

**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.

**2017  
SUMMER CAMP DATES**

<b>FAMILY CAMP I</b> MAY 26-29 2017	<b>HIGH SCHOOL CAMP</b> JUNE 5-10 2017	<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP</b> JUNE 12-17 2017
<b>WOMEN'S RETREAT</b> JULY 20-23 2017	<b>ELEMENTARY CAMP</b> JULY 24-28 2017	<b>FAMILY CAMP II</b> SEPT. 1-4 2017



*El Porvenir*  
**CHRISTIAN CAMP**

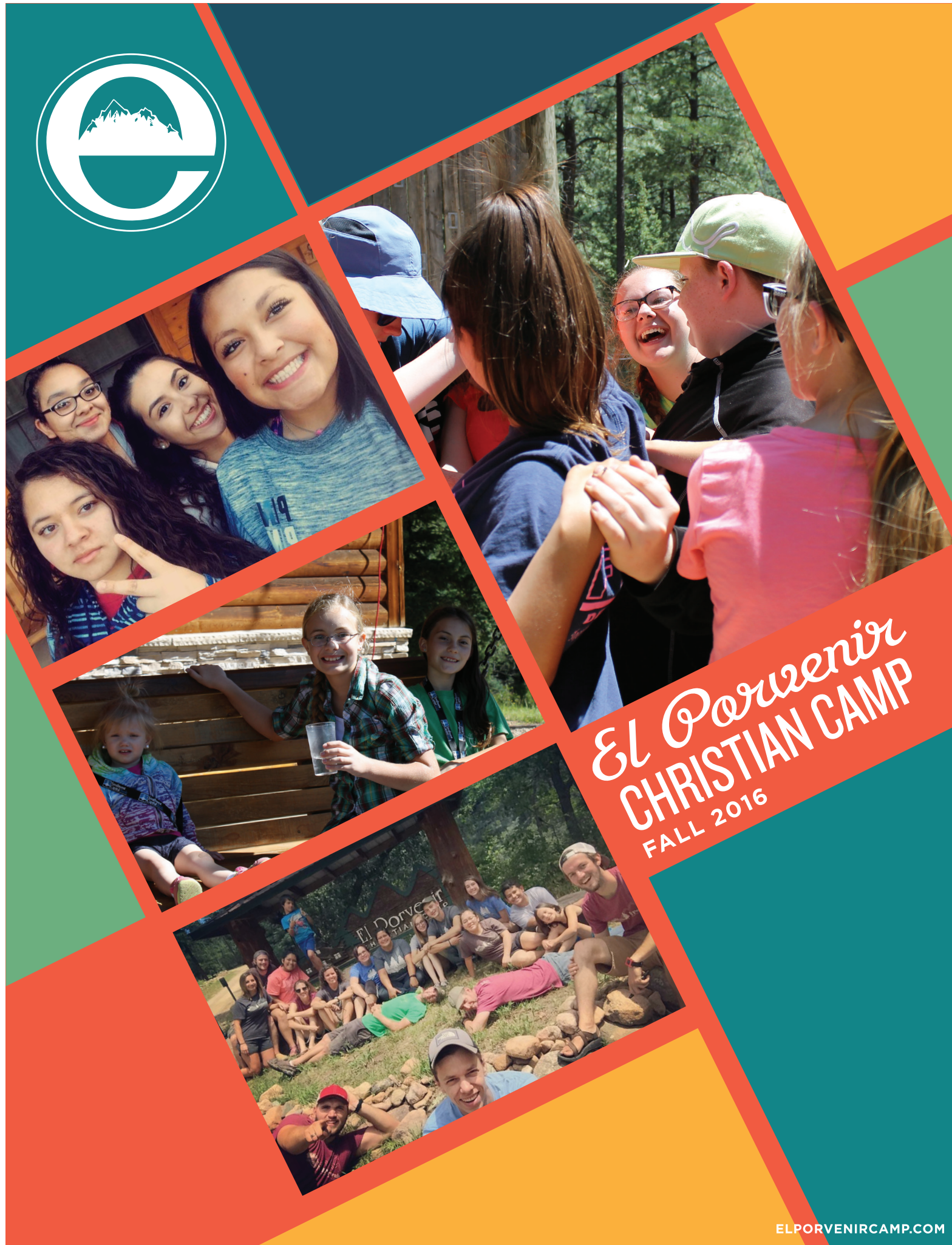
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**MANAGER'S PERSPECTIVE**

