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BINGLE CAMP

NEWSLETTER UPDATE!

FROM OUR DIRECTOR'S PEN



Churches are invited to contact us about holding summer services on weekends in the Bingle Camp Chapel.

First let me thank all of you who generously supported Bingle Camp Ministries in 2015. We had a good and growing year at Bingle Camp. We were blessed with a work team led by Rev. Henry Woodall that got us ready for the summer camp season. God provided us with great summer camp staff led by Darcy Sharp, who lived a commitment to showing his love to others. Jeanette Wrede bravely took over the kitchen for our camp season. We were also blessed with a work team from Lightshine Ministries who provided much needed skill in doing repairs. I am excited to say we have begun a long term relationship with Lightshine for annual future work teams. I am reminded of a volunteer worker sharing that the time spent laboring at Bingle Camp was an important step in their walk with God, maybe even more pivotal than attending a camp as a

youngster.

It makes me realize that our mission extends far beyond summer camps.

As we look forward to 2016 I am encouraged that God has many more lives for us to touch. I personally found God calling me to this ministry not just from the position of a board member but now to directorship.

So how can you be involved with our mission and be blessed by Bingle Camp? We always covet your prayers. We always need your support. But let us bless you with our facilities blessed with Gods artwork. Come enjoy Knox Retreat Center which is open year round, as well as the availability of the Camp for your summer events. Contact me on how we can bless you.

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A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greetings!

I cannot tell you how excited I am for the future of our camp and its ministry! Our new Executive Director, Steve Spencer, has jumped headfirst into leading and planning and I am confident that with his leadership, the Board's work, and all of your prayers, support, and help we can see 2016 be the beginning of a vibrant chapter in the history of Bingle Camp. I'm sure Steve will be giving us all more specifics on how we can best help support Bingle with our prayers, gifts, and volunteer hours in the coming months, but I wanted to share a moment from this past summer's Night Glacier Camp.

We had a little over one dozen high school students with us for Night Glacier. Much of the week was doused by rain and cool temperatures, but the teens kept their spirits high and eagerly jumped in the lake at every opportunity. In the middle of the week, we took on a new challenge - canoeing ALL the way across Harding Lake. This was something no one in our group, including me, had ever done. We had a few challenges, including some serious waves courtesy of the powerboats zipping across the lake, but we all made it there and back again without serious incident. As we canoed across, my shipmate shared stories of his life at school and at home. He asked questions about scripture, faith, and Jesus Christ. It was a remarkable trek across the lake and we were all happy to have completed the challenge and enjoy the company of campers and counselors as we went.

The week was full of moments like that: where kids could be authentic, ask important questions, play outside, learn about God, and do work serving each other and their community. This is what you support when you support Bingle. You ensure that hundreds (and hopefully thousands one day) of kids will have moments where they can experience the beauty of our Creator outside, worship God, learn how to follow Jesus Christ, and make friendships that help them grow. What an opportunity! Thank you for joining Steve, the Board, and all of us friends of Bingle Camp in this important work!

- David McConnell-Booher, Board President

Bingle Camp is now interviewing for summer staff positions.

Available positions:

Program Director: College Graduate or Equivalent. Full time from mid-May thru late July

Camp Counselor: May 30 – mid July (lifeguard, worship leader, special skills may have added bonuses)

Pathfinders: Highschool students for 1 week or more as staff helpers.

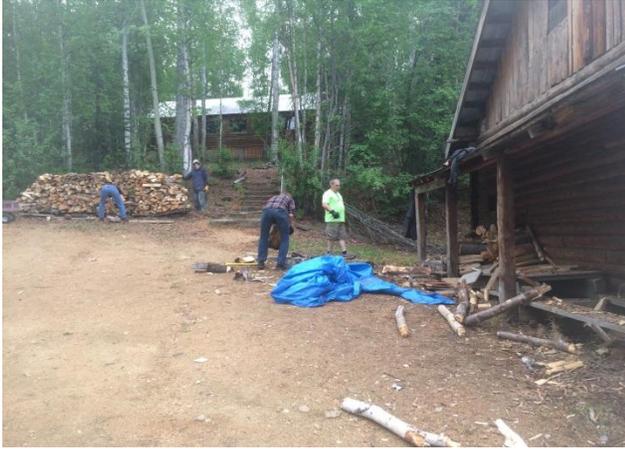
See our website for more info. <http://binglecamp.org/working-at-bingle-camp/>

Share your own Bingle Buzz!

Do you have a story about how Bingle has touched your life or the life of a loved one? Whether your Bingle story was from July 2015, January 1953, or anywhere in between - we want to publish it and share the good news!

Please submit stories and articles for our next newsletter to Steve at director@bingle.org

Thanks for sharing your story!



Will you partner with us?

We are in the process of updating and repairing our ageing facilities. Many of our buildings are in need of foundation work. You can provide us with a work team, or if you don't have the ability or time for that you could provide us with funding to purchase materials to keep our work teams busy.

We have been blessed to have a construction professional on staff. We believe that God will supply the rest. How has he asked you to help?

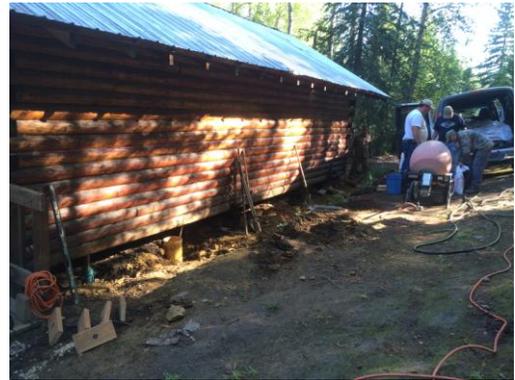
Hebrews 13: 20-21 Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

To make a Donation to Bingle Camp Ministries

Use the enclosed envelope to mail a check to us to
PO Box 80570 Fairbanks AK 99709.

Or donate online using your credit or debit card at.

<https://binglecamp.org/donate/>



Did you know that Bingle has the best, most affordable retreat center for your group?

KNOX RETREAT CENTER is a year-round retreat facility here at Bingle Camp. Youth groups, men's groups, women's groups, leadership training, family groups, and more will find it an ideal place to get together to work, plan, pray, and play.

If your group is looking for a place for a night, a weekend or midweek activity, check it out by going to our website: <http://www.binglecamp.org/knox/index.html>

There is a large conference room, two bedrooms which sleep 18 people, two large bathrooms with showers, and a complete kitchen to prepare your own food!

Call Darcey at (907) 488-3197 for prices, schedules, a brochure, or other information.

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