

ALPINE ECHOES

Providing a mountaintop encounter with Jesus Christ through Christian camping

WINTER 2019

Alpine's Outdoor Education



RAISING EXPECTATIONS
BUILDING COMMUNITY
MAKING MEMORIES

E DUCATION IS NOT CONVENIENT. Efforts to make it thus only serve to cheapen it. **Alpine's Outdoor Education replaces convenience with challenges students must work to overcome, making lessons learned all the more valuable.**

Students are welcomed to an unfamiliar setting, sleep in a bed that isn't theirs, in a room that isn't their own, and are surrounded by classmates in other bunks. We expect students to be fully engaged in lessons, to do so outside, on a trail, on the move, in unfamiliar mountain weather. On top of that we expect them to serve one another. Also, we give them opportunities that may induce mild stress or momentary anxiety, and then we celebrate wildly with them when they press on toward their goal!

The end result is a week full of accomplishments and memories students take with them upon which to build future successes. The irony is that "progressive" education seeks to eliminate inconveniences, when the truth is that inconvenience has proven to be among the greatest assets of education by providing obstacles to overcome, building value in the lesson which translates



into deeper engagement and greater retention.

Alpine's Outdoor Education builds community.

Once here, students are introduced to their cabins, in which they will live together for up to a week. Then they are assigned to class groups (roughly fifteen students in each). These are the groups with which they will spend

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WINTER CAMP IS UNDERWAY!



World-wide research has revealed that in developed countries, one of every two people has "fewer social contacts and meaningful relationships than they would like." We. Are. Lonely. On the flipside, a meaningful relationship is one in which a person feels known and understood. Enter Alpine's 2019 winter theme: **"IF YOU REALLY KNEW ME."** In the midst of winter games, community building and meaningful worship and teaching, each camper will be invited to experience the truth that God knows us, loves us and is in hot pursuit of each one of us. **Jeremiah 29:12-13 states "Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."** There's going to be a lot of seeking and finding going on right here this winter!

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most of their time, moving from activity to activity. Many friendships develop between students who have seen each other for years, but never made a personal connection until experiencing our OE program.



Craig Thibodeaux

Here's how Craig sums up the past and the potential of Alpine's OE program:

"Alpine draws fierce loyalty from schools that have been coming for well over a decade. Through excellent instruction, authentic hospitality, great food and memorable activities, Alpine builds relationships. For each returning school, arrival at Alpine feels like a family reunion! In the never-ending quest to sanitize

Every spring and fall, Alpine's staff delivers a program unique in it's approach and highly valued.

Craig Thibodeaux, Alpine's new Outdoor Education Manager, brings his own unique skill set including an Environmental Science degree, a Master's in teaching, actual classroom experience, and a season as program coordinator for another highly-rated and long established OE program.

education, relationships are eroding. Alpine is a proven exception. The culture of Alpine doesn't shy away from the messy business of meeting specific needs. In fact, Alpine's propensity to give a personal touch is what separates it from a sea of OE programs."

Craig breaks it down further:

"This fall 2018 season we saw 300 students through Alpine's OE program. Our retention rate was in the 90% range. Redlands Adventist Academy came to our program for their first time. Before, they went to Yosemite. After their week with us, the teachers unanimously agreed that Alpine provided a better overall experience and they were eager to book for 2019."

Two brand new groups will join us this spring season. We continue to connect with new schools through conferences and referrals. **We strive to maximize this excellent and memory-making program through serving both Christian and public schools.** With Christian schools, the gospel is presented through both words and actions. With public schools, even without words, our actions reveal we are a camp that loves Jesus and values creation. On the route from our dining hall to our challenge course, a student will see a tangible reference to our faith no less than five times. Our OE instructors embody the famous quote attributed to St. Francis of Assisi:

"Preach the gospel at all times and when necessary, use words."





