

*Who has gone up to heaven and come down?*

*Whose hands have gathered up the wind?*

*Who has wrapped up the waters in a cloak?*

*Who has established all the ends of the earth?*

*What is his name,  
and what is the name of his son?*

*Surely you know!*

*Proverbs 30:4*



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**A Waterfall on  
El Porvenir Creek**



**HOW DO I \_\_\_\_?****Register for Camp**

1. Get a registration form from your youth minister, church office, or download it from [www.elporvenircc.org](http://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.

**2011 Summer Camp Schedule**

<b>CAMP*</b>	<b>DEAN</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b>Camp Work Day</b>		<b>April 30</b>
<b>Family Camp 1</b>	<b>Billy Kersh</b>	<b>May 27-30</b>
<b>High School Camp (9-Grad)</b>	<b>James Sharp</b>	<b>June 6-11</b>
<b>Hillside High School Camp (9-Grad)</b>	<b>Blake Clevenger</b>	<b>June 13-18</b>
<b>Hillside Middle School Camp (6-8)</b>	<b>Chris Condit</b>	<b>June 20-25</b>
<b>Middle School Camp (6-8)</b>	<b>Josh McVey</b>	<b>June 27-July 2</b>
<b>First Chance Camp (3rd Grade)</b>	<b>Gary Wilcox</b>	<b>July 11-14</b>
<b>Agape Camp</b>	<b>Melinda Gabbard</b>	<b>July 14-17</b>
<b>4th-5th Grade Camp</b>	<b>Billy Kersh</b>	<b>July 17-21</b>
<b>Women's Retreat</b>	<b>Diann Wilcox</b>	<b>July 21-24</b>
<b>Hillside 4th-5th Camp</b>	<b>Shawn Freeby</b>	<b>July 25-29</b>
<b>Family Camp 2</b>	<b>Julie Long</b>	<b>September 2-5</b>
<b>College Age Retreat</b>	<b>Jon Kohler</b>	<b>TBA</b>

\* This is the grade you are entering in fall 2011. Notice that some camps are dedicated to students from Hillside. Make sure you sign up for the correct week!

**Kids Camps Preview!**

The theme for first chance camp (3rd grade) and 4th-5th grade camp this year is "Up On The Mountain." We will be exploring such amazing mountain top events as Moses being called by God, Elijah defeating the prophets of Baal, the sermon on the mount, and the incredible world changing event that happened on a mountain called Calvary.

Hillside 4th-5th grade camp theme is "The Best Week Ever." With an

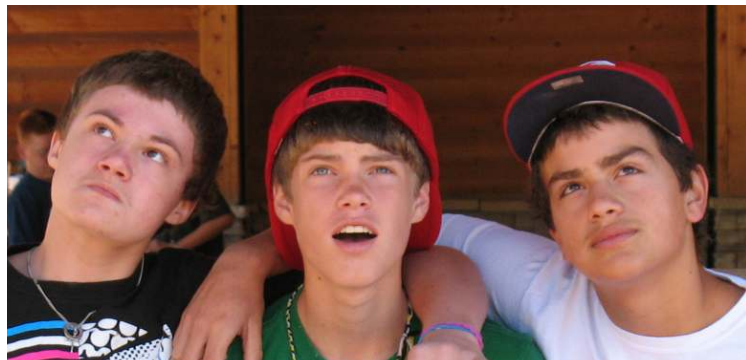
exciting walk through the life of the apostle Paul, our kids will see how Paul's eyes were opened and how he didn't want to live for anything else but God.

We have watched so many first-time campers come at this age then later give their lives to Christ as a MS or HS student. Start a tradition this year! Let God begin a work in your child's heart this summer at El Porvenir!



## Youth Camps Preview!

Our middle school and high school theme this year is “KNOW”. Focusing on 1 John 2:3, we want every student to understand that knowing God is more than just knowledge about God. Knowing God involves a powerful transformation that results in putting our knowledge into practice every day. If you are looking for a sneak peak into your week of camp, a few of the highlights include the drama duo of Hurt & Manley



([www.hurtandmanley.com](http://www.hurtandmanley.com)) at the Hillside HS camp, comedian Tony Wolf ([www.tonywolf.com](http://www.tonywolf.com)) at Hillside MS camp, speaker Bo Chancey ([bochancey.com](http://bochancey.com)) at HS camp, and the band A Road Less Traveled ([www.myspace.com/aroaddlesstraveled](http://www.myspace.com/aroaddlesstraveled)) leading worship at MS camp. Speakers for Hillside weeks are Johnathan Mast and Tommy Politz and worship will be led by Marcus Dawes and the Hillside band. The Michael McBride band will be leading worship at HS camp and speaking at MS camp will be Kyle Worley from Raintree Christian Church ([www.raintreechristian.org/06\\_kworley.htm](http://www.raintreechristian.org/06_kworley.htm)). **DO NOT MISS OUT!**

## Christian Paintball ... Really? Yes, Really!



The chatter is lively at the end of a paintball match. “Dude, did you see that! I got smoked that time!” “Wow, I snuck all the way to their base and they never saw me coming!” A counselor motions for the teenagers to gather together and pay attention.

“How many of you were hit last game?” she asks. Sporadic hands pop up along with laughter, high fives, and more chatter of who shot whom. “If you were in a real battle, how many of you would be considered wounded?” Again, a myriad of hands go up along with comments such as, “I got hit in the shoe!” or “my arm would have been toast!”

“How many of you who were hit would be considered fatally shot?” Once again hands go up, usually those who boast a large paint splat on their facemask.

“If this was a real battle, and you were killed, where would you be now?” Silent contemplation.

There are some Christians who object to the game of paintball, and they make a valid point. Paintball markers do look a lot like guns and we are encouraging the kids to point and shot at each other! On the other hand, this fast growing sport is already offered in over 170 Christian camps nationwide and the reports of powerful life change and wholesome fun abound! So why paintball?

Well, it is fun, safe, and a great teaching tool. Combine strategy, teamwork, and challenge to any competition and you will find those who can’t get enough. Nationwide, paintball ranks as one of the safest of all sports outperforming basketball, tennis, and even bowling.\* Paintball teaches such qualities as courage, patience, and teamwork in a powerful way. However, perhaps the greatest potential for impact is in the relationships that are formed and stories that will be told for years to come. This is where we plant the seeds of life into the fertile soil of the heart, in this case tilled by the sport of paintball!

\*Check out [www.paint-ball.org/paintball/safety\\_report.htm](http://www.paint-ball.org/paintball/safety_report.htm) for safety statistics from the US Consumer Product Safety Commission

We're on the Web  
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You can find the 2011 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***

*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



Happy New Year from Katie and Zach!

Wind. It is a powerful force in the forest. On a tranquil day you may forget its great potential, but on a gusty afternoon it asserts power that no one can control. The New Testament word for "wind" is used to describe the work of the Holy Spirit. It is amazing to think about this powerful mysterious force inside my heart. He is always ready to move me. Always actively working to transform me. Yet, for all the power implied in this metaphor, we see in the Spirit of God a gentle expression of

strength. The work of the Spirit is the work of Jesus, one who the Scriptures describe as gentle and humble in heart, despite having all the authority of the universe! He stands at the door of our life and doesn't blow it down. Instead, he gently knocks. This summer many at EPCC will answer that knock for the first time. It is not that God wasn't knocking already. Something about this place just helps us hear it and respond. Let us open the door and say, "Lord, blow us away!" *Nate S.*