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A VET IN THE MAKING

Scholarship Camper Finds Her Calling



Emma loves horses. This was her third year at Marmon Valley Ministries' summer horse camp.

Like most of the kids that come to camp, her favorite activity is riding. Emma says she really enjoys the daily classes... learning about the parts of the horse and the different breeds. "I just love that they are God's creation," she says, adding, "He made them for us to travel around on."

After last year's camp, Emma decided she wants to be a veterinarian, specifically an equine vet. It's not unusual for an eleven-year-old to declare what they want to

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be when they grow up, but unlike other kids her age, Emma is putting her money where her mouth is.

She shows cows at local fairs and this year won first place awards in showmanship at two different fairs. When Emma sold her cow, she put every penny into a college savings fund.

Her family could not afford the full price of camp this year, but they gave Emma a chance to earn money by doing extra chores. Her grandfather paid her to clean out stalls and take care of cows and sheep at his farm, along with splitting and hauling firewood. The resourceful 6th grader found out she could also make a few bucks by picking up aluminum cans and taking them to a recycling center.

When it came time to register for camp, Emma was about \$300 short of the cost of a week of camp. Her family gave what

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they could afford and her grandparents submitted a scholarship application. Because of the generous people who donated to the scholarship fund, Emma received a partial scholarship and spent a week at camp, which only reinforced her desire to be an equine vet.

Emma wants the donors to know she appreciates their investment in her. "Thank you so much. This means a lot and will carry me throughout my whole life, and hopefully, help me become a vet."



Emma hopes to become a vet someday.



SADDLIN' UP FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Ride Through the Valley Raises \$20,369

Under blue skies and with temperatures in the low 70's, 50 riders took to the trails on September 11th to raise money for the Summer Camp Scholarship Fund.

The top individual fundraiser was 12-year-old Natalia Wiley (no relation to Wrangler Matt) who raised \$885. Natalia and her sister Danielle attended camp for the first time this summer and loved it so much they decided to join the posse so other kids could come to camp. For her efforts, Natalia received a free week of camp and a \$50 gift card to Rod's Western Palace.

Sophia Vijverberg and Danielle Wiley were the 2nd and 3rd highest individual fundraisers. The 2016 Summer Staff Team won the team award, raising \$1,035!



Natalia loved camp so much she decided to join the trail ride fundraiser to help other kids attend camp.

Our thanks to all the riders, the folks who sponsored them, and the business sponsors for making the 2016 Ride Through the Valley trail ride fundraiser a success. Because of your generous support, dozens of kids will be coming to camp next summer!



OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT CAMP

Small changes can make a big difference in the life of a camper!



Kroger Community Rewards

Simply designate Marmon Valley Ministries as your beneficiary on the Kroger website and every time you use your Kroger Rewards Card a portion gets donated to MVM!



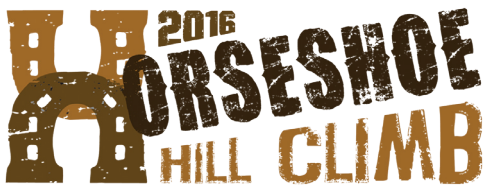
AmazonSmile Program

If you are already shopping online it is simple to make your purchases through the AmazonSmile website. Choose Marmon Valley Ministries as your charitable organization and the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to MVM.



Donate

Giving to the camper scholarship fund is simple and easy through our online giving. Do a one time gift or set up a donation plan that works for your finances.



Horseshoe Hill Climb

Lace up your running shoes and join the trail race fundraiser on Saturday, November 5th, 2016. Challenge your friends to a 5K, 10K, 20K, or 30K race through the hills at Marmon Valley Farm! Register on our website today.



Select the Donate tab on the website to learn more about supporting MVM



LIFE LESSONS FROM CAMP

Camp is a great place to create lifelong friendships, make memories, and build a faith that will last an eternity!

