

SEPTEMBER 2021

The Hilltop Holler



What a whirlwind of a summer! After not having summer camp in 2020, we were so grateful to see everyone's smiling faces, hear laughter spreading over the ridge, and have our hearts stirred by the messages from the different speakers each week. Now, being in between our crazy summer schedule and our fall retreats, we're reminded of the words of Ecclesiastes 3:1 - "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." This season of rest and refocusing our minds towards the next events and next year of plans for camp is just as important and welcome to us as the craziness of the summer. Keep reading, and we'll catch you up on how God showed Himself faithful in so many ways this summer, and what we're looking forward to these next few months!

2021 SUMMER CAMP RECAP

We serve an awesome God, and He proved His strength time and time again over the summer!

- Our total number of campers increased by 123 from our last year of summer camp in 2019.
- The day before our first full week of Kids Kamp, the pump on one of our two main wells broke down. Thankfully, we were able to have some portable toilets and handwashing stations brought in, and the pump was replaced and running again by Wednesday that week.
- By the end of the summer, we had zero reported cases of COVID at camp.
- God provided speakers for Teen Camp at the last minute when our planned speaker was unable to fly back to the US due to COVID restrictions.
- We had an amazing team of counselors and volunteers that made sure everyone and everything was well taken care of.
- Many young hearts were stirred by the Gospel, and many decisions made to follow Christ.

All glory to God for His protection, guidance, provision, and faithfulness this summer!



A Word from the Director

What a summer it has been! As we've turned the page on the calendar once again we wonder where the time has gone. Taking a look back at the summer and ahead to the coming months, we're reminded again and again of God's great faithfulness. We were privileged this summer to offer a "Buy One/Get One Free" registration discount. There were 87 campers this summer who took advantage of this opportunity who, otherwise, may not have come to camp at all. If you're still in your chair after reading that, read it again and take a moment to praise God with us! That's 87 young people hearing the Gospel - and those were just the campers that came for free - consider also the lives of all our many other campers this summer! Many of our summer campers made spiritual decisions while at Trail Ridge! God's Word does not return void, and it is He who gives the increase in His time.

It's great to know our work here is not done. We look forward to the upcoming fall events with great anticipation of continuing observation of God at work. I challenge you today to consider being more active in the coming year at Trail Ridge than you've ever been before. Jesus is coming back. Though we don't know the day or the hour, His return is imminent. The decisions that have been made and the constant planting and watering of seeds are an encouragement and a reminder that this ministry is vital. Glory to God, lives have been changed because of the ministry of Trail Ridge Camp. In order to continue on stronger than ever, we need the support of our camp family and friends. All throughout the coming year, we need volunteers, prayer partners, donors, and, of course, campers! Will you fill one or more of these needs? To find out how, visit trailridge.org or call us at 608-489-3810.

- Aaron Schneider,
Camp Director

FALL RETREAT VOLUNTEERS

Our fall events may not require the small army that summer camp does, but we are still in need of volunteers to help during these weekend retreats. Our biggest area of need are kitchen volunteers, as well as one or two people to do a little bit of



housekeeping. If you're able and willing to help out, we'd love to have you! You can fill out a volunteer application at www.TrailRidge.org, or call the camp office at 608-489-3810 to receive a paper application.

Upcoming Events

2021

September 24-26: Young Adults
Retreat

October 1-3: Father/Son Retreat
October 14-16: Work Weekend

2022

Our 2022 schedule will be
announced VERY soon!

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