

Daybreak Camp

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“Daybreak seeks to encourage everyone to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ”

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Values of Christian Camping

Guiding campers toward God’s love and His creation

Camp is about creation and community. Because camp contrasts with the familiar secularized culture, most campers have not experienced the genuine Christian community. For campers to step out of their normal lives and spend time in cabins or tents, camp life brings them in direct contact with God’s creation. The facilities and outdoor programming draws campers to God. “Creation’s ordinary things are actually extraordinary when a child’s heart is involved.”

Camp offers new opportunities. A Christian camp can be a clear model demonstrating how Christians should live. Camp offers a place to try new things, meet new people and experience new adventures. By being separated from the familiar, physical, and social support of home, campers are encouraged to transfer trust to others that are more secure and mature. By being engaged in games such as archery, swimming, crafts, camper have the opportunity to learn how to treat others fairly, to create, to exercise control over their bodies, to play.

Camp encourages the mind. The new environment, loving Christian role models, exciting activities, a different

daily schedule and activities, all facilitate the camper to grow mentally. All aspects of camp can focus on the creator and His creation.

Camp centers on relationships with counselors. When Jesus is the model for the ministry of Christian camping, relationships are valued. Counselors are spiritual mentors who lead by the examples of kindness, how to control one’s anger, how to deal with temptation, and how to live within the camp community. Many campers return home telling their families of the counselor as their role model, their hero or their new friend. The bonding that occurs translates into character forming relationships.

Camp presents challenges and lots of fun. Because camp is for a short time, a few days to a week, the events of daily camp life become more exciting, alive, and vivid. The camp experiences are beyond the traditional and familiar, they provide moments that render the camper ready for learning. These teachable moments open doors of opportunity where spiritual truth can be

presented.

A survey commissioned by Christian Camping International/USA noted that many people make life-changing decisions at camp. Many not only give their lives to Jesus Christ, but also learn leadership and ministry skills there as well. Isn’t that a worthwhile investment?

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FDC campers experiencing the trust fall group activity.

2003 CAMP FACTS

Summer of 2003 began with a full week of **Faith Development Camp (FDC)**. This summer we had a parent, **Bob Comer** from Cordova, volunteered to come to camp to do a camp scrapbook. Bob took pictures throughout the week, did interviews with staff and campers, and then we printed the first ever FDC Camp Scrapbook. The teen campers all enjoyed the new addition. Thanks, **Bob**, for your excellent service to the teens at camp. **Kennie Jackson** and **Aaron Redelsperger** served at FDC Program Directors. Thank you so much for ministering to the teens. FDC enrollment was up over 150 percent from the last summer.

The **Wildside** enrollment was the



E'lana,
Doug,
Danni,
Leah,
Matt, &
Boone
from
"Witness
" helped
kick off
FDC
2003.

highest in the five years Daybreak has offered the totally junior high experience at camp. Several teens who attended FDC and are juniors or seniors in high school returned to help staff Wildside. **Greg Brown** was the so-program director with **Aaron Redelsperger**. Thank you for sharing your faith with the teens.

Adventure Camp, as strong as ever, focused on prayer. There were 10 camper cabins and lots of time to learn about Jesus, how prayer can integrate our whole day, and how to be on an adventure throughout five days of camp. Adventure Camp is planned and executed by a leadership team. Thank you for a wonderful week. When so

many help with camp, what an awesome experience we all have!

The **Labor Day Youth Rally** speakers were **David Frazee** from Lubbock Christian University and **Ken Shackelford**, former youth worker from the northern California area. Saturday evening was highlighted by a video and live presentation by **Lou Zamperini**, a former Olympian, POW of WWII, and a plane crash survivor. Mr. Zamperini speaks to groups witnessing what Jesus Christ has done in his life.

DAYBREAK 2003 SUMMER FACTS FROM SPONSORED CAMPS				
	FDC	Wildside	Adventure Camp	Labor Day Youth Rally
Campers	88	115	125	142
Staff	57	51	126	61
Camper's Churches	18	28	32	25
Worker's Churches	15	11	16	14
Christian College sending recruiters	5	3	0	0
Family Units impacted by a week at camp	83	101	114	116

DAYBREAK STAKEHOLDER NEWS

In August Daybreak sent a letter to our supporters reporting our financial information regarding the purchase of the additional property in 2000. We believe that Daybreak has much untapped potential and would like to see other camps programmed by Daybreak. And, we believe we have even greater possibilities and that God will provide this ministry with the resources needed to realize those possibilities.

So many have been so generous to give to God's work at Daybreak. We understand that these are difficult economic times for many you. Your prayers are valued by the Board of Directors and camp staff.

Remember from the letter that we let the supporters know the amount of yearly

donations needed to cover the interest and reduction of the loan debt. Your response has been welcomed and helpful. To date \$105,867 has been donated toward the private loans interest payments. Several families have returned pledge cards for 2003 with the intent of a donation. This amount should increase before the end of December.

Thank you for your continued support of Daybreak through your generous donations, volunteer staff and volunteers to help with projects.



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are made at
FDC
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SUMMER CAMPS

Faith Development Camp is June 20-26, 2004

Wildside is June 27-July 2, 2004

Adventure Camp is July 25-30, 2004

Labor Day Youth Rally is September 3-6, 2004

The Daybreak Camp 2004 summer camp brochures will be mailed in March 2004. Watch the mail. Early registrations save money.

BACK TO BACK CAMPS!!

In 2004 Daybreak has scheduled FDC and Wildside in back to back weeks. Part of the staff work at both camps and will stay at Daybreak for rest and recreation between the camps.

Just A Thought! Saving just \$15.00 a month for one year, will send a one camper to a summer camp at Daybreak.



DAYBREAK CAMP

NEEDS YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

Have you checked out our website lately? Each sponsored camp has a page that you can print out forms, see pictures, or see the parents pre-camp letter.



Daybreak will begin using the web for newsletters, confirming registrations, camp correspondence, etc beginning in 2004. Please email Daybreak at info@daybreakcamp.org with your email address so we can keep in touch with your family.



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