



2020 Summer Review

Summer #s

- 423 Campers
- 150+ Volunteers
- 10 Students Accepted Christ and were Baptized at THE ARK

A New Outlook on 2020: By Tegan, Mystery Week Camper

I think we can all agree that 2020 hasn't been a fan favorite. There have been many unseen and unexpected aspects of this year that have poisoned the world with fear, anxiety, and sadness. I spent a week at THE ARK with a group of like-minded high school students. ***I could not be more thankful for this week*** even though it started off rocky and had a few lows that were overtaken by all the highs. I made new friends and learned new lessons. I feel so comforted coming out of this week which fills me with joy since this year has mainly been uncomfortable.

Here are some things I learned at THE ARK this year:

- I need to make the most out of every chance and experience I get.
- Positivity is more fulfilling than negativity.
- A change in place and pace really does change my perspectives for the better.
- God is powerful enough to transform bad times into the most beautiful things.

Thank you for giving your time and funds so that campers like Tegan can have Christ-centered experiences in a community of God's grace.

UNSEEN
2 CORINTHIANS 4:18

So we fix our
eyes not on
what is seen,
but on what is
unseen, since
what is seen
is temporary,
but what is
unseen is
eternal.



Some aspects
of camp
looked
different this
summer. Even
so, campers
experienced
God's love,
His creation,
& community.

BIBLE BASED CHRIST CENTERED DISCIPLESHIP DIRECTED MISSION MINDED

Because of Your Gifts, Lives Were Changed: by Noah, a 2020 Jungle Hut Dean

As a first-year Dean, I had no idea what to expect. I have been attending THE ARK Christian Ministries as a camper and then a counselor for years, so I was excited about this new challenge in leadership. After months of praying for the right counselors, I asked specific individuals to join my week out at the Jungle Huts. And then the craziness of COVID-19 hit, and a rescheduled week meant that I needed to replace a few of my staff. **But God, as always, showed up** and presented me with what would become a stellar group of counselors. As a team, we prayed for our incoming campers and asked God to show up in mighty ways. Personally, my goal was to **show these campers that they were important and loved**. As volunteers, we never know what a child's home life or experiences may be, so we keep our hearts open to the direction of the Holy Spirit. Although the world is a little weird right now, our week at the Jungle Huts turned out to be nothing short of spectacular. The camp staff made our stay comfortable and easy, allowing us to adapt to the changes and provide a fun week for the campers. We laughed, we cried, but most importantly, **we felt joy in a time when joy is often hidden by fear**. Our campers opened up about their spiritual walks and shared with us their individual goals in God's Kingdom. As great as the week was, I was most **inspired by the decisions made for Christ**. On day two, three campers wanted to discuss giving over their lives to the Lord. By the fourth day, eight children had accepted Jesus as their Savior. Eight! I cannot say that I was surprised, however, as God loves to arrive in big ways when we're willing to listen. **I was honored to baptize six of the campers at THE ARK**, and I have been asked to baptize the other two in the near future. The impact of this Christian camp is more powerful now than ever. **Your giving and volunteering makes that possible!** Lives have changed because these children, volunteers, and the camp staff were able to converge at THE ARK, a location set apart for Christ's purpose. It is truly a blessed place.

Your Gifts Make A Difference Year Round

Your giving makes life changes like these stories possible. Year round, youth and adults are challenged to deepen their walk with God. Even though these campers and faculty have left, ministry continues at THE ARK.

Will you help us prepare for the fall and winter guests who will come by giving a financial gift?

Please give financially as you pray so that more youth and adults can experience a community of God's grace and have their lives changed forever. **Your partnership is vital to the future of this ministry.**



Your support provides a change of pace from daily life where students like these can hear and respond to the Gospel.

Pictured: Noah baptizing campers

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