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## WINTER 2023 MINISTRY UPDATES



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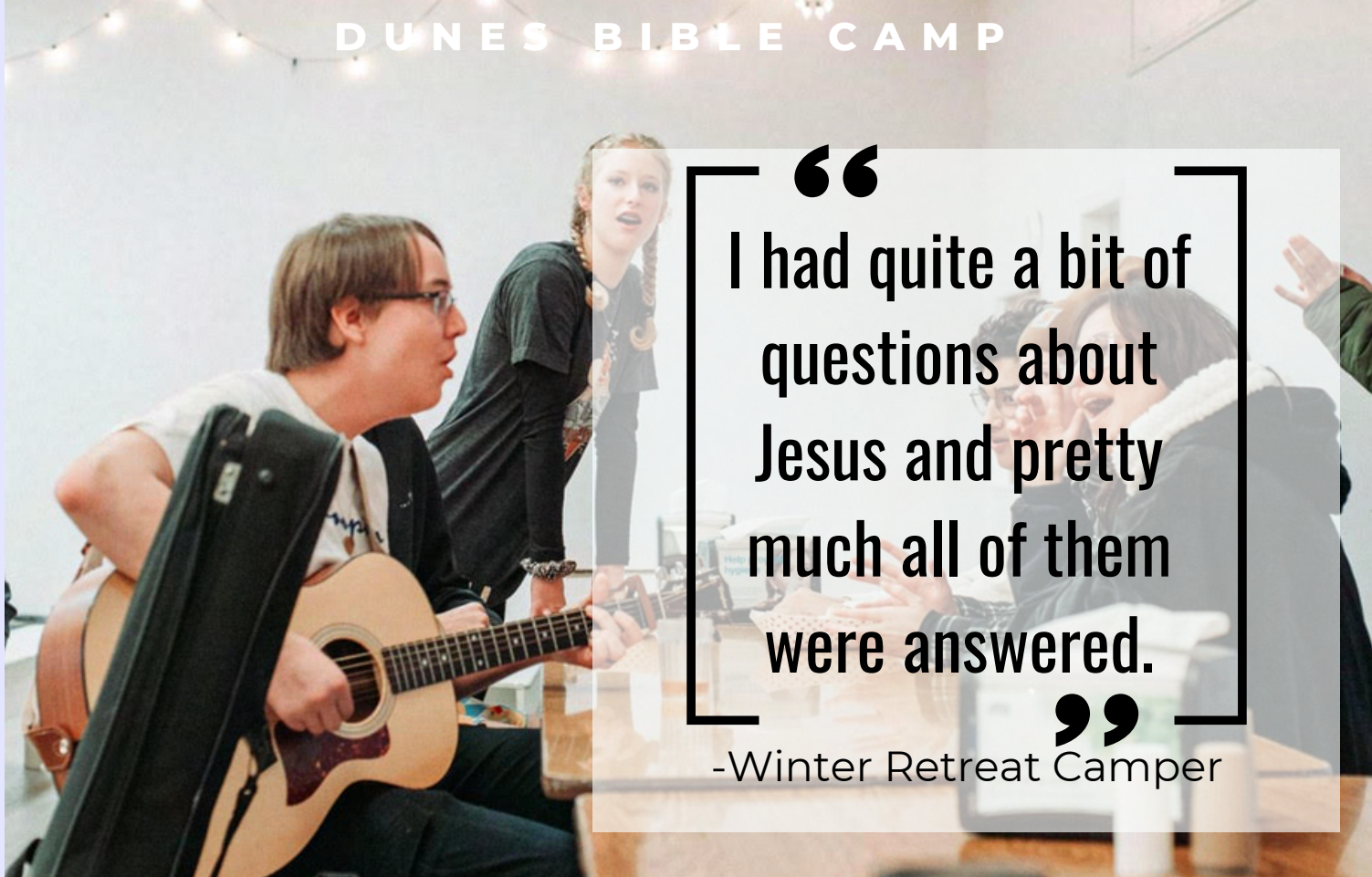
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# REGISTRATION IS LIVE!

Click [HERE](#) to register for summer camp!



“ I had quite a bit of questions about Jesus and pretty much all of them were answered. ”

-Winter Retreat Camper

# MEMO FROM THE DIRECTOR

## WINTER MINISTRY UPDATE

We were greatly encouraged with the results of both our College and Young Adult Retreat, and our HS Winter Camp this year. With our attendance doubling this year, it is clear that the CYA retreat is gaining a lot of momentum. I'm very thankful we did not give up on the vision for this, and Amy-Rose, our Program Director, gets a lot of credit for that. Josh Duff, the Director for Ecola Bible

College, did an excellent job sharing God's word as our speaker for this event. We were very thankful for our Kitchen crew as well, putting in longer hours to deliver not only meals, but also amazing snack spreads into the late evening for a bunch of young adults ringing in the New Year.

