

**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**

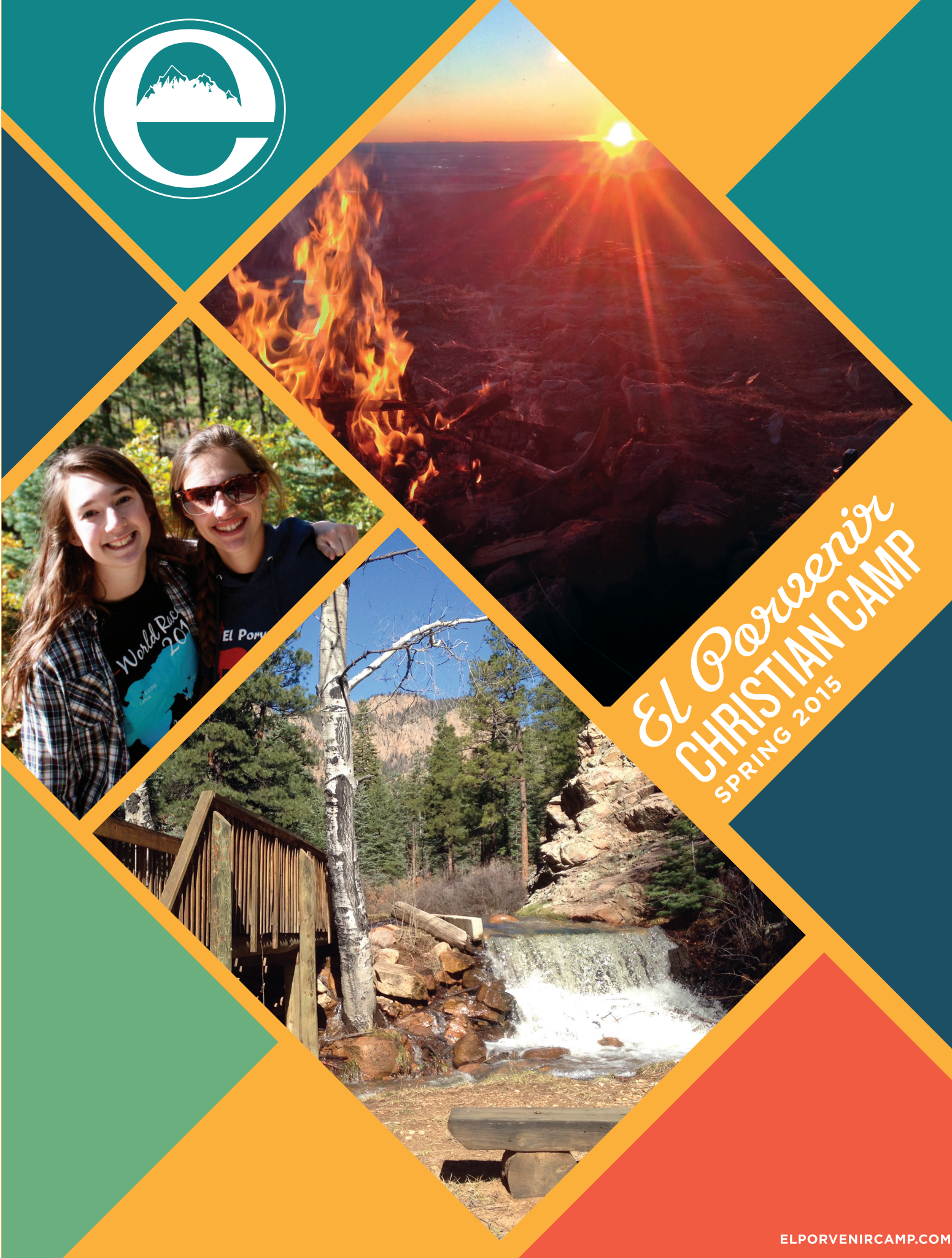
<b>FAMILY CAMP I</b> MAY 22-25 2015	<b>9TH-GRAD CAMP</b> JUNE 8-13 2015	<b>6TH-8TH CAMP</b> JUNE 15-20 2015
<b>WOMEN'S RETREAT</b> JULY 16-19 2015	<b>3RD-5TH CAMP</b> JULY 20-24 2015	<b>FAMILY CAMP II</b> SEPT. 4-7 2015



**MANAGER'S PERSPECTIVE**

"For every time there is a season," Eccl 3:1. When it seems like winter just won't quit, spring warms our souls. When a summer of activity wears us down, the gentle breeze of autumn drifts under our wings and carries us forward (this is me...maybe for you summer is your time of rest)! It is one of God's most dependable principles. We are never forgotten. God knows just what we need and when we need it, and He is never late to provide. Today we are staring upon a new page in our camp life. It is a brand new chapter, one that will have new characters, new twists, new challenges, and new victories. What will God do in this new season? There is no uncertainty. He will challenge us to trust Him. He will beckon us to love Him. He will awe us with His providence. He will lift our vision to new horizons, a freshly lit path, a dependable step for our feet. This is what He always does! Our vision is focused: We will follow His lead. Join us this summer, and together let's see what God will do!

