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BINGLE CAMP

NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Thank You!

Your prayers, volunteer work, and financial support are what keeps Bingle Camp Ministries going. Together, we are reaching kids, youth, and adults in the name of Jesus Christ!



SUMMER 2019

2019 was a great season for Bingle Camp! We hosted new groups at Bingle Camp and enjoyed guests to our Knox Retreat Center. We welcomed over 100 Campers to Christian Camping experiences as well as living Christ's love to over 100 teens in educational programs.

During 2019 your support helped us give scholarships to about 35 campers. We have been blessed so much by to our gracious heavenly Father for providing all the ways Bingle was able to be a light to the world in Interior Alaska this past year!

Our team has forged relationships with work teams that have been busy the last few years helping us repair and upgrading the aging piece of paradise God has entrusted us with.

We also look forward to 2020 as we prepare for staff and camper recruiting, an action-packed summer welcoming campers of all ages, renewing and restoring camp properties and so much more!

Please join us as we pray, give, and work to make 2020 another great year for Bingle Camp and its ministry!

From A Summer Staffer

Not a day has gone by where I haven't longed to be back in Alaska sitting by the lake and watching God's children learn and play together. My days spent at Bingle Camp will be days I cherish and look back upon forever. I grew so much and was able to learn so many valuable things from the people who were beside me each day. I was blown away so many times by the grace of God and how strongly I felt His presence all summer. I was terrified when I left my home back in May and everything became a reality. I no longer had my parents to guide me or my family to brighten my day. I left feeling so unprepared. I didn't know what kinds of questions campers would need answers to. I didn't know what kind of people I was going to have to learn to get along with all summer. I didn't know if I had enough endurance for everything I was about to face. I had this funny feeling that the only thing I had left to cling to was my faith in Jesus. And as the summer unfolded I was taught time and time again that that was all I needed. I've been told about Christ's love since the day I was born. I was raised to take things one thing at a time because God knew the big picture and I didn't need to. But never in my life had I ever experienced what it truly felt like to have all the "normal" in my life pulled far enough away to only have my foundation in Christ left to stand on. The entire time I was away from home there was someone there to guide me and to brighten my day. God gave me the knowledge to answer every question. God helped me find a way to get along with everyone He placed in my path. God gave me the patience to persevere through every struggle. All I needed was to cling to Jesus. I was able to see through my own journey that the one and only thing that will ever stay consistent throughout my entire life is the love that my savior has for me. He is my rock. So while I may have grown up being TOLD these things about God, after this summer I can confidently say I KNOW these things about God. Each day I was there I grew more confident in my faith and I KNEW that God was guiding me and shaping me into the person He wants me to become.

Then, one month ago today, I found myself leaving a different home and a different family with the same feeling of uncertainty. I didn't want to go back to the same daily routine I had left just a few months ago and get stuck after such a productive season of growth. But I had to face reality again and knew that the normal I left in May would feel far from normal to return to. This time, though, I wasn't trying to make things feel normal because I KNEW that God was with me and in Him I can find peace. So here I am, one month later, working a part time job wearing business casual and living the office life I said I'd never live. I'm not where I want to be but I'm fine sitting here for a while I wait on the Lord to help guide me because I KNOW whose hands I'm sitting in. I KNOW this is another season of growth and soon there will be another. I no longer wait to find satisfaction in my day to day life, but rather strive to find joy in this journey that God has so graciously blessed me with. I am a completely different person than I was when I started my crazy Alaskan adventure because God allowed me to find confirmation in the things I've been told my whole life.

I write all this to say thank you to the leadership. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to leave my comfort zone so that I could grow. Thank you for entrusting me with the responsibility of being a Christ-like example to each camper we had this summer. Thank you for letting God work through you. So many people are blessed by who you are, myself included. My faith grew tremendously because of the way you allowed God to do His work and I have no doubt that lots of other people have been greatly impacted by you as well. Thank you for being who God created you to be.

Thoughts of Bingle from a camper, a 5th grade boy:

I attended Adventure Camp the week of July 21-26, 2019. What I liked was swimming in the lake. I also like sharing thoughts with my cabin mates. I enjoyed the game Radioactive Renegade, and the one with the chips and pebbles. I also loved the food. And the pillow wars. And also the wrestling matches with my counselor and cabin buddies. I think the Bible lessons were pretty good. They gave us an education about the Bible. I remember the time when my counselor and some kids pushed the lifeguard into the water. She didn't even get mad. It was a lot of fun when the counselor put us on his shoulders and tossed us into the water. I would definitely like to go again next summer.

Our guests and campers come in all ages, backgrounds, and interests.

This allows us to give the love of Christ to many people.

2019 allowed us to host church groups, school groups, teachers training, outdoor education, Girl Scouts, a mission team board meeting, other religious organization camping programs, and our own Christ centered camping program.

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Please pray for us and consider how you can be involved in this ministry.

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