The HS Winter Retreat was also a great success, with over half the campers standing in response to a challenge of repentance from our speaker, Zack Talbert. We had a blast at this retreat, trying some new creative games and activities, including a "marshmallow war."

It is such a blessing and encouragement for our staff to see all these campers have such a blast, while growing closer to each other and the Lord during these camps and retreats. It's why we do what we do!

-Brian Bickle, Camp Director

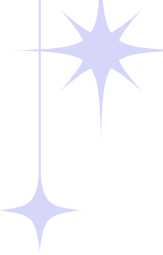




# WINTER MINISTRY RECAP



The 2022-23 College and Young Adult's Retreat was an incredible celebration, with over 100 young adults in attendance and a great time had all around. Campers participated in such memorable activities as Diamond Smugglers in the gym, a volleyball tournament, free time in downtown Long Beach, beach walks, small group times, worship sessions, delicious meals, and late night board games. On New Year's Eve, the campers experienced a Scottish Ceilidh (Kay-Lee) dance, led by authentic Scotsman Bill Richardson, who happens to be the father of our Program Director, Amy-Rose. The New Year's party began with an impressive charcuterie-style snack spread and concluded with a time of worship after the dance. At midnight, we counted down and rang in the new year with a confetti cannon and sparkling cider toasts, and then concluded with a chorus of "All Glory Be to Christ" (to the tune of Auld Lang Syne), led by a worship team made up of talented musicians representing 6 different churches in the Northwest. It was a meaningful and memorable weekend and we are already looking forward to doing it all again next year (or should we say, this year!)



## COLLEGE AND YOUNG ADULT NEW YEARS RETREAT



We were blessed to have Josh Duff, Director of Ecola Bible College in Cannon Beach, OR, as our speaker for the College and Young Adult Retreat this year. Josh spoke on the importance of hope, and how we have a perfect hope through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He challenged campers to think logically and thoroughly about the truth of Jesus and the evidence for His resurrection.

In addition to chapel messages and worship sessions, campers found small group times especially impactful and encouraging. During these times, the entire camp split into randomly selected groups of 4-6 campers to answer Josh's discussion questions and get to know each other. Through small groups, new friendships were formed, and the campers challenged and encouraged one another in their pursuit of the Lord.

“ God really encouraged me during my time at Dunes Bible camp. He encouraged me by all of the new Christian friends I made and the Bible study time where I was able to get to know people who were dealing with similar things that I deal with.

-LAURA, CYA RETREAT ATTENDEE





# WINTER MINISTRY RECAP

## HIGH SCHOOL WINTER RETREAT

This event took place over MLK Weekend and was filled with both new and old traditions for our high school campers to enjoy. We were privileged to partner with GracePoint Church in Bremerton, WA, who brought many of their own high schoolers to attend this retreat. Campers enjoyed night games, day games, marshmallow wars, free time, pool time, snacks, chapel messages, worship sessions, and cabin discussions.. Some favorite memories include the camp-wide game of Assassin, the Saturday night Q & A panel, Diamond Smugglers, and a black light dance party in the Dining Hall.



“  
"I've learned to trust Him with my entire life more, instead of a part."  
”

-Winter Retreat Camper

Our High School Winter Retreat speaker was Pastor Zack Talbert from Crossroads Bible Church in Bellevue, WA. Pastor Zack also came out to Dunes this summer for one of our middle school camps. Our campers have greatly benefited from Zack's teaching as he brought to life the story of Jesus and the demon-possessed man in Mark chapter 9, calling students to repent and believe in the Gospel, to remember that they are "safer with Jesus in the storm than without Him on the shore," and to trust and obey Him in whatever circumstances they may find themselves.

**"We are safer with Jesus in the storm than without Him on the shore"**  
-Pastor Zack





# SUMMER REFLECTIONS

## PRAISING GOD FOR SUMMER 2022



God continues to provide for this ministry and supply the resources and help needed as we continue to see growth. Summer 2022 held a lot of FIRSTS for Dunes Bible Camp! It was our first summer after splitting our High School and Middle School camps into two separate camps in response to the growth we have seen in camper numbers, especially from the Longview, WA area. This summer we hosted nearly 600 campers total between all 5 camps, with over 90 of these campers enabled to attend through scholarships.

