

December, 2013



As another busy program season winds down and we enter into a time of reflection and thanks, I can't help but look back and be humbled at how blessed of a year this has been for us at Peak 7. First, we were blessed with safety. **We took more than 3,000 kids on over 200 trips** during the summer and the worst injuries we have to report are a sprained ankle and a few scrapes and bruises. We also had some very fun and successful fundraising events that continue to remind us that **God is the provider of all things** and that **we have the best community of volunteers and supporters** any organization could ask for. Also, thanks to our incredible staff, I was able to take a three month sabbatical in the middle of the summer to spend quality time with my family and re-energize. But most importantly, **we significantly impacted thousands of young lives from all over the Pacific Northwest through Christ-centered outdoor adventures.** Inside are just a few of the testimonials we received from youth and their leaders who had very meaningful experiences on one of our adventures this summer.

I would also like to highlight a couple opportunities for you to partner with our Oregon office. First, we have a need for donations to our scholarship fund which allows us to serve the most underprivileged youth in our community. We currently have more than 400 kids throughout Oregon wanting to experience our adventures but aren't able to because we cannot afford to scholarship them. Second, we have information for our Junior Guide training program—an exciting opportunity for kids aged 15 to 17 to gain all the training they need to become a guide. For more information on both, please see the articles on the back page.

I love seeing young faces light up when they summit a mountain peak, climb a rock wall, or conquer raging rapids; and knowing these experiences are possible only because of your generosity is a joy to witness. The giving of your time, talents, and resources has had an immeasurable impact on the youth in our communities and I cannot thank you enough for choosing to be a part of our Peak 7 family. **May you have a very blessed Christmas season!**

Blessings,

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

Ryan Kerrigan
Executive Director





“Dear sponsor, I am so thankful that you sponsored me because I had the time of my life. I walked forever but I pushed myself to the fullest and got to see the sunrise. I climbed over rocks on the mountain and overcame fears every day. I made a goal and met it! Thank you so much!” Youth For Christ, Girls Ascent Trip

“You are all amazing!! Leah (who had to be talked down the wall) swam harder, ran faster, and biked with more determination after – at the triathlon. She cried on my shoulder that she’d done it. It gives me goosebumps just thinking about it. You guys helped make that happen – thank you! You guys are great! And Kirby was awesome!” - Hutton Settlement, Rock Climbing Trip

“Thank you! On this trip I was able to experience God’s creation and grow closer to Him. Along with getting to know awesome Peak 7 guides who encouraged me the entire time! This was truly a trip to remember! Thank you!” - Youth For Christ, Girls Ascent Trip



“Thank you so much for leading us down the Spokane River on Saturday. Our group had a great time of bonding, rafting, and having fun. Your organization is fantastic and I look forward to many more adventures with you.” - Coeur D’ Alene Bible Church, Rafting Trip

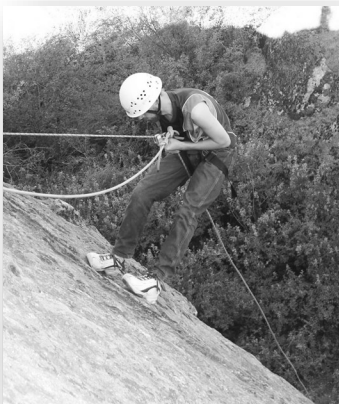
“We cannot thank you enough for all the time and activities you have given to our kids. You truly helped make this summer one of the most memorable ones for the campers and staff. We are truly blessed to have formed this partnership and look forward to what we can put together in the future!” Northeast Youth Center, Rock Climbing and Rafting Trips



YOUNG LIVES BEING CHANGED

TESTIMONIALS FROM 2013

“Thank you so very much for the wonderful adventure you took us on—rafting! Everyone had a great time and appreciated the kindness and consideration shown by your team—thank you!!” Miryam’s Transition House, Rafting Trip



“The Climbing trip was a great success! After the fantastic BBQ (which was all donated by Cup supporters!), the Peak 7 staff used the trust that is needed to climb to open a discussion about how we can be trustworthy people to those around us and also to spark a sobering conversation about ways that we have been let down by people who were supposed to be there for us in our pasts. Several youth opened up and shared deeply personal examples from their own lives. What a great opportunity not only to bless youth who live on the street with a unique experience of climbing, but also to spark personal growth and transparency! Thank you Peak 7 and all the donors that made this trip possible!” - Cup of Cool Water, Rock Climbing Trip

