

WE HAVE A SIMPLE MOTTO HERE:

Provide a Place for God to Change Lives

We are a Christian camp, established in 1956, located in the beautiful mountains of northern New Mexico.

Our mission is be a Christ-led community that partners with event leaders and positions them to change lives in a summer camp or weekend retreat setting. Our vision for this ministry is to be a safe place of wonder, adventure, connection, and rest where campers and guests return home spiritually renewed.



El Porvenir
CHRISTIAN CAMP
and Retreat Center

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2020
SUMMER CAMP DATES

HIGH SCHOOL CAMP JUNE 1-6 2020	MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP JUNE 8-12 2020	WOMEN'S RETREAT JULY 9-12 2020
ELEMENTARY CAMP JULY 20-23 2020	FAMILY CAMP SEPT. 4-7 2020	PASTOR'S RETREAT OCT. 1-3 2020



A LETTER FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Here is a lie that I must reject...ready for it? "Jesus paid it all, so He doesn't owe me anything." Right premise, wrong conclusion. The truth is that Jesus promised living water that never runs dry, and I never stop needing it. More humbling still is the way that God supplies my soul...ready for it? Authentic relationships with other people. Time spent in solitude reorients my life compass, but to actually move forward I need friends who drop pretenses and journey with me. When I isolate too long, God's grace to my heart is cut off. I have a problem...ready for it? I seldom admit what I need until my suffering grows intolerable. A wise friend will gently prod, "Time for a hike, Nate?" I slump my shoulders and admit, "Yes, I think it is." Is someone gently prodding you? Has the suffering in your house grown intolerable? If so, take a hint. If you're the one prodding, Do Not Give Up. God owes us because he made a promise. Get ready for it. Everyone knows, except you, that you need it. Love you all,

Nate Stafford



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FALL 2019

2019 CLAY SHOOT FUNDRAISER

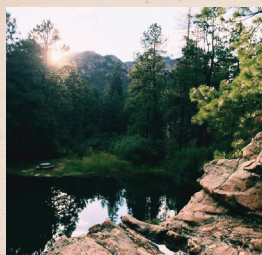
This past May, EPCC held our annual clay shoot fundraiser at the Amarillo Gun Club in Amarillo, Texas. We had a record attendance of 80 shooters, with 16 teams participating in this year's shoot! Because of such a great turnout, we raised over \$30,000.00 for the camp! We are so grateful to all of the men and women who participated in this year's event, as well as all of the countless volunteers that made this year's fundraiser a success!



EL PORVENIR CHRISTIAN CAMP IS NOW HIRING FOR SUMMER 2020!

SUMMER CHECKLIST:

- serve others
- find a cool job
- make new friends
- live in the mountains
- impact lives for Christ
- grow spiritually
- gain life / professional skills

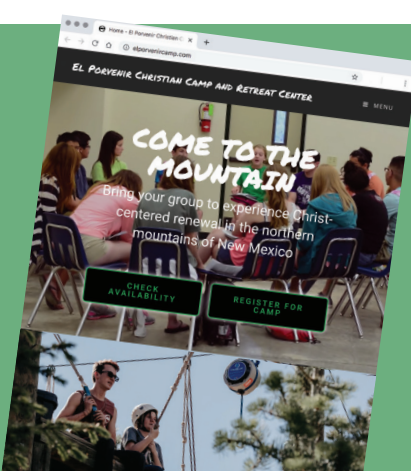


**Kitchen Staff • Activities Staff •
Counselors for the teen volunteer program**

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elporvenircamp.com/employment.
Questions? Contact Melinda McCay at
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NEW CAMP WEBSITE

If you haven't been on the camp's website in a while, take a minute to check out our new look! See the new format and fun additions at elporvenircamp.com



THE GOD OF THE UNEXPECTED

In revisiting the Christmas story this Christmas season I am reminded of how God uses unlikely people and unpredictable places to share His love with the world. The God of the universe came near to us, but not in the way we would have imagined. God chose a simple girl, a dirty stable, and a manger of hay as the means by which Jesus would arrive in this world. Why? God could have chosen any place, person, or method. He chose the unexpected.

At camp, I see quite often how God uses the unexpected to spread his message of love and hope to the world. The methods at camp are sometimes unexpected, and sometimes so are the people. One of my favorite groups to come to camp each summer is Camp Agape, a group of special people with unique physical and intellectual challenges. One of the reasons that I love these campers so much is because they love camp, each other, and God with more enthusiasm than most of us can manage to muster about... well, anything.

This past summer, during Camp Agape's weekend at camp, I happened to be serving fruit and yogurt in the breakfast line when I noticed that the line of campers in front of me had come to a stall out... As I looked over to see what the issue might be, I saw Tonya, a middle aged woman with Down syndrome that has attended Camp Agape for several years. One of the things she loves to do at camp is help serve meals in the kitchen, and this morning Tonya was helping John, one of our summer staff, serve biscuits and gravy. However, it was not the usual way that most of us had served biscuits and gravy each morning that summer... oh, no. Instead, Tonya carefully and slowly picked up a single biscuit from the tray, and then with as much care as she could muster, cut the biscuit in half and gently place it open-faced onto the plate that John was holding for her. She would then reach down for the gravy ladle, and with the same grace and skill that Michelangelo must have used to paint the hand



of God on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, Tonya slowly swirled the piping hot gravy onto each biscuit, making sure that each one was absolutely perfect. And then, with her face beaming, she would hand over her masterpiece to one of her friends in the breakfast line. And there He was. Speaking directly to me.

"Do you see my servant, Tonya? Do you see how much love and care she takes in serving this biscuit and gravy? Do you see how she is slowing down, not in a hurry to rush through this moment, but instead is slowly, intentionally serving her friends with the very best she has to offer? Do the same. Slow down. Be intentional. Find joy in the mundane. Love and serve others well, not just with the big things I've asked you to be faithful with, but also with the little things, like pouring gravy." God's unexpected servant that day was a woman with Down syndrome. And the unexpected place, was the breakfast food line at church camp. But God was there; talking, loud and clear. May each of us listen for God's voice in the unlikely faces and the unpredictable places around us. He will use what we least expect to get our attention. I only pray that we don't miss it.

- Melinda McCay, Program Manager

2019 BY THE NUMBERS

HIGH SCHOOL CAMP: **111 CAMPERS**
MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP: **105 CAMPERS**
WOMEN'S RETREAT: **115 LADIES**
ELEMENTARY CAMP: **95 CAMPERS**
FAMILY CAMP: **124 CAMPERS**
PASTOR'S RETREAT: **15 CAMPERS**
LADIES CRAFT RETREAT: **40 LADIES**
TOTAL SPONSORS: **142 ADULTS**
TOTAL RENTERS: **2,277**

TOTAL ALL CAMPERS
3,024

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