## THE NUMBERS:

5 CAMPS

NEARLY 600 CAMPERS

90 CAMPER SCHOLARSHIPS

~17 SUMMER RENTAL GROUPS

SERVED

10 C.A.D.E.T.S

>130 VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF

### OUR MISSION

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH TO:

KNOW JESUS → LOVE JESUS

KNOW OTHERS → LOVE OTHERS

1 JOHN 4:19

Summer 2022 was also Amy-Rose's first summer as Program Director! She did an incredible job and our campers enjoyed all the new games and skits she has brought to the table, in addition to many classic and well-loved Dunes traditions. One example of a new favorite this summer was Dunes Got Talent, which took place during both Middle and High School camps. The talent show featured campers (and some staff) who threw together impressive musical performances, funny skits, and many surprising talents (dad jokes, magic tricks, to name a few). We found this to be not just a hilariously fun event each week, but also incredibly encouraging, as week after week, the campers cheered for every single act with enthusiasm and each performer left the stage feeling loved and built up.





# REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER 2023!



God has been so faithful to use this ministry, and so kind to allow us to see some of the fruit of our labors this past summer! Although gathering spiritual impact information was not possible at each camp, we had testimony of 37 campers putting their faith in Christ at two of our camps. An additional 11 campers wrote that they put their faith in Christ on our end of week feedback forms. Many campers wrote of a renewed desire to live out their faith, the reminder that God is with them always, and the encouragement that He loves them and can save anyone, no matter their past. Not just among our campers, but also among our staff as well, we saw God working. This was the first summer we had a C.A.D.E.T.S. Program (read more on page 12), in which 10 high school students had the opportunity to serve our guest groups and be discipled by our leadership staff. We were blessed by this team, and thankful to see some of the impact of the more focused ministry to these campers.

## SUMMER STAFF

Running 5 weeks of youth camp takes a lot of counselors and support staff! Do you love Jesus and have a desire for youth to know the Gospel? Camp counseling is challenging, rewarding, and oh SO much fun. We are praying and trusting the Lord to supply the staff we need for summer 2023.



Are you considering Summer Staff? Visit [dunesbiblecamp.com](https://dunesbiblecamp.com) to apply today!



Have you got a story or short testimony about how God transformed your life or the life of your child while at Dunes? Click [HERE](#) to submit your story!

“COUNSELING CHALLENGED ME TO LEAN ON THE LORD AND REMINDED ME THAT HE WAS MOVING IN THESE KIDS' GENERATION. HE WANTS THEIR HEARTS AND CAMP WAS THE PERFECT WAY FOR THEM TO HEAR THAT CALL. IT WAS A BLESSING TO BE HIS HANDS AND FEET.

SARAH V. - COUNSELOR

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# LOOKING AHEAD 2023 DATES

WOMEN'S RETREAT.....MARCH 17TH-19TH

YOUTH LEADER CONFERENCE..APRIL 24TH-26TH

DUDES BIBLE CAMP..... APRIL 28TH - 30TH

MS COWLITZ CAMP.....JULY 5TH-9TH

KIDS CAMP.....JULY 10TH-14TH

HS COWLITZ CAMP.....JULY 15TH-20TH

MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMP.....JULY 21ST-25TH

HIGH SCHOOL CAMP.....JULY 26TH-31ST

## WOMEN'S RETREAT

MARCH 17TH-19TH

Whether you are looking for uplifting conversations with other women, a getaway to the beach, or just enjoying someone else doing the cooking and cleaning, Women's Retreat at Dunes is a breath of fresh air! Time can be spent playing board games, enjoying the swimming pool, or walking on the beach. Bring a homemade craft or baked good for our Silent Auction and a snack to share.

DUNES BIBLE CAMP

# Provider

WOMEN'S RETREAT

*Come and join us for sweet fellowship and exploring God's Word together!*

MARCH 17TH-19TH 2023

CRAFT/BAKED GOODS SILENT AUCTION

\$110 FOR THE WEEKEND

REGISTER ON THE DUNES WEBSITE

*We can't wait to see you!*





## ABOUT THE SPEAKER: DAWNA STUTZMAN

Dawna was raised in Portland, Oregon and attended Franklin High School. She ran track for the University of Oregon and graduated with a BA in foreign language.

Dawna taught 4th grade at Southwest Christian School in Beaverton, Oregon, for 27 years. She also enjoyed coaching the boy's and girl's varsity track and field teams for 9 years.

