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The Hilltop Holler



Lamentations 3:22-23 "It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is Thy faithfulness." Everyone on the ridge is ready for another year of serving the Lord through camp ministry, and rejoicing in His faithfulness. We are looking forward to several upcoming retreats and events throughout the next months. Please continue to pray that the Lord would use Trail Ridge to reach many hearts!

Family Freeze-Out

Trail Ridge just hosted the first ever Family Freeze-Out! This event took the place of our annual Winter Teen Tumble, and was structured as a mini winter get away just for families. We were excited that many were able to join us for this special weekend! Campers had fun enjoying the tubing hill, participating in a candy cane hunt, meeting Archie, and much more! We were blessed to have J. Adams and his family with us for the weekend. In chapel, He jumped right into this year's theme "Topsy Turvy" and challenged everyone to change their perspective on sharing the gospel. Here is a part of one of his closing applications: (1) *Am I patient? Keep praying for the lost!* (2) *How well do I know the gospel? Try to write it from memory.* (3) *Am I prepared? Take time to read Christian biographies.* (4) *Am I faithful? Don't give up!* Think through these questions and challenge yourself to be like Paul and Silas, who saw the world turned upside down in their day!



Trivia Night

Have you heard about Bible Trivia Night? Get ready for an evening of fun and friendly competition where teams of any four individuals will prove their Bible knowledge in a trivia tournament! Teams can be comprised of kids, teens, or adults, but everyone will be competing for the same prize. The evening will include a tasty buffet style dinner. Be on a team and participate, or come as a spectator to cheer everyone on! Trivia categories include "Heights and Depths" "Wood You Rather" and "Route 66". To see the full list, visit trailridge.org/trivia-night.

A Word from the Director

We get to this time every year when we begin to wonder, "Will we have enough help this summer?" Our hope is that our guests, prayer warriors, and donors recognize and affirm the value of camp. Here are some key ways you can put this knowledge into action as it pertains to this ministry in Hillsboro, WI:

Volunteer

All throughout the year, but primarily during summer camp, we are in great need of volunteers. In the summer, volunteers assist with the general upkeep of camp and day-to-day operations. Volunteers come for a week or two at a time to work in the kitchen, on the grounds or housekeeping crews, or work as camp nurses or lifeguards. These roles are crucial to ensure things run smoothly. Would you prayerfully consider volunteering for a week (Monday morning through Saturday morning) this summer at Trail Ridge?

Summer Staff

We are in the midst of hiring our seasonal staff for the upcoming summer of ministry. These individuals commit to working at Trail Ridge from training week to debrief week (9 weeks). Presently, we have openings for Counselors, Assistant Cooks, Grounds Workers, Hospitality Assistants, and an Office Assistant (the most critical need at this point is the need for counselors). These positions are ideal for college students and young adults able to work and live at camp for the summer. What a fantastic giving and growing experience! Applications are open online at TrailRidge.org.

Giving

As many of you know, at Trail Ridge, we do our best to keep costs down for our campers so we can reach the underserved. Trail Ridge is an extremely affordable summer camp for kids and teens with registration costing just \$100 if registered by April 30th. This cost is kept low through the generous giving of many to our Camper Scholarship Fund. Over these past two years in particular, we've seen our attendance on the steady rise causing the total in the Scholarship Fund to decrease. At the current rate, we expect to see this fund totally depleted by the end of this summer. In order to continue to serve these campers, we need YOU to partner with us in this endeavor to reach the lost and minister to the heart of the believers. Donations to the General Fund or the Scholarship Fund can be mailed directly to Trail Ridge or made online at TrailRidge.org.

Praying

Friends, I sincerely ask that you keep the ministry of Trail Ridge Camp in your prayers. God is doing a great work in the lives of our campers, volunteers and staff. Our campers need your prayers! Our volunteers need your prayers! Our staff needs your prayers! Our speakers need your prayers! Our contract workers need your prayers! Our campers' families need your prayers! Our board needs your prayers! Will you please make a plan to pray daily or weekly for the Trail Ridge Camp ministry in some way? If you make that commitment, would you mind dropping us a note, an email, or a phone call? That simple statement, "I prayed for you today!" is such an encouragement!

Whatever your involvement at Trail Ridge, I want to thank you for what you're doing. It's time to dig in our heels and lean into the work God has in front of us. Youth and families are in a critical time, and we want to do our best following the leading of the Lord to minister to them. As long as God has called us, may he find us faithful in His service.

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) Hebrews 10:23

Aaron Schneider, Camp Director

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Upcoming Events

March 3: Bible Trivia Night

March 10: Family Film Friday

April 21-22: Senior Saints

April 27-29 Work Weekend

May 5-7: Mother/ Daughter Retreat