

El Porvenir Christian Camp

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"Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.."

1 Timothy 1:17 (NIV)

2007 Camp Numbers

11th-12th 163 campers
 9th-10th 147 campers
 7th-8th 169 campers
 6th 96 campers
 4th-5th I 79 campers
 4th-5th II 63 campers
 3rd 59 campers
 Y Adults 21 campers
 Ladies' Ret. 123 ladies
 Family Camp I 77
 Family Camp II 132

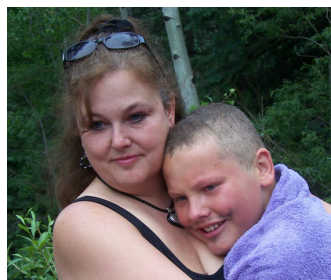
(More Numbers in the 2007 Summer Rewind)

**COME GET
 FREE
 FIREWOOD!**

Help us clean up the material left over from our most recent forest thinning project!

**PRAYERS HAVE
 BEEN HEARD!**

As of this day, Brian Layton is scheduled to be released from the hospital on November 15th! What an answer to prayer following the devastating car accident and injury.



Love conquers all...this picture of Brian with Darlene was taken just after his baptism at EPCC this summer.

2007 SUMMER REWIND

2007 proved to be a great year to be at camp! Consistent moisture provided green scenery and the ability to have roaring campfires each night. The camp staff was made up of 6 interns, 3 kitchen

staff, 1 maintenance man, 1 secretary, and of course manager Nate. Camper numbers were very comparable to last year, but God did even more work on the hearts of youth this year! There



Preparing for Baptisms at 6th Grade Camp

were 62 students who accepted Christ for the first time, 38 of those being baptized at camp. 140 students made the decision to rededicate their lives to

the Lord while 42 students made it public for the first time that they are committing their lives to full time Christian ministry. Yet again, God has decided to use EPCC to speak to His people and draw them closer to His will for their lives. *The ministry of EPCC is growing.* Not counting individual family rentals, the camp was host to over 30 separate camps, rental groups, and work groups. Add in the individual rentals and there were over 2600 people who stayed at camp in 2007 alone! What an AMAZING impact!

WORK PROGRESS REPORT

What a year! Whispering creek is now a new cabin with 4 beds for our summer staff. Thanks to a couple donations together worth over \$11,000, we now have high speed internet including wireless access at the dining hall. We buried overhead power lines near McBride and installed new electrical panels at McBride and AB's House. McBride is also now fitted with a new tankless hot water heater with all new plumbing and gas lines. We also finished the 43.48 acre forest thinning project that we began last year and are currently 60 acres into a new 150 acre project. Eight work crews helped us accomplish these goals and much more!



Working on Whispering Creek

Our list of projects is growing. We are still waiting on the state to give us a thumbs up



New Electrical Feed to McBride

on housing expansion plans due to waste water limitations. Until then, we are planning to build two new dry cabins near the current bath house for housing expansion. What we need now are churches to send work crews to build them! You can provide labor, supplies, money or all three! We are still short \$5,000 on donations for a Dining Hall backup generator. We are also accepting donations to upgrade the video equipment in the chapel to larger LCD screens. Also on the list, the metal dorm bathrooms are scheduled for a much needed remodel. But we need your help and support to complete all these projects!

NEW BUDGET OVERVIEW

God has always provided for EPCC, often in very creative ways! However, as our facilities have expanded and prices around us have risen over the years, the resources necessary to facilitate and maintain the camp have grown immensely. With much prayer and planning, it has become apparent that we need to rethink our budget in order to keep our camp in top shape, keep tuition affordable to campers, and continue to expand and improve our facilities for the future. We feel that God is leading us to organize our operating budget around four main areas:

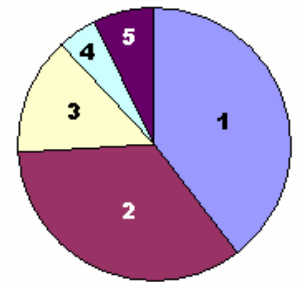
- 1. Tuition.** It is our goal to keep this price low so that everyone can afford to come to camp. When you combine the quality of our camp life with the beauty of our surroundings, there are few camps that can compete...especially in terms of price. We praise churches and individuals who have often eased the burden of camper expenses by offering scholarships. Talk with your church to see if they offer partial or even full scholarships for campers.
- 2. Member Church Support.** Since camper tuition only accounts for about half of our annual income needs, it has always been necessary that churches support the camp on a monthly basis. In fact, the camp by-laws state that a church must consistently support the camp above tuition in order to maintain membership in the camp corporation. Historically, however, member support has not kept up with our growing financial expenses and has even decreased over the past several years. We want to encourage our member churches to consider raising their monthly support from time to time to keep up with inflation, higher energy costs, and increased camper numbers. This is absolutely essential.
- 3. Rentals.** Rental income can be very unpredictable. Member church rental pricing is not far above actual costs of the rentals themselves. This encourages our supporting churches and their members to use our facility as often as possible! Outside rentals are even more unpredictable and we do not want to ever depend on them for our livelihood. In spite of this, God has often blessed us with outside groups that have "filled in the gaps" in our schedule and used our facilities. Though our camps and member church rentals always receive scheduling priority, each year outside rentals prove to be an important source of income for our budget needs.
- 4. Individual Support.** The camp would not be where it is today if not for individuals who have invested themselves into this ministry over the years. Having said that, this is also the area of support which needs to grow the most. The time has come for you who love El Porvenir Christian Camp to search your hearts and see if God is nudging you to become involved in a greater way.

***New this fall, you can now donate online at
www.elporvenircc.org.***

Camp expenses have been growing over the years, notably in the areas of program expenses, facilities/grounds maintenance, and utilities. What you might not have noticed is the growing wages/benefits budget item. This past year, the camp hired 11 summer staff employees. These positions allow us to facilitate more events during the summer and have helped generate more income for the camp. Included in this year's wages and benefits calculation is also the addition of a full time facilities manager to come alongside Nate in his duties. This too will help expand the camp's abilities year around and provide a safer working environment. This is a HUGE financial step of faith, so we need your support now more than ever!

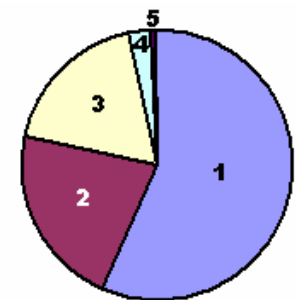
By the Numbers

New Annual Budget \$ 304,000



1. Program Expenses
\$94,255
2. Wages and Benefits
\$82,960
3. Facilities & Equipment
\$71,750
4. Utilities
\$29,925
5. Supplies
\$9,980
6. Miscellaneous
\$15,130

Budget Income Goal \$ 304,000



1. Camper Tuition
\$171,615
2. Member Church Support
\$66,120
3. Rentals
\$55,800
4. Individual Support
\$8,600
5. Other
\$1,865

We're on the Web
www.elporvenircc.org

El Porvenir Christian Camp is a non-profit Christian Church Camp owned and operated by Independent Christian Churches in New Mexico, Texas, Colorado, Kansas, and Oklahoma. Established in 1956, it is our purpose to provide a unique mountain environment for Christ's Body, the Church, to spread the Word of Christ to nonbelievers, to refresh the believer, and to challenge all people to be Christ-like followers of Jesus and leaders in His Church. EPCC offers camps and retreats for all ages and a place for your church to conduct their camps and retreats. EPCC also offers cabins for rent year-round to support the Christian individual and family.



MANAGER'S PERSPECTIVE



Thank you all for a great year! We are counting our blessings as the 2007 season comes to a close. We have had so much fun! And the Lord has been so faithful. As the camp season winds down, the Stafford family is gearing up. What could we be gearing up for? For one thing, we are already preparing for 2008. Our summer schedule is in place and our off-season projects are just getting started. But perhaps most of all, we are gearing

up for another addition to our family! Stafford baby #2 will be arriving around mid February. God has taught us so much this year. He has taught us to slow down and enjoy our surroundings more. He has taught us to trust more. But maybe most of all, he has reminded us again of what is so important: Our family and our family in Christ. Don't YOU forget what God taught you this summer at EPCC! May we all be changed forever. *Nate S.*