Duane and Dawna were married in 1979 and lived aboard the "Dawn Ray" sailboat. It was their home for the next 13 1/2 years. They brought both of their babies (now both married with kids) home to the Dawn Ray and they grew up as "liveaboards." Every summer, as a family, they embarked on sailing adventures together.

They have been consistent members at Southwest Bible Church for 35 years where Dawna serves in the music ministry as well as the women's ministry.



MEN'S RETREAT

## DUDES BIBLE CAMP

APRIL 28TH-30TH

Retreat to the beach for a weekend that's aimed to refresh, rejuvenate & revitalize men as we engage in powerful teaching, worship, and delicious food. Come and be a part of a strong fellowship where we dive deeper together in our walk with God.

### SPEAKER: D. MIKE COLLINS

Mike Collins has been planting churches, preaching, teaching, and leading men's groups for over thirty-five years. Over that time he has identified seven rhythms that all great men of the Bible implement in their walk with God. Mike is passionate about challenging men to live the life that God has called them to. He has been married to his high school sweetheart, Leann, for thirty-six years. Together he and Leann have six grown children, nine grandchildren, and more on the way.

Mike loves to spend time with Leann, his kids, his grandkids, and his Brotherhood Men's Group, and loves to bbq and smoke meat.



APRIL 28 - 30TH, 2023

COST: \$110

REGISTER ONLINE AT  
[WWW.DUNESBIBLECAMP.COM/DUDES-CAMP](http://WWW.DUNESBIBLECAMP.COM/DUDES-CAMP)



"THE ONE QUESTION  
WISE MEN ASK"

*Finding balance and rhythm in  
your pursuit of God*

WITH GUEST SPEAKER

D. Mike Collins



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# YOUTH LEADER CONFERENCE

Dunes Bible Camp is hosting a retreat for Youth Leaders and their key staff and volunteers! The goal of this conference is to encourage and equip youth staff from around the Northwest. Topics are relevant for anyone serving in Children through Young Adult ministries.



## KEY TOPICS:

- Sustained by Grace: Burnout prevention and embracing longevity in ministry.
- Recognizing & Responding to mental health issues in youth ministry.

\*A limited number of free entries are provided for our member and partner churches! Call/email for further information.

## GUEST SPEAKERS



**DR. RON MARRS**

Dr. Ron Marrs is presently a Professor of Youth and Pastoral Ministry at Western Seminary. He came to Western Seminary in 2003. Ron is the leader of the Portland Youth Workers Network. He served at Westwood Baptist Church, a Converge church, for 24.5 years primarily as the youth pastor and then as executive/worship pastor. He has been married to Becky for 45 years and has three children, two daughters-in-law, three grandsons, and one granddaughter. He served as an elder at Hinson Baptist Church prior to joining a church plant, Redemption Church, sent out by Hinson. He completed doctoral research in which he interviewed 27 people about their rookie youth pastor experiences along with 25 of their supervisors.

Dr. Jeremiah L. Peck is the Clinical Director of Ally Christian Counseling in Vancouver, Washington, and core faculty in the counseling program at Western Seminary in Portland, Oregon. Dr. Peck has been involved in Christian church ministry since 2005 and has an extensive background in youth and family ministry. He currently is the lead pastor of Lexington Bible Fellowship in Kelso, Washington. Dr. Peck is a sought-after speaker on the topics of mental health in ministry, youth, marriage, family ministry, and burnout prevention. He enjoys spending time with his wife, and three beautiful daughters.



**DR. JEREMIAH L. PECK**



**MIKE ARZIE**

Mike Arzie is the 0-24 Pastor at Southwest Bible Church in Beaverton, OR. He has been on staff since 1999. Mike plays several roles including overseer of Nursery through College. Mike spends his ministry hours preaching, teaching, and discipling. Mike earned his undergraduate degree from Linfield College in Business Information Systems and his MDIV from Multnomah University. Mike and his wife Jill of 23 years have three children. The youngest is a Junior in high school. Mike loves to study the culture and cultural shifts. His teaching will often help the church to be the salt & light that God has called us to be. Mike's love for the Yankees took root in 1985. This is why his mood in October varies greatly from year to year.

# MEET THE NEW TEAM MEMBERS

OUR STAFF CONTINUES TO GROW! WE WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO INTRODUCE YOU TO THE NEWEST ADDITIONS TO THE DUNES TEAM.