SUCCESSFUL EVENTS

Volunteer/Donor Thank You Dinners

- Spokane, Seattle, and Oregon -

We had a great time celebrating the hard work and generosity of our volunteers and supporters in all three of our locations over the past year. Only because you selflessly offer your time, talents, and resources is Peak 7 able to impact young lives through outdoor adventures. Thank you so much for everything you do. We're so blessed that you choose to be a part of our family of supporters!



UPCOMING EVENTS

First Annual Fundraising Banquet

- Spokane -

Thursday, March 6th, Time TBD
Lincoln Center

Please save the date and join us for our First Annual Fundraising Banquet to help us continue transforming the lives of youth through meaningful outdoor adventures. We're excited to have this opportunity to spread the word in our community about the work we're doing for underprivileged youth in our area.

We are currently looking for volunteers, table hosts to fill tables of eight, and event sponsors. Please contact Ryan Rodin at ryan.rodin@peak7.org or 509-467-5550 if you're interested in hosting or helping. More information to come!

INTRODUCING NEW PEAK 7 TEAM MEMBERS

Alex Nycum—Program Coordinator

A rafting and climbing guide for Peak 7 in Oregon this summer, Alex has recently joined the team full time as our second Program Coordinator in our Spokane office. He will be responsible for scheduling trips in the winter and helping run them in the summer.

Alex was born and raised in Maryland and developed a love for the outdoors on hiking and camping trips with his family. While earning his degree in Physics from James Madison University, he attended a National Outdoor Leadership School where he became certified as a Wilderness First Responder.

Alex is excited to be a part of the Peak 7 team and to share his passion for outdoor adventures and his love of Christ with others.



Daniel Klassen—Wilderness Medicine Coordinator

Daniel grew up as a missionary kid in Peru and Ecuador. He started climbing mountains at the age of 15 with his high school's mountain climbing club.

He attended Nordfjord Folkehøgskule in Norway, majoring in Glacier and Mountain Climbing. He served as a missionary in Ecuador for 8 years, creating a backpacking program for an outdoors ministry called El Refugio. His passions include mountaineering, photography, medicine, and mentoring.

Daniel is now coordinating the Wilderness Medicine program for Peak 7 and is based in Spokane with his wife and son. He is very happy to be on staff to further grow and develop this program.





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Challenging the body | Engaging the Spirit

OPPORTUNITIES TO ENGAGE—OREGON

DONATIONS TO SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Here are some facts you may not know about our Oregon location:

- Every year we have many more youth who want to come on our adventures than we can afford to serve. For 2014, that number is currently well over 400.
- Participant fees only cover about 22% of trip costs. The remaining 78% is paid for by the generosity of our supporters which helps fund scholarships.
- That means your financial support is directly responsible for changing young lives through the outdoor adventures we provide.

Scholarships allow us to impact the most impoverished and needy youth in our community.

Here are a few ways your donation could change kids' lives:

- \$60 pays the way for one youth to experience a day of rafting or climbing.
- Over the course of a year, \$10 per month opens the door for two youth to go climbing or rafting.
- \$25 a month over the course of a year allows five young lives to be changed through a day of climbing or rafting.

We would love for you to consider partnering with us to reach these kids that we're unable to serve. Your generosity means so much to us, but it means even more to the kids who's lives you'll be impacting through it. Thank you!

JUNIOR GUIDE PROGRAM OPPORTUNITY

Who: 15-17 year olds

What: A seven-day open enrollment program that introduces students to all aspects of guiding rock climbing and multi-day rafting trips. In addition to teaching basic hard skills, students learn how to share their testimony and lead group discussions with an emphasis placed on servant leadership.

When: June 15-21, 2014

Where: Rafting training is on the Deschutes and rock climbing is at Smith Rock.

How: Registration is currently open on our website under the 'Register Now' link on our homepage.

Please feel free to contact AJ or Liz Myers at 503-928-7757 with any questions.

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