



# BSBC NEWS



SPRING 2015



## Welcome L.I.T.'s!



Thanks to a very productive work team, we now have two new, almost finished cabins designated for our L.I.T. program (Leaders in Training). The L.I.T. program is for high school students and combines relevant leadership classes, work experience, spiritual growth and of course, lots of fun activities! The L.I.T. program is free and the L.I.T. application can be downloaded at [www.bigskybiblecamp.org/litprogram](http://www.bigskybiblecamp.org/litprogram)

## Meet the Scherrer's

We are thrilled to have the Scherrer family join the team at Big Sky Bible Camp. Matt & Carole served for 13 years at Victory Bible Camp in Alaska where they gained experience in all areas of camp. Matt will serve as Big Sky's maintenance director as well as director of the nurse's station (Matt is a paramedic) and Carole will help out as she can in addition to being a full time mother of six. We asked them numerous questions in order for you to get to know them.



**Where where you born?** Matt was born and raised in the Republic of Ireland. Carole was born and raised in the San Joaquin Valley of California.

**What are the ages of your children?** Alaura- 18, Karina- 17, Drew- 15, Tessa- 13, Clint- 11, Molly- 9.

**What is your favorite Bible Verse?** Our family verse is Colossians 3: 12-17.

**What are your hobbies?** Our family enjoys sports, hiking, traveling and music.

**Why did you decide to serve at Big Sky?** We love camp ministry and needed to be closer to Carole's parents than we were in Alaska. We found out about Big Sky and their need for a maintenance director through the Landis' who had also served at the camp we were at in Alaska.

**How did the two of you meet?** We were both counseling for the summer at the camp in Ireland where Matt grew up. Matt was supposed to be chaperoning his twin sister that summer but ended up chaperoning me (Carole) instead.

**What are you looking forward to as you serve at Big Sky?** We are looking forward to the diversity of people and being involved on a more personal level. Matt is also looking forward to serving the community through being a paramedic.

### NEEDED: DONORS WILLING TO HELP SEND KIDS TO CAMP!



The campership requests are pouring in for summer camp and we are once again asking for your help! It is our desire never to turn away a camper from Big Sky because of financial reasons. Camp Scholarships help us to accomplish this and we give out anywhere from 20-30 camp scholarships each summer. If you would like to donate to Big Sky's Camp scholarship fund, you can either send a check to Big Sky or go online to [www.bigskybiblecamp.org/donate](http://www.bigskybiblecamp.org/donate).



### HIGHER GROUNDS COFFEE STAND

Next time you are at Big Sky Bible Camp, check out Big Sky's latest addition to the dining hall - an espresso stand! Now guest groups, parents, visitors and, of course, staff can enjoy a cup of java. The stand can be opened by request for any guest group that utilizes Big Sky's facility.

### BIG SKY'S OPEN HOUSE

Join us for Big Sky's open house this summer where there will be free activities, games, giveaways, etc. Big Sky will open its waterfront and ropes course as well as provide hot dogs for roasting and other picnic foods. Our goal is for each person who is "familiar" with Big Sky to bring some friends who are not! All ages welcome!

**When:** July 11, 5-9 P.M.

**Where:** Big Sky Bible Camp

**Cost:** Free! Please bring friends!

### SUMMER STAFF WANTED!

Guy L.I.T. leader (leaders in training)

Guy Counselor

Head cooks

If you are interested in any of these positions or would like to learn more, please contact Jamy at 837-4864 or [jamy@bigskybiblecamp.org](mailto:jamy@bigskybiblecamp.org)

## From the director



A verse that has been resonating in my thoughts lately has been 1 Peter 1:13:

*“Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”*

In the midst of persecution, Peter encourages his readers with this very challenging exhortation, which also happens to be a great encouragement as we prepare for the coming camp season. Peter not only exhorts where the believer is to set their hope, but he provides tangible disciplines to help the believer in fixing their hope on eternal things. Preparing your minds for action conveys the idea of “girding up” or tucking in the loose ends of your mind. Being sober minded is a reference to a disciplined thought life, avoiding any mental or spiritual intoxication.

There is a flurry of activity around Big Sky as we prepare for the coming summer. There are booklets to print, campers to register, grounds to prepare, camperships to review, staff to gather, buildings to get ready...the list goes on. We are expecting a record number of campers this summer and the registration numbers thus far are proving this true. These are some of the challenges we have as we attempt to heed Peter’s commands. My point in all of this is to request your prayers for the large task that is ahead of us. We will have the opportunity to share the gospel and teach God’s word to close to 800 campers this summer. One of our biggest prayer requests as a staff is that we be faithful to the calling God has placed on us and on Big Sky Bible Camp. Going into a summer such as we are without serious, intentional prayers would be foolish as we acknowledge that within prayer is found the power behind ministry. Please pray for our preparations, for our Bible teachers, for safety, for open and receptive hearts to the gospel of Christ and however else the Spirit leads you. Thank you in advance for being a part of our ministry here at Big Sky!



*Summer Camp is filling up fast! Go to  
[www.bigskybiblecamp.org](http://www.bigskybiblecamp.org) to learn more and to register!*

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## *A glimpse into the summer... Thirsty?*

We are so excited for our 2015 camp theme! This summer our campers will be looking at what it means to be thirsty for God. King David says it well in Psalm 63:1 “O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.” In a day where the world bombards young people with empty promises of satisfaction, we want our campers to spend some time really thinking on who God is, what it means for Jesus to be the Living Water, and how those who come to Him will never thirst again. Through morning Bible class and evening chapels, campers will be challenged to look at their own lives to see if they are looking to the world or solely to Jesus to quench their thirst.

## *Praises and Prayers*

Please join us in praying and praising God for the following items:

### **Praises:**

- For continued growth in our winter retreats and summer camps.
- For an almost full summer staff!
- For the funds to replace almost all of our toilets!
- For the completion of the dining hall bathroom renovation.

### **Prayer Requests:**

- For kitchen help - we still need head cooks for four of our camp weeks.
- For the many necessary camp preparations before summer.
- For the new Big Sky staff members and their adjustment.
- That Big Sky could grant a scholarship to every application that comes in.
- For a summer of camps filled to capacity!