



A PROGRAM OF CAMP BIGHORN

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ABOUT CAMP BIGHORN

Camp Bighorn has developed a strong track record of outdoor discipleship ministry since it began its involvement in experiential education in 1998. Nestled in the Rocky Mountains alongside the Clark Fork river, Camp Bighorn is an ideal base-camp from which to go out from and invest in inner city youth and struggling teens.

We get excited about how the changed environment of the outdoors can be conducive to character building and growth.



ABOUT VENTURE COORDINATORS

Caleb and Jen Sapp

After attending the Explore Program and finishing a B.A. in Youth Ministry, Caleb worked at a residential program for teens “at risk.” Having a passion for the outdoors, Caleb came on Camp Bighorn staff in May of 2008 to begin *Venture*, a program that puts on adventure experiences with underprivileged youth, addiction recovery groups, and residential boarding schools. Caleb met Jen, who had been connected with Bighorn through Lighthouse Church, and also has a passion for reaching struggling teens.



**OUR VISION IS TO MOVE
PAST CULTURAL
STEREOTYPES, LIVING OUT
THE GOOD NEWS, CARING
AND LOVING THOSE
MARGINALIZED BY CHURCH
AND SOCIETY.**



VENTURE'S VISION:

Dynamically building into youth and young adults a solid foundation from which they can make decisions that will positively affect themselves and others.

Venture expeditions are designed to appropriately take participants out of their comfort zones, challenging perceived limits, in order to build community and foster growth. Real life experiences in the wilderness produce life lessons and are facilitated to bring participants to gain a better understanding of themselves, their morals values, and life decisions. The desired outcome is that students would be able to walk in truth, understanding what it means to make positive life choices and how they affect themselves and impact others. Instead of trips that provide immediate gratification, or just recreational relief, Venture trips engage students in a way that asks them to process life together in community. Venture trips are designed so that staff and students engage in experience and challenge; leading to healthy communication skills, positive relationships, and thinking critically.

PROGRAM VALUES

GRACE OVER LAW

DISCRETION OVER RULES

EDUCATION OVER ENTERTAINMENT

INVOLVEMENT OVER OBSERVATION

PRACTICAL OVER THEORETICAL

PROCESS OVER PRODUCT

HOSPITALITY OVER EFFICIENCY

CHALLENGE OVER COMPLACENCY

EXCELLENCE OVER ADEQUATE

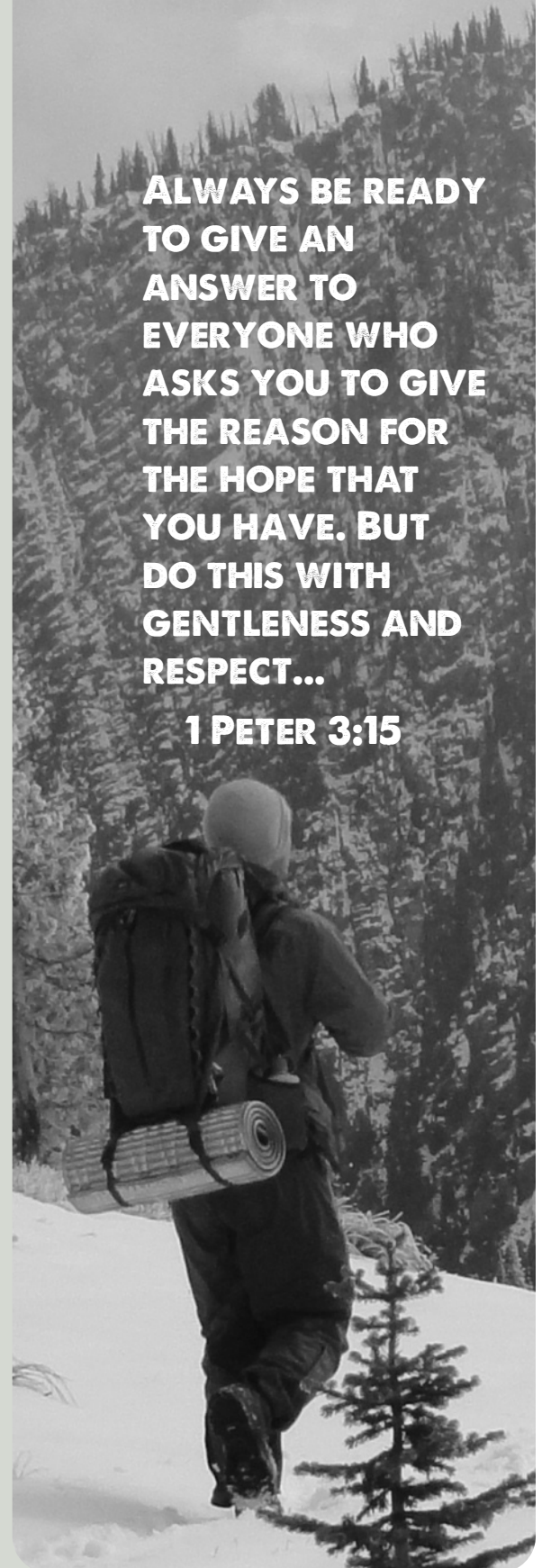
PEOPLE OVER PERFORMANCE



KEY VERSE

**ALWAYS BE READY
TO GIVE AN
ANSWER TO
EVERYONE WHO
ASKS YOU TO GIVE
THE REASON FOR
THE HOPE THAT
YOU HAVE. BUT
DO THIS WITH
GENTLENESS AND
RESPECT...**

1 PETER 3:15





WHAT IS DISTINCT ABOUT VENTURE?

