



HEART *of the* JOURNEY

Bringing you closer to the lives you help change



Just a few of the many boys that you have helped over the years

Boys Transformed and Families Restored, Thanks to You!

It's only because of your prayers and support that camp has been able to help boys and their families for the past 39 years. Together, we have impacted many lives for the kingdom.

As we go through these difficult times, we want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Families often share how grateful they are for people like you who have made it possible for their sons to get the help they need at camp. We share their utmost gratitude for your generosity and kindness.

As you know, no boy is ever turned away because of a family's inability to pay what it costs to enroll their son at camp. That is not something that they should have to worry about. Because of generous givers like you, families have the opportunity to get assistance for their sons.

You have helped to turn their nightmare into a new dream for a family filled with hope and purpose. Thank you for your heart of compassion for these boys and their families.

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Learn how a special evening prepared boys, families, and staff for the current crisis.

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From the Director

Coronavirus Brings New Opportunities

In the midst of the new life of wildflowers, trees budding, and the promise of spring is the damper that COVID 19 has put on all of our lives. The impact this is having on our nation is sad. Now more than ever, we all are being forced to look at the positives of life that we are left with.



Daniel Hochstetler

Boys and staff are having to live this out in real-time. We are learning to be flexible, adjust our plans, and be extra patient with each other. This is not easy to do when the trip, your group has been planning for a long time, has to be postponed in order to keep everyone safe. Thankfully, the Lord has blessed us with 748 acres to be quarantined on!

In the midst of many uncertainties, boys are learning the importance of simple things like maintaining the ABCs of Camp – clean camper, clean tent, and clean campsite. These are especially important during this time. Their current study of wildflowers will expand due to everyone being here instead of on trips. There is continued maintenance to do on our trail system on the property. This includes painting blazes on both the Diamond Back Trail and the Laurel Trail.

Many of you have checked in with us in some way or another. Your words of encouragement and support have provided the needed energy for staff and boys to keep moving forward. Now more than ever, we need each other! At the same time, we are asking that you wait to stop in and see Camp until the threat of exposure is lifted. Please continue to pray, to email, or call.



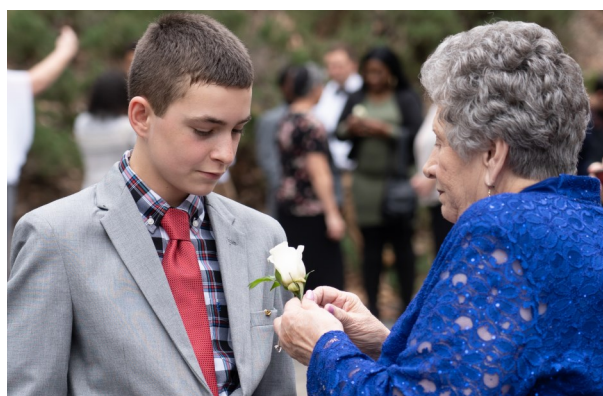
The Mother & Son Banquet Drew Them Closer Together

It was a very special evening. The boys were all dressed up. The Chuckwagon was beautifully decorated. The scene was set. The coronavirus shutdown was still in the future.

After meeting their mother in the parking lot and having their picture taken together, they were seated at a table for two. Each boy presented to his mother a letter of appreciation that he had previously written.

As they enjoyed the delicious meal prepared by the cooks, they talked with each other. For many of the boys, the relationship with their mother had been severely damaged because of their previous words and actions. This evening, the boys and their mothers began the journey of healing and restoration.

“The mother and son banquet was a special time that we had been planning long before we knew anything of a coronavirus,” Daniel explains. “The special bonds and memories that were created on that evening set the tone for boys and their families to have meaningful home visits. Now, these interactions are even more special because of the unknowns of the future.”





I'll Love You Forever

Melissa couldn't wait to spend the evening with Cohen.

The evening started on a special note. "I was walking down the driveway looking for Cohen," said Melissa. "And then I spotted him in the group looking for me. We ran into each other's outstretched arms – hugging each other tightly. He then took me by the arm and began to escort me. It made me feel really special.

Before Cohen came to camp, he struggled having me for his stepmom. He just recently started to call me mom, but at the banquet, the walls completely came down.

During dinner, Cohen thanked me for taking him into my life and accepting him as my son. In return, I was able to share with him how much of a blessing he is to me. I got to tell him how I really felt about him. And he didn't shut down like he often does.

The little chorus that Chief Nathan taught us that evening became our special little bonding song during the home visit. Numerous times we would sing "I'll love you forever..." to each other and hug."

"Thank you for providing this great opportunity for us to build deeper relationships with our sons. The intimate setting was favorable for these special connections. It was a really special evening that changed everything for us."



He Was Such a Gentleman

"Chuckwagon was turned into a lighted wonderland," Becky said. "It was beautifully decorated and the four course meal was delicious.

My son David escorted me to our table where we enjoyed a great evening together. It was obvious that the boys had been learning about manners and how to be a gentleman. David was careful to make sure I was well taken care of and include me in the conversation. He made sure to ask me how I was and what I've been doing.

The banquet gave David confidence that he can change. During the home visit I could see that he is feeling good about himself. He is learning to sit and listen. He can sit through a whole church service. He loves to read his Bible. He has even become an outdoor kid – something that he had no love for before camp.

I have never met such a dedicated group of people like the chiefs and staff at camp. May God bless everyone who has given so much to David and our family."





Read-A-Thon

FAIR PLAY CAMP SCHOOL

We're Changing the Rules

You should have recently received a mailing from us about the Read-a-thon. The mailer was designed and prepared for mailing long before the current coronavirus crisis had taken place. In light of recent events, we are making a few rule changes.

1. Instead of choosing a time frame during June or July, you can start at any time. Many of you may be looking for something for your children to do. **They can start reading now!** They just need to be finished by July 31, 2020.
2. The time frame will not be limited to 30 days. You can read as many days as you want, as long as the reading is completed by July 31.

We suggest that you make your sponsors aware of your plans so that they understand what they are committing to.

All forms and instructions are available on our website at www.fairplaycamp.org.

For more information, contact us at 864-647-4311 or camp@fairplaycamp.org.

It Takes Everyone

At this time of great worry and uncertainty for us all, I sincerely hope that you and your loved ones are in good health.

In these times of financial uncertainty, your first obligation is to your family and community. Please make sure that they are well taken care of. And, there are numerous ministries and charities who are serving on the front lines during this crisis. Please help them as much as you can.

After that, if you are able to contribute to Fair Play Camp School, it would be very helpful. We still have 40 boys who we are caring for and the expenses continue. Families are still depending on your generosity.

If you can help, thank you. If not, we certainly understand. Together, with God's help, we can and will get through these tough times. May God bless you and your family as we serve those in need all around us.



A camper's support team includes his family, his chiefs, family worker, support staff, and generous donors like you!



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