

ALPINE ECHOES

FALL 1999

Alpine's Mission: To Provide a Mountain Top Encounter with Jesus Christ through Christian Camping

32 Years And Still Going, Going.....

By John Gehring, Director of Guest Relations

For 32 years now Rob Robbins has been coming to Alpine. He returned this summer as a counselor to his own son Steve and 8 other boys in Indian Village. Rob's daughter Dale was also here enjoying her third year as an Indian Village camper. I caught up with Rob at poolside where he was cheering on Steve at the jousting board, which extends across the pool.

(John) So Rob, what have you enjoyed through the years as you have come to Alpine?

(Rob) A sense of intimacy has remained between the staff, the counselors and the kids. It's nice that the director has the ability to be involved with the kids. Also, each time I return to Alpine something is improved. I've appreciated that.

(J) Have you seen much change since you were a camper?

(R) I like the fact that the original buildings are still here. The lodge (Redwood Lodge) is really a lodge. It's centrally located with modern comforts. I've

been to other camps where you just don't have that authentic atmosphere and natural setting.

(J) What brings you back to Alpine?

(R) The reason why we first came is the same reason why we still come to Alpine, Christ changes lives here, and the lost come to know Christ. Through all the years, Alpine has not lost sight of its purpose. I'm also pleased to see non-Christians treated as

well as other Christians.

(J) What was your first year at Alpine?

(R) 1967, I was a 4th grader at Indian Village.

(J) I understand that you later returned to work on staff?

(R) Yes, in 1975 I was the lifeguard at this pool!

(J) What is your most memorable experience here at Alpine?

(R) One winter, a bunch of us guys were out messing around and noticed that the pool was iced over. I went out on the ice and fell through. I still remember that it was Phil Nelson who rescued me. But overall, what made the most impact on me was that Alpine is

where I grew socially. It was always a good environment where you sought out Christian brothers and made lifetime friends.

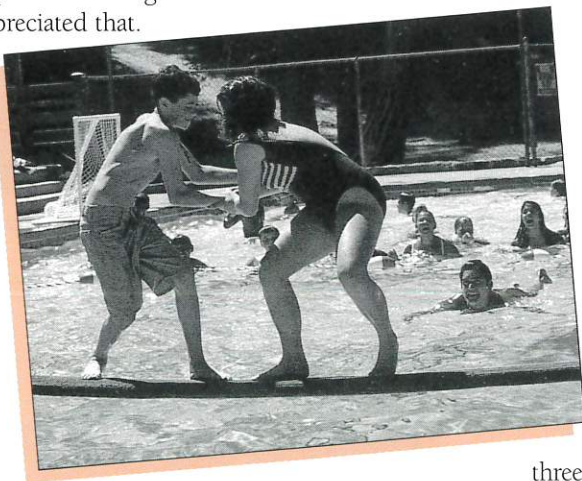
(J) It sounds like Alpine has made quite an impact.

(R) You know, I was born in Michigan but at the age of

three we moved to

Orange County where I grew up. I've worked at Southern California Bank for fifteen years and attended Calvary Church of Santa Ana for the last 10 years. Through all of that I'm so very glad that Alpine has been here for me and now I want my kids to experience it.

(Editor's Note) Many campers could tell of how Christ impacted them through their years at Alpine. When dedicated Christian men like Rob take the time to share their experience, God uses it to affect young lives.



Upcoming Events

1999

SEPTEMBER 1999

High School S.A.L.T. Retreat
Sept. 17-19

OCTOBER

Covenant Women's Retreat
Oct. 1-3

Father & Son Weekend
Oct. 15-17

NOVEMBER

Men's Conference
Nov. 5-7

2000

JANUARY 2000

Sr. High Winter Weekend
Jan. 14-16

Juniors Winter Weekend
Jan. 21-23

FEBRUARY

Jr. High #1 Winter Weekend
Feb. 11-13

Jr. High #2 Winter Weekend
Feb. 25-27

MAY

Mother & Daughter Weekend
May 5-7

Summer dates for Indian Village,
Day Camp, Junior High & High
School camps will be posted
shortly on our website.

