

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.



El Porvenir
CHRISTIAN CAMP

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2015
SUMMER CAMP DATES

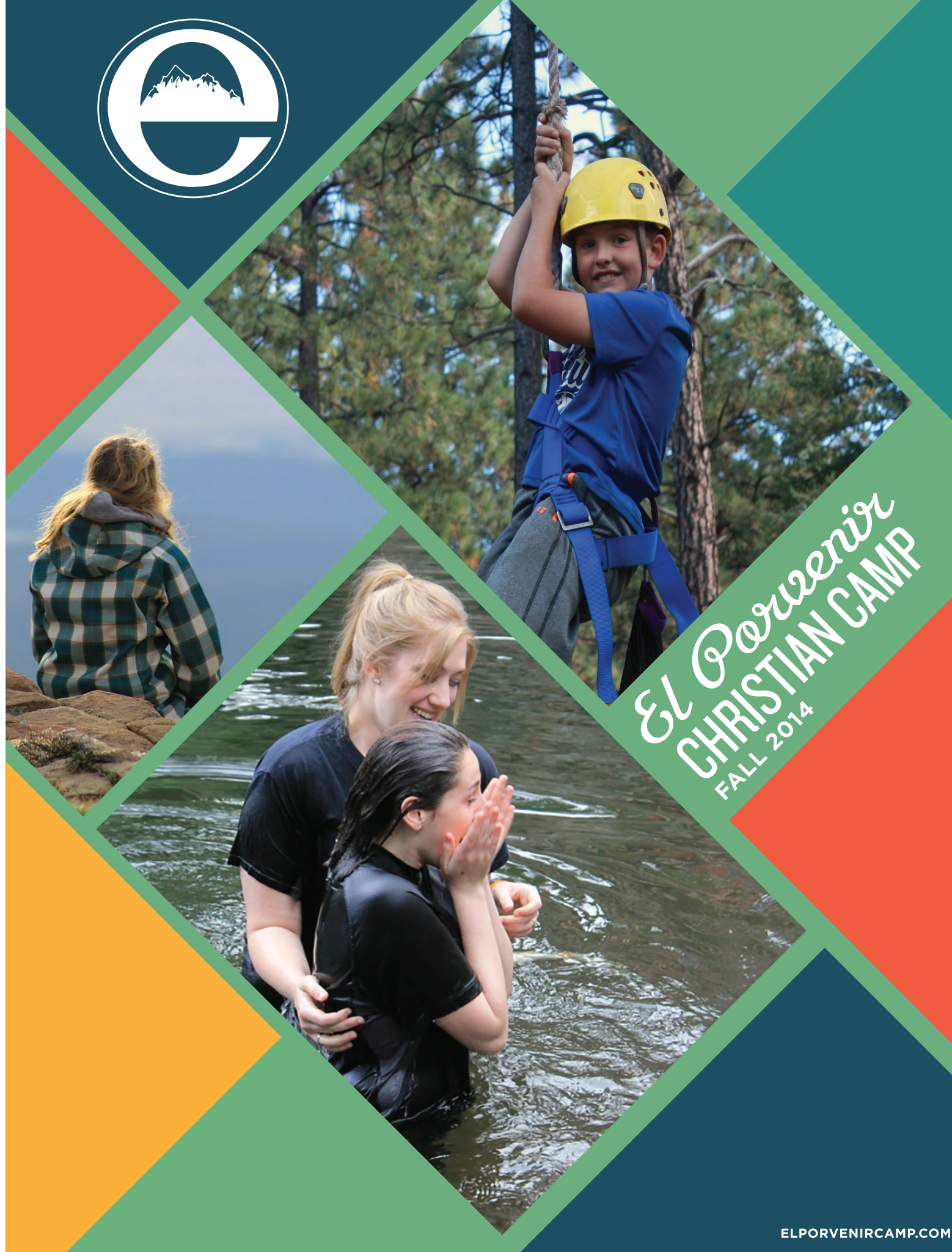
FAMILY CAMP I MAY 22-25 2015	9TH-GRAD CAMP JUNE 8-13 2015	6TH-8TH CAMP JUNE 15-20 2015
WOMEN'S RETREAT JULY 16-19 2015	3RD-5TH CAMP JULY 20-24 2015	FAMILY CAMP II SEPT. 4-7 2015



MANAGER'S PERSPECTIVE

God desires that YOU have an adventure, and it is not always fun and games. Adventure leads to real challenge. When we shrink back we often forfeit God's blessing. In James 1, we read that God allows our faith to be tested so that we can become mature and complete, not lacking anything. Yet in our lazyboy world we often choose the wide and easy path when God wants us to take the narrow difficult one. This fall we watched an athletic camper in his 20s struggle to complete the power pole leap of faith on the high ropes course. By appearances we did not expect his deathly fear of heights and lack of trust. Yet he was determined to complete the task despite how very unpleasant it was for him. When I asked him why, he said that he felt like God wanted him to overcome his fear. I think he was right. Faith is about more than strong thoughts, it is about taking actions (Heb. 11)! What challenge have you been avoiding? Be courageous, stand up and jump! God has a reward waiting for you.

- Nate Stafford



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SUMMER AT EL PORVENIR

The beginning of my summer began on May 12, when I said good-bye to my husband in Canyon, Texas and drove the 260 miles to spend a second summer serving at El Porvenir. In a few days, the rest of the summer staff would arrive, including two of my daughters, and we would commence staff training. It was a whirlwind of getting to know the camp, each other and what our jobs would entail for the next 2 months.

