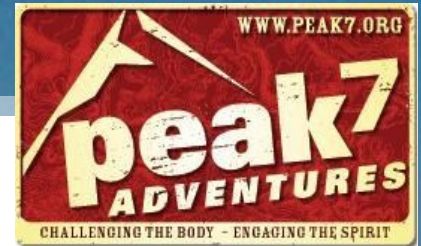


December, 2013



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 like to highlight our need for host families in the Seattle area to house our Summer Team members next year. Because Summer Team members have to raise their own support, we like to arrange free housing for them to ease the financial burden. Plus, it's a tremendous blessing for them to have a warm, caring home to return to after long days and weeks serving kids in the outdoors. For more information, please see the article 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

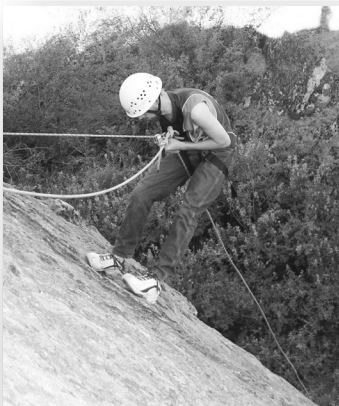
“We cannot thank you enough for all the time and activities you have given to our kids. You truly helped make this summer one of the most memorable ones for the campers and staff. We are truly blessed to have formed this partnership and look forward to what we can put together in the future!” Northeast 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](mailto: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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## SEATTLE HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR SUMMER GUIDES

**PEAK 7 IS LOOKING FOR:** Families in the Seattle area willing to host one of our college-age summer team members.

**WHEN:** Summer guides will need housing from June 22nd through August 30th, 2014

**WHAT IT MEANS:** The guides are generally gone on trips Monday through Friday, but there may be an occasional week in which they will be working locally.

**INTERESTED?** Please contact Lynn Smith at [lynn@peak7.org](mailto:lynn@peak7.org) or 509-467-5550

Every program season, we recruit college-age kids to join our team as trip guides during the summer. For these seasonal guides, joining Peak 7 for the summer is truly service as we ask them to raise their own financial support. To help ease the burden, we look for host families willing to house and feed them throughout the summer. Before we can recruit our summer team, we need to arrange housing for them.

Hosting a Summer Team member would be a huge blessing for the guide, for Peak 7 as a whole and, we hope, for you and your family as well. Having a warm, loving place to come home to after a week in the woods means so much to our guides. Plus, you will be allowing him or her to serve at Peak 7 free from worry about rent, utility, and food costs, helping them focus on the needs of the underprivileged youth we serve.

Please consider opening the door for one of our guides to transform young lives by opening your home to them for the summer.

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