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K-TIPI & KACC (The Rock of Generations)

This past summer Alpine's program was based on a radio station theme igniting the camper's curiosity to learn more about God and the Christian life.

Many minds and hearts were opened with a spark from the fun. Then fueled by

teaching, singing and devotions, many caught fire! This fire purified them for spiritual growth and new life in Christ. More than 124 campers made decisions to receive Christ as Savior and even more committed themselves to Christian service in our programmed

camps alone. Please see the overall totals for our summer under "Praises" on the back page. Overall it was a very exciting summer of fun and ministry for staff and guests alike.

Here is what some had to say about their experience at summer camp:



“ He experienced his first time away from home for a week. Thanks for making it a positive experience! He loved the food, made new friends and most importantly, grew in his relationship with the Lord. ”

A Parent of an Indian Village camper

“ Three close friends went to camp with me and they also accepted the Lord into their hearts. ”

A Junior High camper

“ My child experienced a renewed faith in God and Jesus Christ. Thank you. ”

A Parent of a Day Camp camper



“ My daughter feels so loved by your wonderful staff - she talks about the leaders all year. ”

A Parent of an Indian Village camper

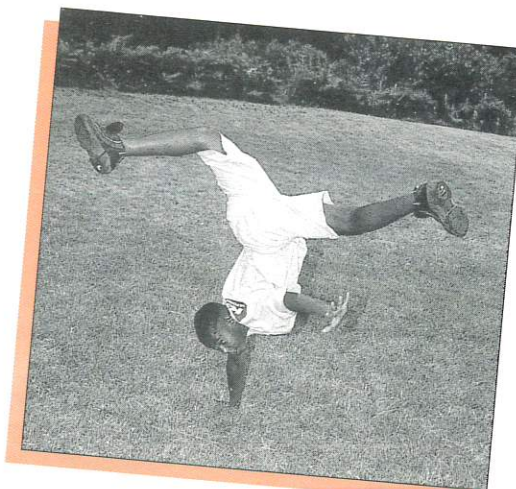
Two Great Radio Stations, One Great Summer

“ My child experienced an awakening concerning his spiritual life. He returned very happy and gave his life to Jesus! ”

A Parent of a Junior High camper

“ This was one of the best times of my life. I was able to grow in my faith and I am comfortable with sharing my faith. ”

A Junior High camper



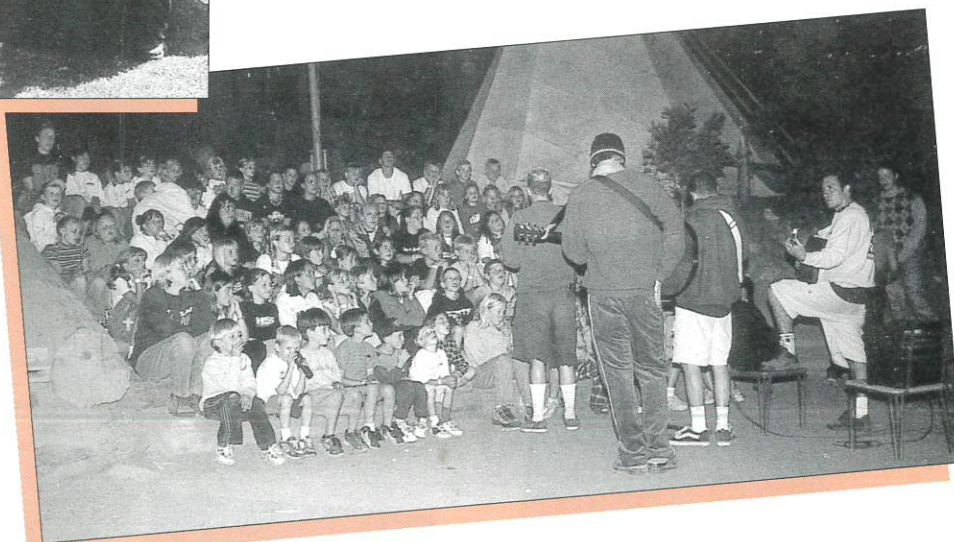
“ A great Christian atmosphere with caring people. Thanks! ”

