



WINTER AND SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULES

Jr. High Snow Camp
 6-8th Graders
 Jan. 20-22, 2023
 Cost: \$75

Senior High Getaway
 9-12th Graders
 Feb. 24-26, 2023
 Cost: \$75
 (*22 LITs and Summer Staff attend free.)

March Madness
 3-6th Graders
 Mar. 17-19, 2023
 Cost: \$75

Traditional Camp

High School (Gr. 9-12)	Jun. 11-16
Man week (Gr. 6-9)	Jun. 18-23
1st Junior (Gr. 3-6)	Jul. 9-14
All Girls Jr. High (Gr. 6-9)	Jul. 16-21
2nd Junior (Gr. 3-6)	Jul. 23-28
Jr. High Coed (Gr. 6-8)	Jul. 30-Aug. 4
3rd Junior (Gr. 3-6)	Aug. 6-11

Day Camp

#1 (Grades K-3)	Jun. 26-29
#2 (Grades 2-5)	Jul. 3-6
#3 (Grades K-3)	Jul. 10-13
#4 (Grades K-3)	Jul. 17-20
#5 (Grades K-3)	Jul. 24-27
#6 (Grades 2-5)	Jul. 31- Aug. 3
#7 (Grades K-3)	Aug. 7-10

Wilderness Camps

Intro. Backpacking Boys (Gr. 9-12)	Jul. 23-28
Intro. Backpacking Girls (Gr. 9-12)	Jul. 23-28
Adv. Backpacking Co-Ed (Gr. 9-12)	Jul. 29-Aug. 4
Trail Camp A (Gr. 9-College)	Jul. 6-20
Trail Camp B (Gr. 9-College)	Jul. 20-Aug. 3
Intro. Backpacking Girls (Gr. 9-12)	Aug. 6-11
Intro. Backpacking Boys (Gr. 9-12)	Aug. 6-11

Camp Promise

Day Camp 1: (ages 20+)	Jun. 13-16
Day Camp 2: (ages 8-25)	Jun. 20-23
Overnight Camp 1:	Jun. 26-30
Overnight Camp 2:	Jul. 3-7



PRESSING ON! A PROMISE KEPT UPDATE

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The Bible encourages us to “press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 3:14). While this scripture primarily speaks to our lives as individual believers in Christ, it also conveys what we’ve been doing in the midst of this massive project. In short, we’ve been pressing on!

Over the last few years, the dining hall ballooned from a \$3 million to \$5.1 million endeavor due to rising costs of materials. There were times we felt discouraged. While we were confident that the Lord had called us to this project, we were very much unsure of how He would orchestrate its completion. After all, for a small ministry like ours, \$5.1 million is a huge number.

Yet here we are today, with more than \$4.35 million raised for the new dining hall, Phase 1, as we turn our eyes towards closing out Phase 1 and building eight new cabins, Phase 2.

We thank the Lord for His blessing on this important expansion. We have seen Him provide in miraculous ways, from the initial multi-million dollar gift from the Swenson Foundation which catapulted the project forward, to more than \$2 million dollars in support from our faithful donors and friends, to additional support from other foundations totaling \$470,000. We are grateful for those who have been praying, encouraging us with words of support, and whose financial gifts have made this building possible.

The entire \$9 million A Promise Kept expansion is now more than 55% funded. The dining hall is dried in and ready for winter. This was a major milestone! Work on the dining hall should continue through the winter of 2022 and into 2023. Lord willing, the plan is to have the new dining hall finished in the spring of 2024 and begin using it for retreat groups and other



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CAMP PROJECTS UPDATE

NEW PROJECT: OFFICE EXPANSION!



As we “press on,” we have found ourselves “pressed in”! Our staff has grown, and our 600 sq. ft. office is simply too small. We’re planning to expand to 2,400 sq. ft., including the camp store below us, enabling us to operate much more effectively. We hope to begin this project, estimated at \$150,000, in the fall of 2023. Would you consider this expansion for your year-end giving? Visit bigskybiblecamp.org to give. Thank you!