*- Nate Stafford*



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SPRING 2015



## 2015 SUMMER SCHEDULE

### FAMILY CAMP 1:

May 22nd – May 25th  
Dean: Billy Kersh

### SOUTH PLAINS CHURCH OF CHRIST:

June 4th – June 7th  
Contact: Trent Robertson

### 9TH – GRAD CAMP:

June 8th – June 13th  
Dean: Travis Vaclavik

### 6TH – 8TH GRADE CAMP:

June 15th – June 20th  
Dean: Ben Partin

### THE SPRINGS CHURCH:

June 22nd – June 26th  
Contact: David Fernandez

### SOUTHERN ROCKIES DISCIPLESHIP CAMP:

June 27th – July 4th  
Contact: Bill Winzenburg

### MESA BAPTIST CHURCH:

July 6th – July 10th  
Contact: Roger Grantham

### AGAPE:

July 10th – July 13th  
Contact: Melinda Gabbard

### WOMEN'S RETREAT:

July 16th – July 19th  
Dean: Julie Smith,  
Washington Ave. Christian Church

### 3RD – 5TH GRADE CAMP:

July 20th – July 24th  
Dean: Billy Kersh

### E2E:

July 28th – August 1st  
Contact: Ray Rubi

### HERITAGE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP:

August 1st – August 4th  
Contact: Kyle Bamberg

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN AMARILLO:

August 7th – August 9th  
Contact: Alana Mitchell

### FAMILY CAMP 2:

September 4th – September 7th  
Dean: Julie Long

Denotes Camp sponsored events

## How do I .....

### REGISTER FOR CAMP

1. Go to [elporvenircamp.com](http://elporvenircamp.com)
2. Go to our home page and click on the 'Register for Camp' button.

### VOLUNTEER AT CAMP

1. If you want to be kitchen help, you must contact the dean of that week. Deans are responsible for these volunteers. Once you are approved by the dean, you can register on our website.
2. If you are a sponsor from your church, you must be approved by your church. Then, you must also register online.
3. If you are not an approved church sponsor or kitchen help, we are not accepting other volunteers during youth camps at this time.
4. You may volunteer at our work day on May 2nd, or you may inquire about setting up a private work day of your own or with your church.



## COME TO CAMP!

Spring is in full swing, which means that there are deans who are right now in the throes of planning a week of summer camp just for YOU. They are thinking about you and praying for you and asking God what He wants to do in your life this summer.

Whether you are young or old, there is a week of camp at El Porvenir that is made for you. Every summer, El Porvenir Christian Camp welcomes campers from every age group and every walk of life.

Some will come to camp for the adventure. Some, to relax in the beauty of God's creation. Some come hoping to make new friends and some will come to spend a week with the friends they already know and love. And some will come to camp hoping to find God's grace for the brokenness in their life.

Whatever you might need to find this summer, we would like to help you in the search. Register for camp today and get ready for an amazing summer!

## WOMEN'S RETREAT



**CARLA SCOTT, SPEAKER** We have the blessing of hearing God's word through this year's speaker, Carla Scott, of Joplin, Missouri. In addition to learning from Carla you'll have the opportunity to sleep late or take an early morning hike, discover new skills in arts & crafts, try your hand at archery or climb a rock wall. The joyful part of this retreat is that it is designed to be as busy or as restful as you want it to be! We hope you will join us!

Are you ready for an awesome weekend? We are, and we are SUPER excited about this year's Women's Retreat: **Off the Grid and Back to the Basics**. The retreat will start at 2:00 PM on Thursday, July 16 and run until Sunday morning, July 19. During that time you will laugh, relax, play, learn, and come away refreshed and filled with a renewed spirit.

## CAMP PROJECTS

### BRAND NEW SEATING FOR THE AMPHITHEATRE & CAMPFIRE PIT



## FINGERPRINTS

If you walk around El Porvenir Christian Camp you'll see them. Fingerprints. They are everywhere. On every structure and in every cabin. From the kitchen to the paintball course, to the top of Hermit's Peak. There is hardly a place around our beloved camp that goes untouched. These fingerprints belong to a precious part of our EPCC family, Chris and Cari Dague.



Chris and Cari moved to El Porvenir in February of 2008, along with their two oldest, Madison and Morgan (little Mackenzie would arrive at EPCC in 2009). Chris came on board to become the camp's Facilities Manager, but if you have attended camp at EPCC as a camper in the last 7 years you would have seen Chris doing way more than just fixing your leaky shower or operating camp equipment. You might have also seen him helping Rita prepare your dinner or washing dishes. He might have been the guy refereeing your game of paintball or he might have been the one sending you down the zip line on the ropes course. Maybe he led your hike

to Hermit's Peak, or sent you on rappel from the top of Sunrise. Over that same time, you might have seen Cari cooking your meals, or belaying you up the rock wall (when she wasn't taking care of their little girls or running the Christian Education Center in Las Vegas). Odds are, if you've been a camper at El Porvenir in the recent past, you have been impacted by Chris and Cari Dague, whether you were aware of it or not. Their ministry to the camp has been vital and far-reaching, even beyond just impacting the campers. If you were a summer staff member over the time that the Dague's have been around, then you would have been blessed by, not only their service to the camp, but also their friendship. The Dague's home has been the site for many late night movies, or just a hang out spot for weary bodies after a long days work. Cari has spent many hours lending her ear as a sounding board for a soul needing someone to listen. And Chris, leading by example, has taught many a staffer (with a playful "slacker" comment occasionally thrown in) what it means to work hard and do a job well.

We wanted to share with you, our camp family, what a profound impact the Dague's have had on so many lives at El Porvenir, but we also wanted you to join us as we bid them farewell. Chris has recently accepted the position of Maintenance Director at Riverbend Retreat Center, a Christian camp and conference center in Glen Rose, Texas. He recently began his ministry there on April 1. Our hearts are heavy as we let them go. We will miss the smiles, the little girl giggles and hugs, and the encouragement and love that this family has shown to all that have driven through El Porvenir's gates over the past 7 years. We send them on to this new ministry knowing that God will continue to use them to leave new fingerprints and impact new lives for the Kingdom.