A Parent of a Day camper



“ A delightful week of fun. I truly enjoyed camp and I am telling all of my friends about going next year. ”

An Indian Village camper

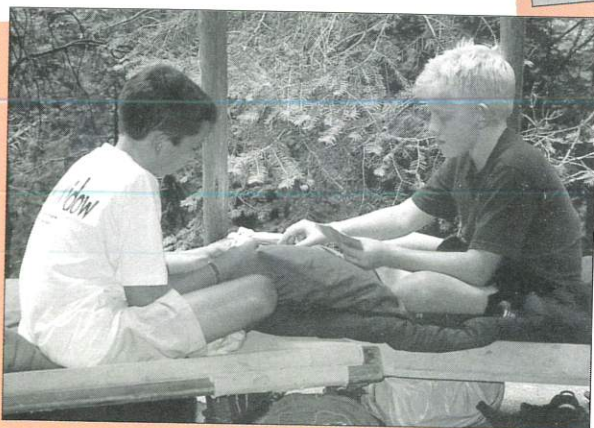


“ I just had an awesome week! All my campers got along, had fun, and won all their Tipi challenges. Several made first time decisions for the Lord. ”

An Indian Village counselor

“ I had a wonderful experience for being away from home for the first time. I enjoyed meeting new friends, the activities and the spiritual impact. I came home with many great stories. 'Ground Hog' was a great counselor and I can't wait until next year. ”

An Indian Village camper



On Belay? — A Rock Climbers Guide to the Alpine Challenge Course

By Keith Harriot, Adventure Program Director

"On Belay?" is the call from the climber to ask if he/she is secure. This call indicates a readiness for adventure. In light of this quest for adventure, Alpine's newly expanded challenge course now includes 11 activities that promote cooperation and 8 high ropes challenges that take place 30 to 100 feet above the ground.

"Belay is On" is the call from the ropes course instructor (the belayer) to signal that the climber is secure. We have been able to secure and build a new 35 foot rock Climbing Tower which was made possible due to a gracious donation made by the Alpine Angels.

"I'm ready to Climb" is relayed from the climber back to the belayer. Our new Climbing Tower has six different climbs for all

levels of ability plus a vertical play pen which resembles a hanging obstacle course complete with tires, cargo net and wood beams.

"Climb on" is the call from the belayer to start the adventure. New adventures in the Higher Ground challenge course include two new low elements (team building initiatives) the Rock Tree Traverse and the Maze. We have also re-located the 400 foot Zip Line providing a breath taking ride that you won't soon forget.

The ministry at Higher Ground has had a tremendous impact on many groups and individuals as they learn to work together and face personal challenges. All this is accomplished