ROPES COURSE & CRATER COTTAGE



We’re happy to share exciting progress on two of our major fall projects. On our ropes course, we installed a new giant swing and have begun improvements to the “leap of faith,” giant ladder, and other traverses. Crater Cottage boasts new windows, flooring, paint, furniture, and fixtures. Next up is the trim, and that should do it. Our hats are off to the full-time staff who provided the skilled labor for these projects amidst their many responsibilities. Thank you, once again, to our donors for their support!

STAFF TRANSITIONS

This fall has been a season of comings and goings, some quite happy, and others bittersweet.



We’re excited to welcome Grace DeValois to our full-time staff. Grace served on leadership staff in the summers of ‘20 and ‘21 and is now our full-time Program Administrator.

Grace succeeds Ryan Nice who moved on this fall after ministering for nine years at Big Sky. Ryan and his family now live in Kalispell, MT, where Ryan pastors at Grace Church.



Meet Griffin Shuman, AV Coordinator and intern! Griffin and his wife Emily come from Colorado where Griffin served in Christian camping ministry for several years.



Mary Lange joined our staff this fall as Camp Promise Assistant Director. Mary served as a missionary for four years in Uganda, and we are glad to have her on board during this exciting season of growth in Camp Promise ministries.



Hash Morrison, Big Sky’s resident cowboy, caretaker, and maintenance man for 46 years, went to be with the Lord earlier this fall. We rejoice that Hash knew our Lord Jesus Christ and is now in His presence!

Amidst so many comings and goings, and so much change, we rejoice that Jesus Christ remains the same. May He continue to bless our wonderful staff — past, present, and future.



Artist's rendering of a new cabin.

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programming leading up to summer camp 2024.

Our goal is to raise \$800,000 and build at least two of the eight new cabins by the spring of 2024 to increase our retreat group potential and our camper capacity for summer 2024. Visit bigskypromisekept.org for updates, including video footage from the building site, and to give.

Thank you for your prayerful and generous support as we “press on” in reaching more campers and guests with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We praise the Lord for you.

“FAITH ALONE”: SUMMER 2022 IN REVIEW

Our mission to the record-breaking 1,386 campers we served this summer was simple: share the good news of Jesus Christ, make disciples, and honor God amidst His amazing creation. Praise the Lord for a wonderful season of ministry!

Looking back, the Lord’s work is that much more amazing given the very difficult life situations many of our campers endure. Bullying. Divorce. A dad battling cancer. The untimely death of a young sibling. These are just a few of the struggles our campers faced before coming to us.

It was a joy for us to shine the light of the good news of Jesus Christ into these dark places. Here are a few testimonies of God’s goodness over our summer of ministry, themed “Faith Alone”:

“It was amazing to see Camp Promise campers singing with such joy and en-



thusiasm!”

“I loved watching one of my campers just praying by herself for minutes on end. God wants you to come to Him and just be. You don’t have to make it pretty, and it was cool just to see that.”

“I was amazed by my camper. She was the definition of being thirsty for God. Any spare second she wanted to be reading her Bible and asking questions about Jesus.”

“One of my campers asked me: ‘What does it mean that Jesus paid the price for our sins? Did he really buy something?’ I was able to explain to her that Christ actually takes on our sin and how this changes our lives.”

“One of my campers said she accepted Jesus. I was skeptical at first. But I saw more obedience, joy, and excitement in her eyes. It was great to see.”

CAMP PROMISE



Many new faces, both friends and volunteers, blessed us this fall. We had our first Camp Promise fall retreat in November with over 30 friends joining. We explored how to love God and others in our daily lives. In October, we had our first Promise Club Junior for kids with disabilities. Two more Junior clubs are coming up this winter, and we look forward to being an encouragement to both the families and the kids. We are excited to have

two weeks of day camp alongside our two weeks of overnight camp in summer of 2023 — just one more step toward our goal of having camp all summer long! - Beth Wiegand, Camp Promise Director