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Lake Lundgren Bible Camp Fall 2023 Update Letter



Hello Family and Friends!

Lake Lundgren Bible Camp has had a fun and busy fall. So have I! I have been learning, I've been challenged and I've made some great memories. Camp has had a big impact on me over the past two years, and I love that I get to take part in giving that experience to others. However, it's not "the camp experience" that's so powerful, but God working in me over the time I've spent here. I love how LLBC is a great place to serve God and share His love—all while being encouraged in my own faith.

Who I am:

My name is Emma Collins, and I am a Program Intern at Lake Lundgren Bible Camp (LLBC). A friend of mine likes to say that LLBC is a place where you can be concentrated on God's Word, coached by God's people, and captivated by God's creation. I have found each of these to be true!

What my job looks like:

As a Program Intern, I do a lot of this and that. I help run the Camp Store, A/V during chapel, and activities (like our Escape Room and Arrow Skeet). One of the joys of my position is building relationships with our volunteers. Additionally, I'm on the cleaning crew, I keep things updated for the next retreat, I assist meal prep, and more. Since my hope is to live my life centered around serving and glorifying Jesus, I love working at a place and with people whose goal is to connect people to Jesus and glorify Him. God has been faithful in giving me courage and strength as I tackle new responsibilities and experiences.

Praises & Prayer Requests:

Big praise for a great Fall Retreat Season!



Please pray for my future, for clarity and wisdom to discern what my next chapter might look like (a second year of interning at LLBC might be a possibility). That I approach the future with my eyes fixed on Jesus, with the intent to serve/glorify God, not myself. Also, that I will trust Jesus with the future and not stress and worry about it. He holds the details!



Please pray that I would be intentional with this internship. That I would take advantage of the resources and people around me to dive into learning, getting out of my comfort zone, asking questions, and especially that my growth would be centered on Jesus and not myself.



Big praise! I was able to go on a missions trip to Eastern Kentucky, November 12th-17th. I joined a team from the church I'm attending, and we worked with ReachGlobal on reconstruction projects for people whose homes were damaged in the flooding that happened in July 2022. It was an amazing experience, and I'm so thankful I was able to go!



Big praise for staffing for next summer—so many people (mostly girls) have already submitted applications for Summer Staff! Also prayers for wisdom and discernment as staff is chosen, and that God would be preparing their hearts to serve.



My family volunteered for a weekend and helped with cleaning up and leaf removal. It was so fun to have them here!



A Fall Fest camper enjoying Pickleball



A Fall Fest camper trying Arrow Skeet (you can see her arrow going over the frisbee)

Fall Retreat Season Update:

Starting with Labor Day Family Camp and ending with Board Gamers Retreat, LLBC has hosted 13 retreats/events. We are currently in a bit of a break, and are preparing for our winter retreat season that starts right after Christmas with Winterfest (an extended Youth Camp weekend for grades 6th-12th that is very similar to summer camp).

A Couple Highlights:

- Making s'mores around a campfire with a group of volunteers during Fall Fest.
- Chatting with the ladies during the Crafting Retreats—swapping stories and learning about knitting and quilting (which I know very little about, and learned a lot!).

Why LLBC is important:

Over the course of the year, LLBC serves over 5,000 campers. The goal is to offer these people the chance to step away from the distractions of life to better focus on their relationship with God. Through the staff living out LLBC's core values, kids and adults coming to camp can be introduced to the Gospel and/or be encouraged in their faith.

Thank you for reading this update and keeping me and LLBC in your prayers! I pray this letter is an encouragement to you, and hope it provides a glimpse into the awesome things God is doing through LLBC's ministry and how He has blessed me. I'm looking forward to seeing what great things God will do this winter! Have a wonderful holiday season. Please let me know of any way I can be praying for you!

With love in Christ,

Emma Collins

Retreats/Events:

Family camps
Crafters retreats
Couples retreat
Men's retreat
Women's retreats
Youth Groups (Fall Fest)
Board Gamers retreats
Adventure Trips
Bus Tours

Fall Fest Growth Update:

Our biggest fall retreats were Fall Fests which have been growing rapidly from 1 weekend in 2017 to 5 weekends in 2023! Fall Fest is a super cool opportunity for Youth Leaders to connect with their youth groups in a space away from distractions. We provide fun activities and eliminate the need for campers to do anything but make great memories and have good conversations.

Supporting the Ministry at Lake Lundgren Bible Camp:

These past two summers, I have been so blessed by all who supported me through prayer and financial gifts. Our paychecks are made possible by financial donors. Since staff salaries come from donations instead of camper fees, we are able to offer camps at lower costs, so families of varying incomes can come to LLBC to experience the Gospel. I am 35% of the way reaching goal of \$15,000 before the end of August 2024.

I truly appreciate your consideration to support God's ministry through me financially and/or through prayer. I have no expectation that those who receive my letter will financially support me—I love to send out a letter to update my friends, family, and supporters of LLBC. Just supporting me and LLBC through prayer is an amazing blessing in itself! However, if you are interested in giving, you can follow the instructions below.

How to Give:

If you are interested in becoming a partner in ministry by supporting me monthly or with a special gift, please visit the website at llbc.org and click "Give" and "Donate Now" or use the QR code to pull up the online contributions page. My name will be listed in the scroll box under "Designate fund amounts."

If you would prefer to send a check, please make it out to Lake Lundgren Bible Camp with a note on the memo line indicating my name.

All donations are tax deductible.

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Campers decorating cupcakes during Mother Daughter



Gorgeous colors this fall!



Skilled crafters quilting and crocheting

