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Dear Friend,

Khloe loves horses and her dream is to someday own one. Is that reason enough to provide her with a scholarship to camp?

The Summer Camp Scholarship fund exists to help kids saddle up when their family truly can't afford to pay the full cost of camp. Every one of the scholarship applications I've received so far meets that criteria, including Khloe's.

Most parents tell me they want to see their child have a chance to do something fun and special. The **letter from Khloe's Mom, Jennifer, stood out because of the main reason Jennifer wants her daughter to come to camp.** Here's a portion of what she wrote:

As a single mother raising two children, I have learned the importance of hard work and dedication. I work two jobs to provide the best life for my children possible. I feel that it is important for my daughter to understand the care, commitment, and work that are required to own a horse. Not to mention the life lessons that can be instilled through that responsibility.

My intention is to sign Khloe up for horse camp so that she will have the opportunity to grow and learn all that she can. If given this opportunity I know Khloe will work hard and take this seriously. This is something my daughter is truly passionate about and we are so grateful for your consideration.

Jennifer's letter reinforces my belief that camp can be about more than just having fun. Don't get me wrong, I love seeing every kid at camp smiling, laughing and having tons of fun. But from the time my parents started camp back in 1964, developing character and growing spiritually were part of the Marmon Valley camp experience.

Every day campers have responsibilities: grooming their horse, keeping their cabin clean, caring for the barnyard animals.

And every day we encourage them to grow spiritually, learning more about Jesus through the daily Bible Study with their counselors & cabin mates, and through teachable moments that occur on and off the horse trails.

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After attending a Daddy/Daughter event at the farm, **a little girl named Martha asked her parents if she could come to camp this summer.** In their application, her Dad told us:

We know that our daughter loves horses and that, along with the Christian faith component so important at Marmon Valley, your camp seems to be a perfect fit for her! We are firm believers in how important Christian camping ministries are for young people and how much they impact their eternities.

Camp started this week and so far there are 70 kids asking for scholarship assistance. We average more than 100 requests each year, so we know other applications will be arriving soon. Will you help us say “yes!” to as many of them as possible?

The cost of camp ranges from \$455 for the half-week *Critter Camp* to \$725 for the week-long *Equestrian Camp*. We ask scholarship families to pay at least \$125 of that, even if they need to make small payments over time. Last summer 106 campers received scholarship assistance, with an **average scholarship amount of \$500.** **Would you be able to contribute that and give one girl or boy a week filled with faith, farm and fun?**

If you donate \$250, that funds half of one scholarship.

A gift of **\$83** provides **one day for a scholarship camper.** \$35 covers the cost of the camper’s horse for the week. It costs about \$10 a day to feed one camper. **A gift of any amount is greatly appreciated!**

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



On behalf of Khloe, Martha and all the children who will benefit from your generosity, thank you.

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