COMMUNITY

An essential part of growing up is learning how to work with others. Kids who spend a week at summer camp have the opportunity to learn how to share space with others, develop teambuilding skills, and make new friends. Campers get to stay in an environment where loving and encouraging one another is the goal.

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:24-25

COURAGE

Trying new things is challenging, but it’s essential to growth! Climbing the rock wall, balancing on a board at the challenge course, or trotting a horse may seem scary at first, but they are all fun ways to help kids stretch outside their comfort zones. It is outside of their comfort zone that young people learn the benefits of risk taking and pushing through fears to overcome challenges.

“The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?” Psalm 27:1

CONFIDENCE

Discovering God-given strengths and understanding a Christian’s identity is in Christ is what helps believers have the confidence to face life’s challenges. While at camp, kids try new activities and are faces with situations where they can discover their strengths and learn to trust God in their weaknesses. When young people are suddenly separated from the physical and emotional support of their

parents at camp they must learn how to rely on the Lord to be their strength and lean on the support of their friends and cabin counselors. It is when people find their security in Christ that their confidence soars!

“For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.” 2 Timothy 1:7

CHRIST- LIKENESS

The central focus of Marmon Valley Ministries’ summer camp is showing young people Christ. Kids dig into God’s word during devotions, hear the gospel presented during camp talk, learn practical application of scripture through teachable moments, and are encouraged in their faith by counselors. Campers learn that following Christ is more than just attending church, but a lifelong adventure of fully trusting Christ and allowing ourselves to be used by Him.

“Then [Jesus] said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.” Luke 9:23-24

CHARACTER

Character is not something that is hastily built during a week of camp, it takes time and commitment. At camp, young people see character modeled by the staff and learn how to establish the foundation of their life on the timeless truth of God’s word. Those who choose to live their life based on Biblical standards will develop a character that reflects Christ.

“...we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.” Romans 5:3-5

Praise God for using camp as a way to help develop young people into the adults he wants them to be. No matter your age or stage in life, it’s never too late to learn how to live in community with others, take courage in scary situations, have confidence to face difficulties, display christ-likeness in your interactions, or develop a character that reflects Christ. These are lessons God continues to teach us throughout our lives as long as we remain open to his loving instruction.

Natalie Frueh
Program Director



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Changing lives around the world

This summer, MVM had the opportunity to partner with Jean-Paul from Kingdom Investment International to sponsor two children, Fidele and Sidonie, from Burkina Faso in Africa.

Our mission was to raise \$800 to send both kids to school and purchase bicycles to get them there. Each week, campers had the opportunity to donate to this cause. Thanks to everyone's generosity, we were able to raise \$1,146.46!

Jean-Paul recently visited with Fidele and Sidonie and said they are doing well and very excited about their new bicycles. Many thanks to everyone who gave and prayed for these young people!



Sidonie, 9

Fidele, 8



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SPRING YOUTH WEEKEND

March 17-19, 2017

Get a taste of Summer Camp with a weekend of horsemanship and Farm fun for kids ages 7 to 17.

Come for the horses, the friends, & the fun! Christ-centered devotions will help you re-focus your relationship with the Lord, too!

Bring your warm clothes and Cowboy Up for a weekend of adventure!





Summer Horse Camp 2017

Now is the time to sign up for Summer Horse Camp! We offer eight weeks of Original Horse Camp along with six other specialty Camps: Horsin' Around, Horsin' Around PRO, Equestrian, Pure Country, Critter Camp, and Insight Camp!

Faith formation is central to the purpose of our summer programs! Activities and relationships provide the backdrop for opportunities to disciple young people and lead them to the savior, Jesus Christ in a real and personal way.



CRITTER CAMP

Debuting July 23rd, 2017

Critter crazy kids will love our brand new summer camp just for girls ages 7-11!

This half-week residential camp allows girls to have hands-on interactions with Farm animals while learning about animal care and responsibility.

During their stay, campers will also enjoy Farm-favorite activities like horseback riding, crafts, and swimming!

Learn more & register for camp online at marmonvalleyministries.org



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