The other day we were in the dining hall, and a door prize was offered to the person at each table who had been a Christian for the shortest amount of time. In a desperate attempt to qualify for the prize, Zach (my 8 year old) said something to the effect of, "Well, I am a Christian, but I've just never BECOME a Christian yet." What a confusing statement! If you once prayed a prayer or were dunked in a pool, are you a Christian? In Luke 14, Jesus said if you haven't given up everything you have, then you cannot be his disciple. If that wasn't clear, Jesus made a list: parents, siblings, children, possessions, even your own life...all these must be left behind. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, and when he sent his disciples out, he instructed them to "take nothing with you." This was more than a lesson of efficiency. It was a lesson of reality. If you follow Jesus, you can't take anything else with you. Who are you following?

Love you all.  
- Nate Stafford



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FALL 2016





This summer 20 students, ages 13-18, volunteered at camp as a part of our new program "The Core." These awesome guys and gals worked incredibly hard. Some volunteered for a couple of weeks and some loved it so much they stayed for the whole summer! We love you, Core, and we are so grateful for your service at El Porvenir!!



Isaac and Ellie Guilfoy enjoying their first summer season at camp.

## 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

This year El Porvenir celebrated it's 60th anniversary! We decided to celebrate by inviting all of our friends, past and present, to come to the mountain and celebrate this milestone anniversary with us! It was a wonderful fall weekend, catching up with old friends and reliving camp memories. We praise God for His faithfulness throughout the last 60 years and we pray for His continued provision and guidance as we move forward into the future.



## CORNERS OF THE FIELD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

I am challenging you to give away \$25 a month over the next year to change the life of 1 student for eternity. Many of you that are reading this newsletter know first hand what it means to experience camp, but did you know that there are many kids that have



never attended camp before because they can't afford it? **The good news is**

**that YOU can do something about it in the next 60 seconds (read on).** We believe that every child should have the opportunity to come to camp and we also believe that God asks us to take care of the poor among us out of the abundance of our own "harvest." **We have a HUGE goal to raise \$25,000 in our first year and bring in 90 campers who have no way to get here without this scholarship.** If you can support this initiative, please visit the camp's website at [elporvenircamp.com](http://elporvenircamp.com) and click on the "Give" link at the top of the page.

In Leviticus 19:9-10, God commands his people, "Now when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest. Nor shall you gather the fallen fruit of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the needy and for the stranger. I am the Lord your God." So I ask you...is God calling you to share your harvest?

-Nate

## EL PORVENIR PROJECT FUND DRIVE - UPDATE

### Chapel Amphitheater: COMPLETE!

This past spring a team from Washington Avenue Christian Church helped us complete our amphitheater by pouring a second set of stairs and a sidewalk on it's east side. We appreciate their hard work and service!



### Metal Dorm Update: IN PROGRESS!!

Thanks to your generosity and God's provision, we have moved forward with the Metal Dorm remodel. As of this writing, over \$37,000 has been raised!! Our staff has been busy doing the necessary demo work and have now begun the remodel phase of the sleeping side of the metal dorm. Our goal is to have this phase completed by the 2017 summer season. We can't wait for you to see it!



## 2016 BY THE NUMBERS

HIGH SCHOOL CAMP: **106 CAMPERS**  
 MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP: **153 CAMPERS**  
 ELEMENTARY CAMP: **92 CAMPERS**  
 WOMEN'S RETREAT: **123 LADIES**  
 FAMILY CAMP I: **90 CAMPERS**  
 FAMILY CAMP II: **168 CAMPERS**  
 TOTAL SPONSORS: **124 ADULTS**  
 TOTAL RENTERS: **2,077**

**TOTAL ALL CAMPERS**  
**2,970**

## BUDGET REPORT 2016-17

### INCOME:

Camper Tuition: \$126,982.00  
 Rentals: \$245,895.09  
 Contributions: \$139,238.42  
 Other Income: \$2,302.40  
 Net Canteen Sales: -\$688.04  
 Total Income: \$513,729.87

### EXPENSES:

Employee wages, benefits, development: \$197,804.20  
 Operations/Food Service: \$180,949.23  
 Administration/Insurance: \$80,209.21  
 Program/Activities: \$39,285.34  
 Total Operational Expenses: \$498,247.98  
 Depreciation Expense: \$31,894.20  
 Total Expenses: \$530,142.18

**NET TOTAL BUDGET: -\$16,412.31**