## WAYNE

Wayne moved to Dunes from Cathlamet, WA in fall 2022 after spending the summer as a S.E.A.L. Wayne first came to Dunes with his church, Calvary Community Church in Longview, WA, and later began serving on staff at Dunes as a volunteer. Wayne felt called into camp ministry after working at other camps as well as Dunes and seeing how God has gifted him with the ability to serve. After prayerful consideration, Wayne applied to be an intern, and now he spends his days working on maintenance projects with Jeremy and lifeguarding at the Dunes Pool, which is open to the public during the off season. When asked how life at Dunes in the winter has surprised him, he replied: "I was definitely not expecting to lean so heavily into lifeguarding and swim lessons" and "not having a roommate."

In his free time, Wayne enjoys biking, hiking, playing bass, reading books, listening to music, and playing video games. When asked his favorite thing about working at camp so far, Wayne says, "I really enjoy teaching swim lessons to the kids and I love doing projects around camp." Some of these projects include re-siding the gym, refinishing the old benches at the pickleball court, and making a new hatch for the Secret Bunker .

## INTERN



## SOPHIE



## ADMIN ASSISTANT

Sophie joined the team in June 2022, and spent the summer as our girl's staff leader before transitioning into her off-season position as administrative assistant. Sophie is from Monroe, WA, where she worked as an admin assistant at a Christian private school. She has spent 6 summers on staff at 4 different camps, including Camp Gilead in Carnation, WA, Black Lake Bible Camp in Olympia, WA, and Pine Cove Crier Creek in Columbus, TX. After graduating from Montana Wilderness School of the Bible in 2021, Sophie realized that the only thing she was REALLY passionate about doing with her life was summer camp ministry. Then she heard about the opportunity to work at Dunes at a CCCA conference, and the rest is history.

When she is not helping with administrative tasks in the office or managing our social media, Sophie enjoys reading, taking long walks on the beach, cooking, and spending time with her cat, Charlie. When asked what she enjoys most about her job she says, "The people! We have an awesome community here at camp. Also, getting to utilize my organization skills at work." The thing that has surprised her most about working at Dunes in the off season is how quickly life flies by. "I never thought I would actually have a job where my work day goes by quicker than I want it to."



# DUNES HISTORY

FEATURING:

## THE COFFEE BAR

The Dunes Coffee Bar was constructed in 2012 by Zach Lee, alongside his father-in-law, Steve Holmes, and brother-in-law, Kyle Holmes (the previous Director and Maintenance Manager at Dunes, respectively). It was constructed in the southeast corner of the Dining hall and lovingly dubbed "Ocean Perk" as a play on both our hometown of Ocean Park and a well-known T.V. coffee shop. Since the Coffee Bar officially opened for business, it has been a favorite "perk" of Dunes guest groups, campers, and staff. Featuring reasonable prices and a wide variety of flavors, you'll find that whether you are a die-hard coffee addict, tea drinker, or Italian soda connoisseur, there's something for everyone at the coffee bar.



**NEW MERCH!!**

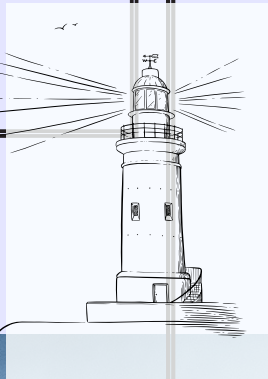
## BEANIES

Come to the Camp Store to get one of these cozy Dunes beanies sometime soon! Stylish and stretchy and only \$20! Don't forget to come by and pick one out next time you find yourself at camp.

Have you tried any of our special drinks? Our current special menu features the Director's Cup (spiced mocha), the Snickerdoodle Latte (sweet with the perfect touch of cinnamon), and now, the London Fog Latte (Earl Grey tea with vanilla and a hint of lavender).



**WE NOW HAVE LAVENDER SYRUP!**



EMAIL SOPHIE@DUNESBIBLECAMP.COM IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PRAYING FOR A FULL-SUMMER STAFF MEMBER

“ Prayer is not the least you can do for someone - It's the most you can do - Anonymous

