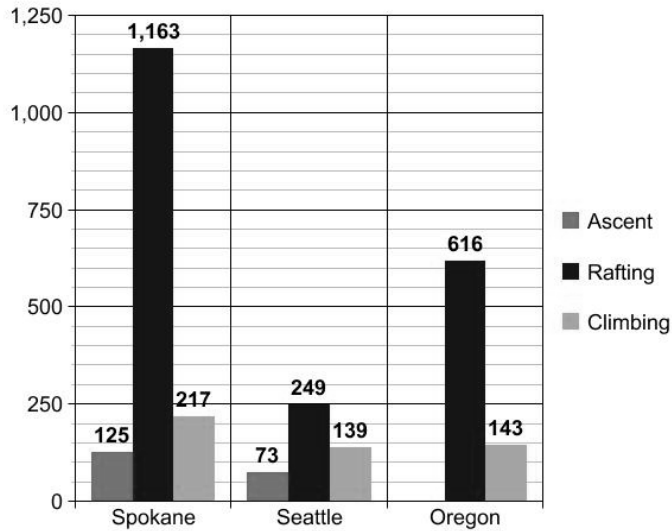
The astounding thing was that the girls listened to our answers. I shared about the hope Jesus gives me in this life and why I choose to believe that Jesus isn’t just a dead guy, He is alive and powerful! Through all of these conversations, I was forced to think about the Gospel in light of their lives, where addictions, abuse, and absent parents make life seem hopeless. Each participant had a story heaped with struggle, some with unspeakable pains for only being twelve. Yet at the end of our five days, there was a glimmer of trust in Brianna’s eyes when her routine defiance melted into laughter. And there were countless other moments I wouldn’t be able to explain if Jesus were merely a “dead guy.”

In the mountains, Jesus strips us of our false securities and *speaks tenderly to us* (Hosea 2:14). It was an immense privilege to serve this summer with Peak 7 and witness the risen power of Christ in the great outdoors.

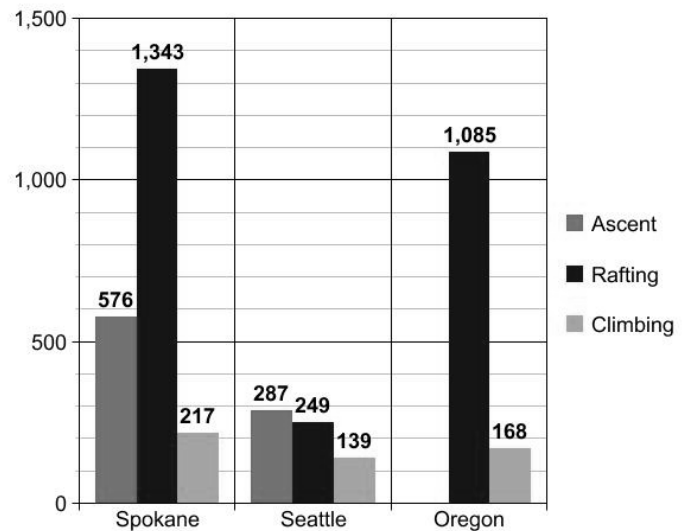
Katie Pitt – Guide

2012 PROGRAM NUMBERS (YTD)

OF PARTICIPANTS SERVED = 2725



OF DAYS WITH PARTICIPANTS = 4064



2013 PEAK 7 EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Wilderness First Responder:

June 2-8, 2013 - Spokane, WA



The Dirty Dash Races:

June 22, 2013 - Seattle, WA
 June 29, 2013 - Eugene, OR
 July 13, 2013 - Spokane, WA
 August 31, 2013 - Missoula, MT

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When you register



Ski To Sea Race:

May 26, 2013 - Bellingham, WA



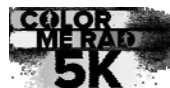
Bocce Ball Tournament:

September 15th, 2013 - Spokane, WA



Raft Guide Training:

March 1-17, 2013 - Spokane, WA
 (Weekends Only)
 May 21-26, 2013 - Maupin, OR



Color Me Rad Race:

June 15, 2013 - Spokane, WA

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Open Enrollment Ascent Trips:

July 15-19, 2013 - Spokane, WA
 July 15-19, 2013 - Seattle, WA



Father & Son Raft Float Trip:

June 27-30, 2013 - Grand Ronde River, OR
 July 8-12, 2013 - Deschutes, OR



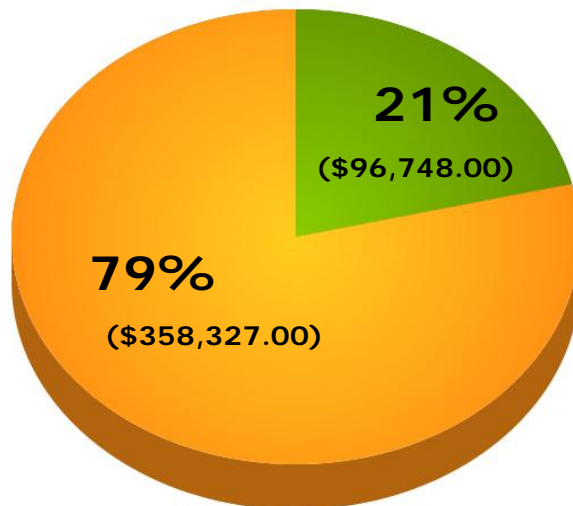
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2012 Budget
(\$455,075.00)

- Income as of 11/05/12
- Left to Raise



Thanks to Nick Johnson for all his work as Development Manager over the past year. He will be greatly missed but will always be a part of the Peak 7 family!

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