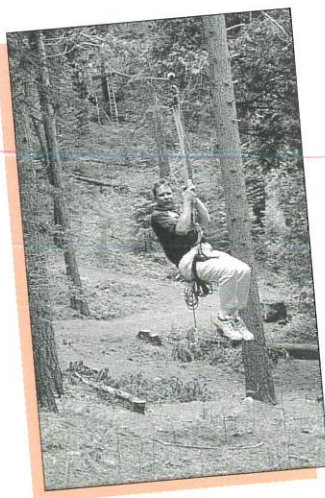
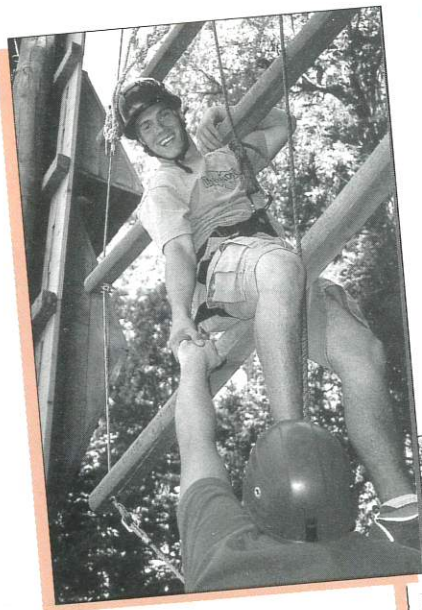
with Christ as the center of the day's activities. The smiles on faces and emotions expressed at the end of each day are priceless.

We can't wait to see the impact on lives these new additions will have! Please call us soon to schedule your group for this life-changing ministry of Alpine. Our thanks to all who have prayed and contributed to the Higher Ground ministry.

Father & Son Coming Soon! October 15 - 17, 1999

This super weekend will be led by Tim Smith, a family pastor and counselor from Calvary Community Church. He has authored numerous books and leads seminars for Moody Bible Institute. His unique style of speaking with practical wisdom, humor and clear biblical principles is outstanding. Tim enjoys connecting parents with children. During this date, he will offer fathers a special way to bless their sons. You will not want to miss out on this incredible time with your son.

To receive details contact us today!



WEBSITE GRAND OPENING www.alpine-cc.org

Just when you thought the Internet was getting boring, Alpine jumped in to make a splash on the world wide web. Each night pictures throughout the day at Indian Village, Junior High and High School camp were posted to the web. Parents returning from work could check in to see what their children were up to all day. E-mails were sent from parents to campers. Even grandparents from around the country logged on to see their grandchildren.

We're also making waves with other new options. We have added a virtual tour to the web site. Many interested guest groups simply do not have the time to drive up for a tour. So we have brought Alpine to them. The tour starts at a full color map of Alpine. A simple click on the area of interest shows detailed information, room layouts and pictures from different angles. Some of the outside areas have optional winter pictures with snow, making it possible to visualize how Alpine will appear throughout the seasons.

Visit our site at www.alpine-cc.org to:

- Hear how God is working through the many guests that visit Alpine
- See the latest advances in our remodeling projects
- Download directions on how to get here, in English or Spanish
- Get the latest weather update for the mountain region
- See a live shot of Lake Arrowhead
- Check on upcoming events
- Check on rates for guest groups
- Shop in our gift shop
- Meet the staff through pictures and biographies
- Download the latest information on our new Outdoor Education curriculum
- Retrieve information and rates on the Higher Ground Ropes Course, Climbing Tower and Zip Line
- View the Alpine Echoes (this newsletter) online

Future plans for the site include:

- Employment opportunities
- Online camp registration
- Volunteer opportunities
- Online contests

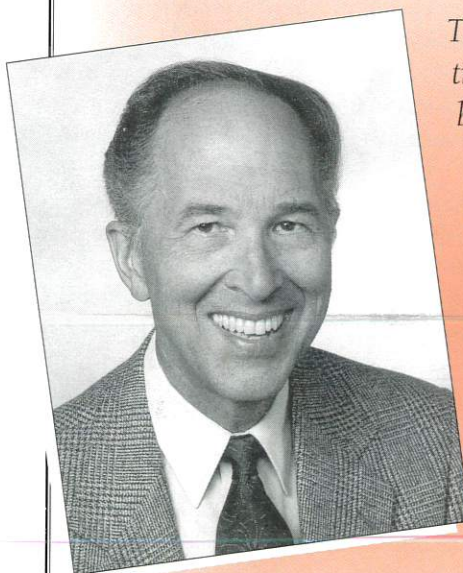
Go ahead and take a peek. Just let us know what you think by leaving your comments on the comment page.

