



2020 Summer Camp

- Campers 594
- Scholarships 76
- Value \$35,952
- Salvations 19

December 3, 2020

Dear friends,

“Mama always said, ‘Life is like a box of chocolates. You never know what you’re gonna get.’” That line, from the 1994 movie *Forrest Gump*, can be applied to camp. Each summer hundreds of kids come to camp...and each week presents different challenges.

For example, **ten-year-old Anna** struggles with depression and controlling her emotions. Her camp counselor, Heather Anderson, noticed it, especially during the daily bible study. Heather recalls **“She mentioned a couple of times, I think just to shock the girls, that she had no desire to be a Christian, that she was too bad of a person.”**

Heather prayed, asking the Lord to help her understand and reach Anna.

After a couple of days, Anna came to Heather and admitted, she really had been listening during bible study. Anna wasn’t sure she was ready to commit her life to the Lord but told Heather **“For the first time I don’t feel like I’m alone. I feel like I have a better understanding of who God is,”** adding, “I feel like I have people who really care about me and will be there as I continue to make this journey in discovering who God is.”



Heather Anderson

During another week of camp, counselor Aubrey Woodwyk had a **nine-year old camper, Nancy, who seemed interested in learning more about what it means to be a Christian** but was uncomfortable with the idea of accepting Jesus as her savior.



Aubrey Woodwyk

Aubrey asked the girl what concerned her about becoming a Christian. Nancy told her she didn’t think she could be a Christian because her family doesn’t go to church and she didn’t have a Bible, so she really didn’t know much about Jesus.

Aubrey had brought to camp the Bible she had as a child. She gave it to Nancy...who spent every free moment reading it. Before she left camp, Nancy prayed with Aubrey, asking Jesus to come into her life.

Relationships are a big part of the camp experience. In the short term, the most impactful relationships can be the ones campers have with their counselors and instructors. It is often the cabin counselors who helped kids start a relationship with the Lord...a relationship with eternal impact.

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We are privileged to be a part of what God is doing to make himself known to hundreds of young people each year. As part of our efforts to partner with the Lord, we offer scholarship assistance to families that can't afford the full cost of camp. **I want to invite you to partner with the Lord by donating to the Summer Camp Scholarship Fund.**

With a gift of \$745 you will be making it possible for one child to experience a week of our Original Horse Camp.

The half-week *Atomic Horse Camp* is a great way to introduce first time campers to the camp experience in a bite size way. A contribution of **\$540 covers the cost for one camper.**

If you can give \$135, that funds one day of camp for a scholarship camper.

A donation of any amount is significant. **Contributions of \$5, \$10, \$25 helped us award nearly \$36,000 of scholarship assistance last summer, making it possible for 76 boys and girls to experience Faith, Farm and Fun.**

To make a secure, online donation, click on the *Donate Now* button below.



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Wishing you and yours a healthy and hopeful Christmas.

In Him,

Handwritten signature of Wrangler Matt Wiley in blue ink.

Wrangler Matt Wiley
Founder & Board Member

P.S. Our goal is to provide scholarship assistance to more than 100 campers next summer. Please take a moment to prayerfully consider partnering with us to turn that vision into reality.