

El Porvenir Post



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GOODBYE WINTER...

HELLO SUMMER 2009!

Picture taken on El Porvenir Creek

*Though your sins are
like scarlet, they shall be
as white as snow.*

Isaiah 1:18a

2009 SCHEDULE CHANGES

Please note the changes to our programming schedule this year.

1. Age divisions at HS and MS weeks have changed.

2. There will be separate weeks dedicated to students from Hillside Christian Church. Be sure to register for the correct week!

There are several reasons why we are trying this schedule including improved efficiency of cost, space, and time as well as age divisions that more closely match youth ministry divisions.

Feedback is always appreciated!

DID YOU REALIZE YOU CAN DO ALL THESE THINGS ON OUR WEBSITE?

- View our calendar
- Download rental and registration forms
- View camp pictures and videos
- Donate with your credit card
- Get directions to camp
- Email the camp
- Download current and past newsletters
- See some of our newest projects

2009 Summer Camp Schedule

CAMP*	DEAN	DATE
Camp Work Day		May 2
Family Camp 1	Billy Kersh	May 22-25
High School Camp (9-Grad)	James Sharp	June 1-6
Hillside High School Camp (9-Grad)	Jonathan Mast	June 8-13
Hillside Middle School Camp (6-8)	Chris Condit	June 15-20
Middle School Camp (6-8)	Jeremy Bannister	June 22-27
Agape Camp	Melinda Gabbard	July 9-12
First Chance (3rd Grade) Camp	Billy Kersh	July 13-16
Women's Retreat	Tara Wilson	July 16-19
4th-5th Camp	Billy Kersh	July 20-24
Hillside 4th-5th Camp	Johnathan Lane	July 27-31
Family Camp 2	Julie Long	September 4-7
Young Adult Retreat	Jon Kohler	October 2-4

* Grade entering in fall 2009

Summer 2009 Preview!

Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

Has God *tattooed* your heart? This summer, Senior High and Middle School students will focus on what it means to bear the name of Christ.



A "Tattooed" El Porvenir Aspen Tree

In a world with so many labels, what does it mean to wear the label of God in Christ? Come find out what it means to be Ink'd! Hint: it does NOT include carving on our aspens!

This year for the 4th-5th and 3rd grade camps the theme is "Treasure Quest" from Matthew 6:21, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be

also." Hillside 4th-5th graders will be learning from the life of Job what it means to stand for God in the toughest times while having "The Best Week Ever!"

Family Camp 1 theme this year is "On the Right P.A.T.H." Curious what P.A.T.H. stands for?

COME FIND OUT!

Work Progress

The bathrooms in the metal dorm are undergoing some much needed improvements. Each side of the dorm will now have 3 showers, 3 sinks, 2 toilets, a urinal, and a mop sink. The showers will also have small changing areas for privacy. You can see some of the progress in the pictures below.



New for this summer! We have 2 new video screens for the chapel. Say good-bye to the old tube TVs!! There is a backup generator on the new dining hall. We have turned the old hotel lobby into a new office until a new office building can be built. We have upgraded our water supply system, electrical service at several cabins, and gate intercom system. We have also installed a propane heater in the McBride cabin and enclosed the porch at Chris and Cari's home to add a new utility room.

Shoulder to Shoulder

More shoulders to bear a burden equals a job that is easier to complete! There are 3 primary ways that you can help our staff, volunteers, and campers bear the load this year:

Donate Supplies: A penny saved is a penny earned. Every time you donate something we need, you are helping to make camp more affordable. A more affordable camp means a greater impact for the kingdom. You might be surprised at how much we rely on this every year!

Adopt a Project: There are many projects on our to-do list this year. Some of you have the expertise we need to complete a project. A list of current projects up for adoption can be found at www.elporvenircc.org

Lend a Hand: Maybe you can't adopt a project, or donate money or supplies, but you have some time and a willingness to serve. Give me a call and we'll give you the tools to contribute.

Donate This!

- Any left over building materials!!!
- 2 cycle pole saw
- Electric hammer drill
- #10 cans of green beans, corn, tomato sauce, baked beans
- Rolls of TP and PT!
- Dewalt cordless impact drill
- 30' Stanley tape measures
- Compound sliding miter saw



New Utility Room in Chris and Cari's Home

CASE IN POINT:

A good example of how we can use your donated items is demonstrated in the recent addition of a new utility room to Chris and Cari's house. The flooring, front door, light fixtures, outlets, sheet rock, insulation, cabinets, and counter top were all either donated items, items left over from previous projects, or reused items from around camp. So before you put it aside to collect dust in your garage, call us first!

HOW DO I ____?

Register for Camp

1. Get a registration form from your youth minister, church office, or download it from www.elporvenircc.org.
2. If you are registering for a youth/kids camp, a parent or guardian must fill out the youth/kids registration form. Then give the form along with payment to your church. For early bird rates, turn it in at least three weeks before your camp starts.

3. If you are registering for an adult camp or family camp, send your adult/family camp registration and payment directly to us. For early bird rates, postmark it at least two weeks before your camp starts.

Volunteer at a Week of Camp

1. If you want to be kitchen help, you must contact the dean of that week. Deans are responsible for these volunteers.
2. Ask your youth minister if your church needs more sponsors. Each church needs at least one sponsor for every six to seven campers and must have at least one sponsor for each gender of campers that you bring.

We're on the Web
www.elporvenircc.org

You can find the 2009 camp schedule on our website. Registration forms are also available for download from our website or get them from your church office.

We have a simple motto here:

Provide a Place for God to Change Lives

El Porvenir Christian Camp is a non-profit resident 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 the Church to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to nonbelievers, to refresh the believer, and to challenge all people to be Christ-like followers of Jesus. 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



Our Junior Managers, Katie and Zach Stafford!

Here comes summer 2009! The past 12 months have been filled with change. The bathrooms in the metal dorm are new and better than ever. There are 3 new cabins ready for campers to use. Soon there will be a new baby Dague on the mountain! Even with all the change, the beauty of this mountain remains steadfast. The scenery around this place never gets old for me. Whether its the trees rising to the sky on the South ridge, the rocks shooting upward on Hermits Peak, or the water crashing down

the pond waterfall...it just never gets old. I imagine God knew exactly what he was doing when he knit this place together. Do you ever dream about how the ministry of EPCC might grow from here? The potential is daunting! We have 480 acres of lush forest, mountain streams, rocky crags, and hiking trails! I feel like God is calling us to continue to unlock this treasure to a searching world. Please help us as we strive forward in '09. There is much more to do!

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