The heart of Venture programming is to reach out towards those who are hurting and are on the brink of harmful life decisions. The desire is to instill godly character into those with whom we minister to. As we step into adventure with others we are able to engage in critical thinking and review and reflect the experience to see how we can apply what is learned to everyday living. The hope is that Venture participants will not only hear the Gospel, but see the Gospel in action. Rather than merely seeing the Gospel as something we intellectually believe, we respond and allow the truth to permeate our lives, loving and caring for those in need.

The fact of the matter is we are all at risk. Each of us is one decision away from destroying our life as well as the lives of those around us.

ORGANIZATIONS/ PROGRAMS SERVICED SINCE VENTURE'S START-UP IN 2008

ReCrea7e (Tacoma YFC)
 YCMA Youth Investment Center– Puyallup, WA
 Tom Roy Youth Guidance Home
 New Horizons Youth Ranch
 Teen Challenge Missoula
 Star Peak Crossing
 Building Bridges
 Turning D Ranch
 Trapper Creek Job Corps
 Kicking Horse Job Corps
 Christian Outdoor Leadership Training
 Summit Preparatory School
 Jubilee Youth Ranch
 Celebrate Recovery (South Hills Church, Kennewick)
 Explorations

What is a stereotype? It is a popular belief, or generalization, about people that may or may not be true.

Our labeling of people can keep us from being the hands and feet of Christ. The Venture Program hopes to use the avenue of wilderness and adventure to move past cultural stereotypes, living out the Good News of Christ.



OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP:

At Camp Bighorn we see leadership being defined as “a non-anxious influencing presence.” In utilizing a changed environment, Camp Bighorn facilitates students in a small community in order to present ideas and concepts for a healthy understanding of leadership. Challenge in the outdoors is used as a catalyst for development and growth.

**"A CHALLENGE...
TO LEAD INSTEAD OF BEING LED,
TO PARTICIPATE INSTEAD OF WATCHING,
TO ACT.. INSTEAD OF WAITING WITH IDLE
HANDS."**

~PAUL PETZOLDT



EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION

What is experiential education? This type of education utilizes experience through process and reflection, to transfer learning to everyday life. Too often there seems to be a disconnect in transferring the information learned to life application. Camp Bighorn hopes to use the avenue of adventure in small groups as a means for long term learning. Appropriate challenge allows modeling and practice for students in a changed environment

LEADERSHIP CONCEPTS

COMMUNICATION AND TYPES

SERVANTHOOD

LEADERSHIP STYLES

SITUATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND PRACTICES

DECISION MAKING

PUTTING INTO PRACTICE





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PROGRAMMING OPTIONS

TYPES OF EXPERIENCES OFFERED

WILDERNESS BACKPACKING (STATE LINE OR CABINET MOUNTAINS)

SIBLING ADVENTURE CAMP

WATER ORIENTATION

CANOEING/RAFTING

CHALLENGE COURSE

MOUNTAIN BIKING

CLIMBING SCHOOL AND EXPERIENCE (STONE HILL)

WHITE WATER KAYAKING SCHOOL

PARENT WORKSHOP/RETREAT

FIRST AID/CPR

SERVICE PROJECT





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VENTURE YOUTH EXPEDITIONS **YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT INVESTMENT**

INVESTMENT HOURS 2013

WINTER EXPEDITIONS	-----324
KAYAK SCHOOL	----- 384
EXTENDED ADVENTURE CAMP	-----648
SINGLE DAY ADVENTURE MINISTRY	-----304

TOTAL HOURS SPENT WITH YOUTH: 1,660

**THE SALARIES OF OUR INSTRUCTORS AND GUIDES ARE
NOT GENERATED BY THE PARTICIPANTS AS 100% OF
OUR STAFF INCOME IS SECURED THROUGH FUND
RAISING THAT IS SEPARATE FROM OUT-TRIP FEES.**





CHARACTER BUILDING

OUTDOOR EXPERIENTIAL EDUCATION

Experiential Education

- Our experiential education curriculum includes the process of informing, applying, reflecting, and re-view
- Camp Bighorn's Venture expeditions program holds a high value of small group processing.

Safety Management:

- Camp Bighorn will be using DOT inspected vehicles for transport
- Lead Guide/Instructor will have a minimum of First Aid and CPR Certification
- We will have First Aid Kits on each trip/event and implement Camp Bighorn's emergency action plan in case of injury or severe sickness.
- Bighorn Triangle: Secure, Communicate, Execute.
- We will be taking a Spot Tracker to be able to activate an Emergency Response during remote wilderness trips.

Curriculum: Example of White Water Venture Curriculum/ Processing

All for the greater purpose of Christian discipleship and outreach. Includes:

- Character development- Front-load main idea of the day/week
- White water safety awareness
- White water guide training
- Scouting Rapids
- Guide Strokes and Commands
- Maneuvering a Raft (Ferrying, Eddie Turn)
- Decision Making and Judgment
- River Knowledge (River Characteristics)
- Throw Bag
- Self/Team Awareness and Responsibility (people, gear, situation care/guest services)
- Submission and Respect
- Reflection time/ Discussion/ Engagement
- Journaling



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