



Happy New Year from the Trail Ridge Camp Staff! The end of 2019 came quickly, but we have much to report from the close of the decade. God has been so faithful to us, and we'd like to share some amazing things we can praise Him for:

- Our first annual "Day of Prayer" was held on August 24th. Those in attendance were given a great starting point for their personal prayer lives. This coming year's Day of Prayer will be held Saturday, August 15th. We plan to spend some time in instruction and singing, but the majority of our time will be spent in prayer.
- Another "first" this past fall was Senior's Day. The 50 seniors that attended enjoyed a day of games and activities, reminiscing, singing in our afternoon singspiration, touring the camp facilities and enjoying some great meals. We're already looking forward to Senior's Day coming up September 1, 2020.
- Our Father/Son and Young Adults Retreats were both fantastic weekends at camp as well. We even had snow flying at the Father/Son Retreat! Our guest speakers have been doing a fabulous job of relaying truth from the Word of God!
- This year of activities came to a close in November with a late fall work weekend. We were absolutely blown away at the number of volunteers who helped out during the weekend. It was the biggest work weekend EVER at Trail Ridge.

20/20 Vision
 The theme for this year at camp is "20/20 Vision." This is a very special year for us at Trail Ridge as this will be our 20th summer of ministry here in Hillsboro, WI. We're celebrating in a very special way by offering a Buy One Get One Free offer to all our summer youth campers. Registered campers are encouraged to bring a friend, neighbor or family member to camp **absolutely free!** The goal of this program is to help raise the number of campers exposed to the Word of God at Trail Ridge this summer!

Be sure to participate in the VCY Days of Praise January 9-10, 2020!

Summer Counselors
 Every summer, we seek to hire a total of 10 counselors to spend the summer with us at camp. Counselors must be at least 18 years old and be ready to lead and serve campers during their time here at camp. In addition to counseling, these staff members spend much time in training and preparation for the summer as well as assisting with closing down from our summer programs. These are vital positions that must be filled. If you know anyone interested in this position, please have them fill out the application on our web site: trailridge.org.



We'd love to hear from you!

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“Bend and Flex: We’re at camp!” ~Aaron Schneider

It’s a statement I make to our counselors and year-round staff at times of change, transition or utter chaos. ☺ Being in camp ministry, you must be flexible and ready to change what you’re doing in a moment’s notice. We’ve seen God work time and time again in different ways that have stretched and grown us in order to better serve Him. There’s a rock on the shelf in my office bearing the inscription: “Jehovah Jireh” reminding me that God provides. At times when certain situations arise, I think to myself, “What am I going to do?” I’m often reminded that it’s not what I’m going to do, but what God’s going to do. Here at Trail Ridge, we’ve had many times that God has provided in ways we could have never imagined. It would take more than a book to share all the ways God’s been faithful in providing for Trail Ridge.

At the close of this past summer, I met with our head cook who has been doing a tremendous job. She noted she would be concluding 2019 as her last year in this position at camp. The ensuing months were spent looking for a new head cook, a very tough position to fill. I contacted people who I thought may fit well in this position. I contacted other camps. Nothing but dead ends were found during my search; but knowing the reality that God provides has been such an encouragement to me during this process. In December, I received the call I had been waiting for! Our new cook will be jumping in with both feet at the Teen Winter Tumble in January. When you come, you can still expect some of those same great meals you’ve been enjoying along with some exciting new offerings from a new perspective. I’m so thankful that God provides as He sees fit in His timing. I was not looking forward to being the camp cook this summer. ☺

We’d like to thank Mrs. Bergum for her years of service to camp and for assisting in the transition time. You will be missed. We would also like to welcome Cynthia Larson as our new head cook to the Trail Ridge Family!

Hebrews 12: 1-2

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

2020 Calendar

- January 24-25: Teen Winter Tumble
- February 14: Sweetheart’s Banquet
- March 13: Family Film Friday
- March 20: Bible Trivia Night
- April 2-4: Work Weekend
- April 25: Stewardship Banquet
- May 15-17: Mother/Daughter Retreat
- June 19-20: Trail Ridge Experience
- June 29-July 4: Kids Kamp 1
- July 6-11: Kids Kamp 2
- July 13-18: Junior Camp
- July 20-25: Teen Camp
- August 15: Day of Prayer
- September 1: Senior’s Day
- September 18-20: Young Adults Retreat
- October 2-4: Father/Son Retreat
- October 15-17: Work Weekend

Pray for Camp

- For our staff as we plan and prepare programming and facilities for the upcoming 2020 events.
- That God would fill the needed counselor positions for 2020.
- For good weather for our upcoming events and for safety for all those traveling to and from camp.
- For safety and good health for camp staff as we travel to several different events this time of year to promote the camp ministry and attend camping conferences.
- For Cynthia as she begins this new role of head cook at Trail Ridge.

Be Involved

- Pray for Camp (list to the left). Maybe you can even organize a group to meet regularly to pray for Trail Ridge.
- Come to camp. It’s always an encouragement to see your faces throughout the year at each of our events!
- Support Camp. Be a part of supporting the camp ministry with year-round financial contributions.
- Share Camp. When you hear about an opportunity at Trail Ridge, be the one to relay that information to your family, friends and church!