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UPDATE LETTER
LAKE LUNDGREN BIBLE CAMP



Who I am

My name is Emma Collins and I am a Program Intern. My work includes directing activities on the weekends, interacting with volunteers, helping with kitchen prep before the weekend, and recently a few secretarial things. If you have questions or want to chat, feel free to reach out. I'd love to pray for you if you have any prayer requests.

LLBC's Mission

Lake Lundgren Bible Camp exists to glorify God by continually connecting all to Jesus. It runs nine weeks of summer camps, discipleship camps, and adventure trips over the summer. Throughout the rest of the year, LLBC continues ministering to people through family camps and adult retreats.

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Hello family and friends!

It has been so good to look back as I write this update and reflect on how I've seen God working in my life over the past few months. I am so blessed to be at this place surrounded by people who are serious about sharing God's love. I have observed many guests of all ages become refreshed and encouraged in their faith after a weekend here. This winter was a great reminder that we are able to glorify and praise God no matter what the weather!



This camper is enjoying our new addition of laser tag



Building cardboard costumes was a fun indoor activity



Women's Retreat ladies ready to dominate in Laser Tag



A 5 yr old staff kid standing on a snow sculpture when we actually had snow

Retreat Season Update

Every weekend starting in January through mid-March was filled with retreats or guest groups, and the season ended in April with two Crafting retreats. We are currently busy planning and preparing for summer camp! With the unusually warm weather, we were only able to offer skiing, skating, and tubing a couple of times. We got to practice our creativity in thinking up other activities to offer, such as laser tag and cupcake decorating. The guests left with good memories and encouraged in their faith—I know I have good memories and was encouraged in my faith by the guests.

It has been really cool seeing how many people and families keep coming back year after year to make great memories and grow closer to God. Quite a few know more about LLBC than I do! It is so amazing hearing stories from over the years about what God has done, and funny stories about what some of the guests have done. It is also fun seeing people experiencing camp for the first time, falling in love with LLBC for the same reasons that keep the “regulars” coming back.

Highlights from the Winter

- Celebrating my birthday and my friend's birthday together. (She volunteered that weekend and even baked a cake and brought it to camp for us to decorate and eat.)
- Regularly seeing the moon and stars in the clear winter night skies.
- Playing on the worship team at camp as well as once a month at the church I'm attending.
- Running around the woods one night with a bunch of the volunteers (including two of my siblings) and a few of the staff playing a few rounds of Laser Tag.
- Winning a speed puzzle competition with a great team during Women's Retreat.



I had so much fun doing this puzzle as fast as possible!

Personal Job Update

I am growing more and more comfortable with my tasks and have recently been learning and transitioning to a new role as camp secretary. The current secretary, Natalie, just had her baby and is taking some time off. Natalie will be back as camp secretary for the summer while I supervise and run the Craft Shop. At the end of August, I will begin my second year interning as a Program Secretary and will move fully into her role while still keeping a few tasks from the Program side of things. I have really enjoyed being secretary so far, and I'm super excited to be here another year!

I truly appreciate your consideration to support God's ministry through me financially and/or through prayer. I am incredibly blessed by those who have! I am now 88% of the way to reaching my goal of \$15,000 before the end of August 2024. Thank you so much!

Personal Update

I have had the goal of accompanying a worship team on the keyboard/piano for a few years now, but until January, I have only filled in last-minute for a couple smaller services/gatherings. But then camp's keyboard player of many years, Liz Reetz, welcomed her baby in February and has decided to stay home with her, leaving an empty place at the piano that I have stepped into. Additionally, I joined the youth worship team of the church I am attending and lead worship with them once a month. It has been a learning experience and a blessing! I love getting to use a skill I enjoy to worship God and help lead others in worship of Him.

Over the winter/spring, I have studied through almost three books with the other interns/staff at LLBC. One of the things that has been on my heart over the past few months is humility: thinking less of myself and more of others, including God. It has been really interesting seeing this come up in the different books we've been going through as well as conversations I've had. Specifically, I've been recognizing more and more the subtlety of pride and how often it crops up in my life. As well as how often my motive is based in pride and selfishness though my actions might seem humble. God is opening my eyes bit by bit, and I am so blessed by all the people surrounding me that are willing to lovingly pour into me with advice founded in truth.

Prayer Request/Praises

- Praise for a good retreat season
- Praise for having all summer staff and volunteer positions except one filled!
- Please pray for me as I prepare for summer, leading the Craft Shop. Also for camp in general as we prepare for summer camp
- Praise for how God has blessed me financially
- Please pray that I glorify God this summer and have opportunities to share the Gospel and pour into campers and staff
- Praise for staying another year
- Please pray for the campers that will be coming—that God would be moving in their hearts



Little kids enjoying the snow during Winter Family Camp



Helping out with the camp store



Accompanying the worship team



A staff kid was inspired by me cutting off 32 inches in December



A Crafter showing off one of the many projects completed

I pray this letter is an encouragement to you, and hope it provides a glimpse into the awesome things God is doing through LLBC. Thank you for reading this update and keeping me and LLBC in your prayers! Please reach out if there is anything I can be praying about for you.

With love in Christ,

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