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Conference Center



Alpine Men's Conference November 5-7, 1999



There is no better time or place to be refreshed!

Norm Wright is the guest speaker for this Fall weekend, and he will be outstanding. He is a scholar and distinguished man that enjoys life. Many men delight in his speaking and writing.

All will appreciate the worship leading and music of Peter Neuman for this same weekend event. His

passion for the praise and honor of

God is inspirational to others.

Your weekend will begin on Friday the 5th with check-in at 4:30 PM and a buffet dinner starting at 6:00 PM. The weekend will conclude after lunch on Sunday the 7th.

Free Registration Offer!

You may bring one pastor from your church for free, for every ten men from your church that register to come.

School Has Started and Camp Has Ended!

By Stan White, Executive Director

Well, that is not really the situation here at Alpine!

Yes, the summer program has ended. But, the impact of this summer has only just begun. It is exciting to hear what both kids and parents are saying about summer camp. The one word to sum it up would be "awesome!"

Awesome in terms of the fun each camper had along with the many relationships that were nurtured. But most important are the hundreds of changed lives – lives impacted by Jesus Christ!

Try to imagine those many "new creations in Christ" who have returned to school. Will



their peers and teachers notice a difference? Will these students share their new faith in Jesus Christ? Please pray for the over 3,500 campers who were here this summer as they return to some very challenging situations.

We will never fully know the total impact of the summer of 1999. We can be assured however there are many more fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ who left here to make a difference in the lives of those they live with, attend school, and hang out with.

Their incredible journey of faith began at Alpine. Thank you for helping make this possible.

Remodel Update

The Nelson Cabin Remodel Project is now completed! New bunks and carpet have been installed, the new fire alarm system is working, and groups are looking forward to being housed there. This critical project allows us to increase our bed capacity by 14% (that means 32 more beds, or 32 more people during each camp/retreat that could have a mountain-top encounter with Jesus Christ!).

Also just completed is our 35 foot climbing tower! (see the article on page 4) Its debut, during high school camp, received rave reviews. We are grateful to the Alpine Angels for making this a reality through a generous gift.

On the heels of these completed projects are more improvements this fall and winter: the Dorm 10, 11, and 12 remodel, the Maple Court bathroom upgrade, the Gift Shop relocation, and Camp Fire Circle enhancements. The challenge for us is squeezing these projects around the many campers and guests we will have this fall. Believe it or not, there are only five days between mid-March and mid-November when there is no one in camp.

Please continue to pray that all of these improvements will help each and every individual who comes "have a mountain top encounter with Jesus Christ through Christian camping."

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We'd Be Honored By Your Prayer Support

Requests:

- Outdoor Education Ministry as they prepare for Fall and Program Ministry as they prepare for Winter Camps
- Generous response at Mt. Miguel Village Campership Banquet on October 24, 1999
- God would work in a mighty way at the Alpine Men's Conference, November 5-7, 1999
- Our new Director of Operations, Larry Olson, as he starts September 20, 1999.
- Every lady attending the Covenant Women's Conference (October 1-3, 1999) would truly experience the theme "The Lord is my Shepherd".
- Securing of permits and other necessary documents for the dormitories, Maple Court bathroom remodel and the Gift Shop relocation.
- Every person who comes to Alpine would have "a mountain top encounter with Jesus Christ" through the Christian camping ministry of Alpine.
- Wisdom as planning and strategizing for the next ten years is well underway – our desire is to be the best steward of all that God has and will entrust to us.

Praises:

- The completion of the Nelson Remodel project
- Over 200 decisions to receive Christ as Savior this past summer.
- Alpine Angels funded the Climbing Tower (now in operation).
- A safe summer for campers and staff.
- Over 400 campers that made commitments to Christ
- Christ-like attitudes of the staff as they served over 5300 people this summer
- Great response to Alpine's web site.