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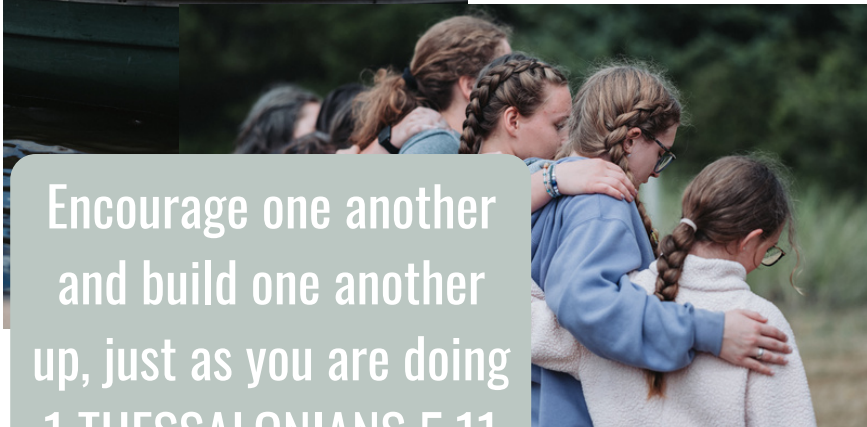
DID YOU KNOW YOU CAN

# ADOPT A SUMMER STAFFER?

Have you ever served at Dunes in the past, but maybe you are in a different stage of life now and aren't able to serve in person this summer? Or maybe you are a long-time friend of Dunes and would love to support the ministry but don't know how to best get involved? Whatever your story is, you can have a profound impact at camp this summer in a very simple way: by choosing to support a full-summer staff member in prayer!



For many young people, working at camp can be one of the most challenging, exhausting, and spiritually impactful seasons of their entire lives thus far. God often uses summer ministry to shape the lives of our summer staffers. Our S.E.A.L.S. and many other staff members spend 1-3 months of their summer pouring themselves out in love to others. More than anything else, they need prayer!



Encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing  
1 THESSALONIANS 5:11

If you sign up to adopt a summer staffer, you will receive information about your adopted staffer as well as specific prayer requests directly from them! You will have an opportunity to get to know them and pray for their specific needs throughout the summer.

EMAIL SOPHIE@DUNESBIBLECAMP.COM IF YOU ARE INTERESTED

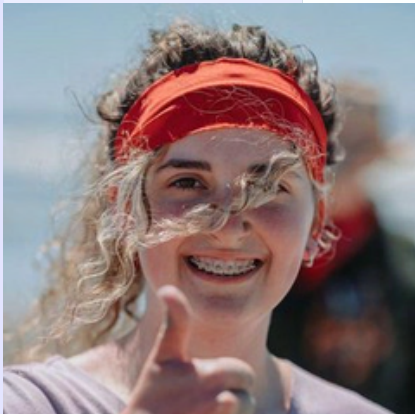


# WHAT ARE C.A.D.E.T.S?

## Campers At Dunes Eager To Serve

This new program, implemented for the first time in Summer 2022, consists of small teams of High School-age volunteers who help with food service, paper runs, and cleaning during full-serviced summer rental groups in the months of June and August. These teams serve for one to two week sessions. During their stay, C.A.D.E.T.S work closely alongside the S.E.A.L team and participate in Bible study, discipleship, fellowship, fun outings, and more.

In June and July 2022, we trained and worked alongside 3 C.A.D.E.T.S. teams, consisting of a total of ten campers over a span of 4 weeks. Abel and Sophie led our first C.A.D.E.T.S. teams, tasking them, pouring into them, and leading them in Bible studies and work projects.



We are so grateful for our servant-hearted teams of C.A.D.E.T.S and all the ways that they blessed our guest groups and the rest of our staff team this summer. We can't wait to see this program grow and expand in the years to come!

# GET INVOLVED?

## PRAY FIRST AND FOREMOST! PRAYER REQUESTS :

- That God would use this camp to reach souls for Christ!
- For our upcoming retreats and events.
- For our financial and facilities needs.
- That God would supply the staff we need for this summer.
- For wisdom for our leadership team.



## SERVE!

Summer staff applications are live! We are building our team of counselors, S.E.A.L.s, and C.A.D.E.T.S. for summer 2023. We also rely on a large team of behind the scenes volunteers throughout the summer. If you are interested in serving or volunteering and have questions, please contact us.

## SEND KIDS TO CAMP

A primary way to support the ministry of Dunes is through contributions to our camper scholarship fund. This fund make it possible for families to send kids to camp when they otherwise would have missed out due to financial reasons. In summer 2022, over 90 individuals were able to attend our camps because of full or partial scholarships.



**IN SUMMER 2022, OVER 90 INDIVIDUALS WERE ABLE TO ATTEND OUR CAMPS BECAUSE OF FULL OR PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS.**

However, in 2022, our scholarship reserve was severely depleted, which has made contributions to our scholarship fund an even greater need, and an even greater blessing going into this summer!




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