What does a summer at camp look like for summer staff? Well, there is this: cutting up fruit, weed eating, plunging toilets, replacing light bulbs, flipping pancakes, making ice cream in the canteen, mopping up floors, mixing pink lemonade, building a fire, leading a hike, taking out trash, inspecting cabins, facilitating the ropes course, setting up chairs, folding t-shirts, power washing the porch, putting in a food order, refereeing paintball; and the list of chores could go on and on. But that's just chores.



What does a summer at camp actually LOOK like for summer staff? It's a lot like this: holding the missionary's baby boy, who you are convinced is the cutest baby you've ever seen; being serenaded by a youth group before they leave camp, as their way of saying "thank you"; encouraging someone to push past their fears and jump off the power pole, and then watching them walk away with a confidence they didn't know they had; walking side by side with someone, who is convinced they can't take one more step up the steep terrain, until finally they reach the summit and say, "I did it"; leading a small group and seeing God change student's hearts before your very eyes; filling up thousands of water balloons and then watching the kids laugh and run, as the balloons rain down on top of them; praying with a student that reached out to you because he saw the hope of Christ in you; seeing a boy's eyes light up when he hits the target at archery, knowing that perhaps there aren't a lot of things off the mountain that he feels he does well at all; dancing with all of your might with the Agape kids, because they love to dance; seeing a kid arrive at camp, hardened and hurt by the world, and then watching him go home on the last day, broken and changed; walking into the ice cold water of the pond to baptize a student that you have mentored and shared Christ with all week.

Those things are camp. The chores are real and a part of our everyday life at camp. It is how we serve those who drive through the camp gates each week. But the life change that happens at camp, that is God, moving in and through each activity, hike and meal. People come to the beautiful mountains of El Porvenir, and then God uses the little we have to offer them, to point them to Himself.

-Melinda McCay



BUDGET REPORT 2014-15

ANTICIPATED INCOME	475,465	BUDGETED EXPENSES DETAIL	
ANTICIPATED EXPENSES	474,425	EMPLOYEE WAGES, BENEFITS AND DEVELOPMENT	176,930
ANTICIPATED BUDGET SURPLUS	1,040	GROCERIES	91,845
BUDGETED INCOME DETAIL		FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT	52,325
RENTALS	245,000	UTILITIES	51,165
CAMPER TUITION	114,906	INSURANCE	42,200
CHURCH SUPPORT	84,674	PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES	26,600
INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT	21,700	MISCELLANEOUS	13,790
OTHER INCOME	9,185	SUPPLIES	11,500
		ADMINISTRATION	8,070

2014 BY THE NUMBERS

9TH-GRAD CAMP: 126 CAMPERS
 6TH-8TH CAMP: 140 CAMPERS
 3RD-5TH CAMP: 129 CAMPERS
 WOMEN'S RETREAT: 84 LADIES
 FAMILY CAMP I: 80 CAMPERS
 FAMILY CAMP II: 105 CAMPERS
 TOTAL SPONSORS: 153 ADULTS
 TOTAL RENTERS: 2,417

TOTAL ALL CAMPERS
3,234

Fall 2014 PROJECT FUND DRIVE

We need to raise \$35,000 in order to break ground on two special projects.
 YOU will determine whether we do these 2 projects or not.

Chapel Amphitheater



In front of the chapel there is a hillside that once contained wooden benches for campers to sit. This area was often used for exhortation, a place of preaching and teaching anytime the mountain weather was inviting! Over the years, these benches have rotted away and the hillside erosion has left ugly scars.

We'd like to build a new durable amphitheater area to provide seating and erosion control in this area. We do not want to build anything that 10 years of water and sun will destroy again, so this project will cost us around \$10,000 to complete, and provide enough room for 200+ people!

Yellow Dorm Makeover



You may have seen the remodel work that has already been completed in the yellow dorm meeting room. This is only the beginning. At a cost of \$25,000 we'd like to extend this building remodel project into the sleeping rooms.

So imagine with me: No more busted ceiling tiles, brand new wall and vaulted wooden ceiling treatments, new finished wood bunk beds (no more beds bolted to each other), and new individually controlled heating systems. When all is done, the inside of the yellow dorm will be more inviting, and it will offer church groups a nice self contained retreat center from Aug-May.

HOW YOUR CHURCH CAN HELP



We need churches to consider funding half of this need. If we can get 20 churches to participate, that equals a little less than \$1000 per church! Please present this need to your missions boards.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Large Donations:

We need some large gifts by individual donors. If 15 individuals give between \$500 to \$1000 towards this need, we'll be getting somewhere.

Small Donations:

We will need many small gifts from individuals and families. We're going to present some creative ways to get involved, and would love for you to brainstorm some ways too.

FOUR WAYS TO GIVE

- 1 Sell items on eBay and assign EPCC to receive 100% of the money through the eBay Giving Works Program.
- 2 Give directly through our eBay Giving Works Page. We receive 100% of the donation AND they will issue you a 501(c)(3) tax receipt immediately.
- 3 Send us a check! We receive 100% of the money this way!
- 4 Give online (elporvenircamp.com) with your credit card. A small processing fee will be deducted from your gift.