Summer Update 2018

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2018 Summer Recap



- 34 camp sessions
- 40 towels left in lost & found
- 952 campers
- 283+ faculty
- 150+ kitchen volunteers
- 19 campers accepted Christ
- 56 ARK scholarships given
- 140 stalls mucked out by campers
- $14,516.74 = the amount campers & faculty gave to missions
- 512 free t-shirts given out for early registrations

Faith Decisions

A camper coming to faith in Christ is the single greatest moment in any camp session. Nineteen campers, including one parent, made decisions & were baptized into Christ at THE ARK this summer. Several others were planning to go home & be baptized at their local churches.



Guest Services

This summer, we had incredible opportunities to host a wide variety of guests. While many were church groups that love Jesus & share our values, others were company picnics, school groups & nonprofits. We are thankful for the moments Jesus gives us to share His love with others.

Camper Quotes

Campers were asked about their favorite aspects of camp & lessons they learned. Here's a glimpse into their experiences:

- "I had lots of best parts: mountain biking, watching my friends (experience the outdoor adventures), the views from the trail—everything was beautiful."
- "I learned I can be a bass fisherman—a good one even."



- "The Bible studies were my favorite parts of the week."
- "God is always with us."
- "Being rooted in God is better than being alone."
- "God died on the cross. I didn't know that before."
- "Campfire time was the best. We talked about God & danced."
- "I learned sometimes it's easier to pull people down than up. I need to be rooted in Christ for that not to happen."
- Being rooted in God's Word is a foundation for life. It looks like holiness, faithfulness, prayer…"
- "My top favorites were the zip line, mudslide, & lots of fun songs."
- "I learned more about Jesus. We didn't really learn about anything but Jesus!"

Ladies Retreat, September 14-15



For more info & to register visit thearkcm.org or call the office.

Creating Communities of Grace Everywhere God Leads

Life 1010 Internship



Life 1010 Interns & Mentors Retreating Together

For the majority of the eight, two-year interns, summer 2018 was their third summer working at THE ARK. The middle of August, all eight of them completed the program. We pray they may be forever different, in the very best way, because of their time with us. We certainly are better for the time they've spent here.

Currently, we have one new two-year intern starting & a few other applicants interested in the program. Applications & more info are on the "Internship" section of the website.

From the Executive Director

As we head into retreat season, I reflect on the summer of "Rooted." My best memory is of an afternoon when the call to prayer sounded. It was a Christian call to rest in God & pray to Him. We heard it as a part of the mission experience 5 times a day; there was much prayer happening on the property.

This particular afternoon, I was getting out of a vehicle by the Jungle Huts. The campers were in the middle of working on memory verses (getting rooted). I heard one camper who was by the campfire call out to everyone else, "Hey, we need to get together & pray." I watched as the campers gathered & one of them led in prayer for people who don't know Jesus.

Your prayers & financial support allow this type of leadership to happen in multiple sessions of camp all summer. Thank you for joining us in this life-changing ministry.

Bruce R. Cameron

Prayer Points

- Rest & renewal for our staff coming off summer
- Wisdom & direction for graduating interns
- Funding for unexpected summer expenses & for fall/ winter operations
- The impact of the Ladies Retreat (September 14-15)
- Wisdom for board members & future planning
- Partnerships with churches
- Enhanced Alumni involvement