THOUGHTS

S'MORE THOUGHTS ON BASIC NECESSITIES



Joel Rude
Executive Director

When you want the convenience (even luxury) of running water, you want it to run in the right places at the right times. When you want the pleasure of a hot shower, you want it in a private, clean space that looks cared for and at least has hooks upon which to hang your towel and clothes. Well, by this summer, the last of Cedar Lodge's six

restroom/shower units will finally be providing that security and hospitality!

Begun in 2014, each phase of this multi-unit remodeling project had its unique challenges. This last set of two phases (5 & 6) included the surprises of: several missing wall studs (from water running in the wrong places at the wrong times), several failing or redundant utility runs (from many prior quick-fixes) and the actual planned outcome of four new showers with private changing spaces (and hooks!), four new toilet stalls and all new finishes and fixtures.

It is not the most glamorous or exciting project to raise funds for or brag about to stakeholders, but it is a huge step in providing for camper and counselor security, comfort and that feeling of being cared for. Thank you for your help. Feel free to contribute more toward the \$21,834 still needed as of this printing for the total goal of \$48,000.



THE MANY FACES OF GIVING

There are many who have experienced Alpine in deep and meaningful ways. Some will remember their loved ones with memorial gifts to Alpine. Here is a note from Gail Solway that accompanied memorial gifts in her husband's memory:

Dear Camp Alpine,
The enclosed checks are in memory of my husband, Daniel R. Solway, who died December 5, 2018.



Dan and I and our daughters have loved Camp Alpine the past 30+ years. We've attended many junior high, senior high and women's retreats, as well as volunteering at the Alpine Attic Thrift Store in Simi Valley for over 20 years.

It wasn't difficult to decide where the memorials should go, as Alpine is very near and dear to our hearts.

In His love,
Gail Solway

Want to give a gift to the ministry or a special project at Alpine in memory of someone you love? What a beautiful way to remember your loved ones!

Memorials given to Alpine during 2018 totaled: \$7,085.00.

Financial gifts were donated in memory of the following dear people:

Carmen Anderson
Doris Anderson
Jan Challman
Richard and Elinore Corse
Audrey Nelson Eastburg
Sara Ekblad
Eunice Thronson Gunderson
John Hiles

Motoy and Susumu Nakamura
Irene Newcombe
Jim Olson
Daniel Solway
Jim Stayboldt
Gordon Stayboldt
Marilyn Thronson Svenby

Many thanks to those who gave these gifts which benefited camper scholarships, special projects and daily operations as specified by each donor.

If you are interested in giving to Alpine in memory of a loved one, you may send a check, give online at www.alpine-cc.org, or call us at 1-800-350-6289. Please indicate in whose memory you are donating. Alpine gratefully posts those who have been remembered in this way during the previous year in the Winter issue of the Alpine Echoes. You may also give a gift **In Honor Of** any living loved one you would like to honor. 🌲





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ALPINE'S CORE VALUES

HOSPITALITY THROUGH TEAMWORK

Galatians 6: 9-10

Service to Others

CREATIVE EXCELLENCE

Philippians 2: 12-16

Glory to God

GROWTH TOWARD INTEGRITY

Colossians 3: 12-17

Reflect God's Character

UPCOMING PROGRAMMED EVENTS

All are welcome. To register, visit www.alpine-cc.org or call (800) 350-6289.

WORK AND WORSHIP FAMILY CAMPS

MAY 10-12

SEPTEMBER 20-22

MAKUALA VILLAGE ELEMENTARY CAMPS

JUNE 24-28

Day Camp

JUNE 30-JULY 3

Resident Camp #1

JULY 7-12

Resident Camp #2

JULY 14-19

Resident Camp #3

JULY 21-26

Resident Camp #4

SAWMILL CAMPS (JUNIOR HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL)

JUNE 30-JULY 3

Breakaway Junior High #1

JULY 7-12

MAC High School

JULY 21-26

Breakaway Junior High #2

JULY 28-AUGUST 2

MAC Combo (JH and HS)

WOMEN'S AND MEN'S RETREATS

OCTOBER 11-13

Women's Retreat

NOVEMBER 1-3

Men's Retreat

Contact us for information on booking
your own group's camp, retreat,
team-building or banquet experience.



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