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What did you learn at camp this year?

**2013 CAMP NUMBERS**

<b>Camp</b>	<b>Campers</b>
9th-Grad	118
6th-8th	140
3rd-5th	119
Ladies' Retreat	84
Family Camp 1	59
Family Camp 2	147
Staff and Counselors	195
Renters	2335
<b>Total Campers</b>	<b>3197*</b>
	<b>*a new high mark!</b>

**Floods, Adventure, and Lives on Fire**

What a year of adventure! The winter produced precious little snow once again and by June the creek and pond were dry, the ball field looked like a dusty dirt lot, and many of the trees in the forest were beginning to die under the stress of a third year of drought. But God delivered us just in time with above average rains in July and August capped off by a historic flood in early September when more than eight inches of rain fell in just a three day span! For a week after the flood the staff pioneered a new camp adventure...kayaking El Porvenir Creek!

Rain or shine, **lives are being changed EVERY WEEK AT CAMP.** We watch SO many lives set on fire for Christ on this mountain. Not even a 100 year flood can put that fire out!



**“WHAT DOES ‘MERP’ MEAN ANYWAYS?”**



If you were at camp this summer, you know that the Merp was the old metal dorm meeting room turned into a new recreation room with expanded snack bar. But what does “merp” mean? One of the camp staff described it this way, “Well, it’s like, *‘I fell out of my chair, MERP!’*” If that definition isn’t helpful, then I guess you can just think of it as a place where you can be yourself, hang out with your friends, and be accepted...even if you just fell out of your chair!

## Upcoming Projects

There is a lot to do. Here's a sneak peak at what we're planning this fall, winter, and spring.

- Pour new concrete steps on the North side of the Metal Dorm
- Rebuild the creek diversion dam that fills the pond
- Replace furnaces in Mills, Whitworth, and Bolton
- Install insulation, kitchen tile, and a new furnace in the Merp (metal dorm kitchen side)
- Strip, restore, and treat the Manager's cabin and the Fowler cabin log exteriors
- Clean up flood debris from the creek area
- Rebuild bridges 1, 2, and 3
- Build a snow tubing hill



## New Faces and Year Around Inspiration

Our off season ministry is more active than ever before. In addition to providing a beautiful facility, we also provide services year around including food service that can adapt to a variety of group needs. We also provide a range of activities year around including rappelling, high and low ropes course sessions, facilitated paintball games, campfire times, and guided hikes.



With over 70 separate events last year, the camp has decided to hire Carlos Hernandez as a third full time staff member to complement our camp staff team. Carlos will be an assistant in the areas of maintenance, grounds, food service, and activity facilitation. In addition to Carlos, we have also hired Melinda McCay as a part time office manager. She will work with the camp long distance from Amarillo and handle many administrative duties including retreat coordination and booking, clerical tasks, and help the camp hold regular office hours each week.

One thing that has not changed is our mission. We exist to serve the Church, and we do that by providing a place. Is there a specific season for inspiration at camp? Well, as it turns out, the serenity of Fall is literally a breath of fresh air, paintball is popular in the January snow, and campers are eager to get outside as the mercury rises in Spring. Camp can ignite the fire of life change in any season! No matter what the season, we hope to see you at camp!

## 2013-2014 Operational Budget

### Overview

Anticipated Income  
\$ 431,600  
Anticipated Expenses  
\$440,232  
**Projected Budget Deficit  
-\$8,632**

### Anticipated Income Detail

1. Rentals  
\$215,000
2. Camper Tuition  
\$106,100
3. Church Support  
\$79,000
4. Individual Support  
\$21,700
5. Other Income  
\$9,800

### Anticipated Expenses Detail

1. Employee Wages, Benefits, & Development  
\$156,771
2. Groceries  
\$78,340
3. Facilities & Equipment  
\$55,626
4. Utilities  
\$46,050
5. Insurance  
\$40,570
6. Program and Activities  
\$26,560
7. Administration  
\$16,045
8. Miscellaneous  
\$10,750
9. Supplies  
\$9,520

**MARK YOUR 2014 CALENDARS!**

- FAMILY CAMP 1 - MAY 23-26**
- 9TH-GRAD CAMP - JUNE 9-14**
- 6TH-8TH CAMP - JUNE 16-21**
- LADIES RETREAT - JULY 17-20**
- 3RD-5TH CAMP - JULY 21-25**
- FAMILY CAMP 2 - AUGUST 29-  
SEPTEMBER 1**
- LADIES CRAFT RETREAT -  
OCTOBER 16-19**

*We have a simple motto here:*

***Provide a Place for God to Change Lives***

*We are a non-profit Christian 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 God to use His Word, His people, and His creation to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ, to renew lives, and to challenge all to follow Jesus. EPCC offers camps and retreats for all ages, as well as a place for your church to conduct their camps and retreats. EPCC also offers cabins for rent year around to support the Christian individual and family.*



## Manager's Perspective



Eleven Percent. That is the percentage of camp beds that are typically full over the span of a whole year. This makes sense, because we are a *summer* camp...right? Well, not exactly. Fall, winter, and spring have always had a lot to offer, and camp events are on the rise year around. Are you worried about how our limited off season staff might handle the demands of more year around events? If you are, you are not alone. The camp board has come together to proactively endorse hiring

additional staff to handle the growing demands. We are adapting and learning how to stretch our usefulness to God's Kingdom without over stretching our staff and their families. With new opportunities come new challenges. You can help. I want to challenge everyone to get involved *year around* in support of the camp! Become a regular donor, or tell a friend about our 180 beds that are available throughout the winter! Inspiration in every season...that is El Porvenir today!

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