

# SUMMERTIME



## CATCHING OUR BREATH!

When it comes to parenting we've heard it said that "the days are long, and the years are short".

Summer camp feels the same way sometimes...a whole lot to do each day (often wondering how it will all get done), and then watching the weeks click by at turbo speed.

My typical day would be 8am-7:30pm each day, running activities, taking photos, facilitating our escape room, shooting videos, running AV in the chapel, and interacting with campers and staff.

We ended youth camp and had a few weeks to recover before launching into fall, during which we visited family and relaxed. The girls are now back in school and we're adjusting again to a new season.

## Dangerous Calling!

Our summer theme was "Dangerous Calling: Equipped for the Gospel". We implemented a spy training level-up system that challenged campers to try new activities and really gave them a focus during their free times. We had another record summer with 1509 campers, who heard the truth and responded to it.



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## Once I built a railroad...

The daily theme on wednesdays each week was "Training", so each week I interrupted morning announcements by yelling "ALL ABOARD" while decked out in a conductor hat & overalls. I said I was ready to "TRAIN" and that I had brought over my wooden train tracks. Of course that wasn't the point of training day, but we let the kids build train masterpieces anyway and even made cotton candy as a special snack.



Our little Monkeys...



We used over 600 pieces to create amazing tracks

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## Ember

Campers weren't the only ones getting into the Spy theme this summer! Ember was often decked out with sunglasses and a walkie-talkie. She leveled up to become an Intermediate Spy and is working on her Advanced Spy training.

Ember, like her momma, loves the unstructured beauty of summer. Though not super pumped about starting school (1st grade), we are excited to watch her shine her light for Jesus there.

## Hannah...

This Summer Hannah was able to serve at camp a little bit too. She lifeguarded a few times (including on a canoe trip...FUN!), and tried to be an encouragement to the Summer Staff. We enjoyed having them over for meals and time to decompress and connect.

Going from a play-at-home mom to the mother of two school aged kids will be an adjustment for sure! Hannah really enjoyed having both of her girls home every day during the summer and unlike many parents, is always sad for the school year to start back up. She plans to be more involved at school: helping in the girls classrooms and subbing more often.

## Juliet

How does a baby with a curly little mohawk grow into a big school-aged kid so fast!? Juliet is looking forward to starting 4K this year. She has been a reading-machine these past few months and we think she'll have a lot of fun at school. 4K runs three full days a week.



## Why We Raise Support

**The Process:** For those who don't know, our salary is not paid by camp. Instead we rely on individuals and churches to donate money to camp (with our name designated) and it is put into an account for us—then used to give us a paycheck. Every penny given towards our support goes to us (none withheld by camp), which is uncommon for this type of thing. Typically a percentage is withheld for expenses.

**The Reason:** By subtracting staff salaries (all except the director) from our operational budget, we almost cut that budget in half...which means that we don't have to charge as much from the campers to be here. Camp also gives out close to \$20,000 each year in scholarships for struggling families to be able to send their kids. If you want to know more, please ask us!

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