

# ALPINE ECHOES

Providing a mountaintop  
encounter with Jesus Christ  
through Christian camping

SUMMER 2017

## Come Celebrate!

**SEPTEMBER 15-17, 2017**

**ALPINE'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY  
REUNION WEEKEND**

**SATURDAY SCHEDULE:**

Celebration Lunch – 12:30 p.m. • Celebration Service – 4 p.m.

For more information and to register,  
call 1-800-350-6289 or visit [www.alpine-cc.org](http://www.alpine-cc.org).



*play your  
heart out.*

In the pool,  
On the ropes course,  
Across the zip line,  
Around the airsoft  
course,  
On the Alpine trail...

*Worship Together*

In the chapel,  
Around the  
campfire,  
In the woods...

*Reminisce*

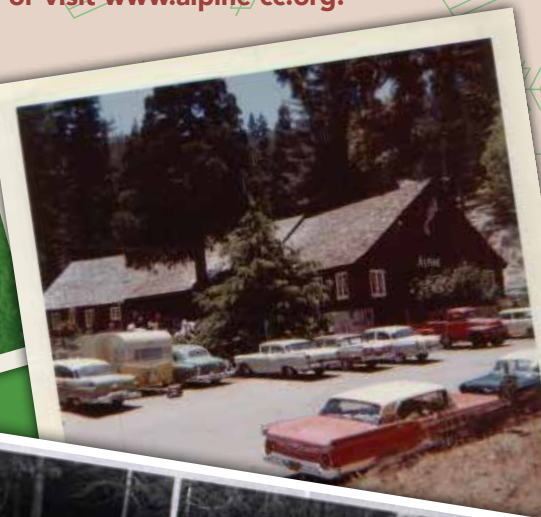
After meals,  
At poolside,  
Around memorabilia  
displays...

### ALPINE HISTORY TRIVIA QUIZ

Can YOU guess which year each event happened?

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| 1. Sport's field artificial turf put in                  | 9. Over 1,000 trees removed due to bark beetles                     |
| 2. The first of four annual golf tournament fund raisers | 10. Current maintenance shop built                                  |
| 3. Indian Village's first summer                         | 11. Gift shop opened after major lodge remodeling                   |
| 4. First full-time Program Director hired                | 12. Uncovering and renovation of open-beamed ceiling of dining room |
| 5. 10th anniversary of Alpine Angels                     | 13. Volleyball Court moved, doubled and improved                    |
| 6. Four new staff cabins for Makuala Village             |   |
| 7. Chapel completed and dedicated                        |   |
| 8. Climbing tower added                                  |   |

ANSWER KEY: 1. 2005 2. 1994 3. 1964 4. 1978 5. 1991 6. 2013 7. 1968 8. 1999 9. 2003-2005 10. 1977 11. 1983 12. 2009 13. 2016





# A Legacy of Servant Leaders

**LEADING BY SERVING...A SEEMINGLY UPSIDE-DOWN CONCEPT.** But Jesus clearly states in Matthew 20:26, "...whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant." At Alpine we both reap the benefits of others who have gone before us in this manner, and we continue to send out those who have experienced those same leadership/servanthood lessons here.

**B**ECKY AHLBERG is living out that leadership legacy, and attributes part of that legacy to her time at Alpine in 1975-1976 as a program director under Jay Carty. Since that time, Becky has served as a college administrator, a worship leader and family life minister with

Anaheim First Christian Church, and is now the Executive Director of **My Safe Harbor** which offers long-term support in providing resources for the transformation



BECKY & DAN AHLBERG

Becky and Dan Ahlberg have a long history with Alpine. Dan's father, Wes Ahlberg, was one of Alpine's founding fathers.

of and the breaking down of generational dysfunction for low-income single moms.

"At Alpine, I learned administration skills that helped put legs on the creative intuition and process that came naturally, learning to effectively communicate, organize and train others. The people around me at Alpine influenced my approach. They gave of their expertise willingly. It was a place where they made investment in our lives so that we were able to invest in other's lives.

**I experienced faith in action at Alpine, and hope to leave a similar legacy of faith to those who come behind me."**



RANCE HUGHES

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was a Makuala camper back in 1996 and 97, a youth worker and camp counselor for 4 plus years and was hired as one of Alpine's

program managers in 2014. "My job in the body of Christ is to cultivate and mentor leaders." For Rance at Alpine, that involves leading by example, knowing well that servant leadership comes with a cost.

**Rance loves being part of the transformation process for Alpine campers and summer staff.** He

remembers the big rain of 2014 when a group of Makuala campers were just arriving. "The rain washed out Makuala Village, and all the camper's sleeping bags and clothes were soaked. We did not want their encounter with Jesus to be sabotaged by bad conditions, so Andrew (Alpine's program director) and I pulled an all-nighter to dry more than 70 sets of bedding and clothes and to power wash the mud out of the bathhouse. If Andrew and I had any doubts about each other before that, we knew then that we could trust each other as team leaders, and **that we would choose to sacrifice for the sake of the campers."**

Since Sept of 1998, **MATT DAVIS** has worked for Calvary Church of Santa Ana in various capacities including worship pastor and children's ministry. He was a student at Biola when Eddie Passmore recruited him for Alpine's summer staff.

**Matt worked at Alpine the summers and winters of 1995-1998 in several capacities: worship leader, camp counselor, Bible teacher.**

"At Alpine, I learned to be a worship leader, stepping up in front of kids and really discovering my love for doing children's ministry. Being

the only male in the Children's Ministry track at Biola, I realized kids need strong guys to love them and set an example for them. As I tried out 5 related majors at Biola,



MATT DAVIS

I realized that ministry was essentially everything I got to do at Alpine."

**"At Alpine, I grew in my calling. It was unmistakable.** I was given a lot of freedom and trust to serve and be passionate about the Kingdom. My dad said that if you love what you do, you'll never work a day in your life. It was true of my four years at Alpine, and it has been true ever since. God used my time of preparation at Alpine to tell me I'm loved, I'm good at this and this was how God wanted me to serve."

"In my current work at Calvary Church, I have a team I get to oversee and invest in as the next generation of leaders. I'm doing for others now what Eddie Passmore did for me then."

# S'MORE THOUGHTS



**Joel Rude**  
Executive Director

## SERVANT LEADERSHIP AT ALPINE...AND BEYOND

To lead like Jesus is to serve. (Duh, everyone knows that.) To serve like Jesus requires sacrifice (Double Duh.) To serve well on summer staff at Alpine (or any other Christian camp) can be exhilaratingly exhausting.

The days are long. The needs of campers, guests and fellow staff are never-ending. Dave, Robbie, Kyle and Jonathan are all former summer staff who, at the end of their first summers as program directors at various camps, each said in their own way through their personal fatigue-induced daze, "This leadership role was exhausting!"

However, the fruit of their labor – transformed lives – was evident weekly and sometimes daily...and knowledge of that experience kept them coming back. Dave is now director of a Bible camp with two sites and four ministries. Robbie continues serving in an extended family of ministry-oriented relatives. Kyle is a seminary dean and professor.

Jonathan continued as a camp program director and now serves as a children's ministry director in a large church. Each one of them has influenced *hundreds* of children and adults through their leadership roles. It would have happened without me, but I got to be a part of each of their early, formative years...and that is because others influenced me while I was a camper in such a way that I wanted to serve Jesus by providing camp experiences and Jesus-encounters for others.

I truly wish I could tell you how many campers and staff have learned leadership insights, lessons and skills at Alpine, but 60 years of random rosters and records do point toward between 3,000-6,000 staff, volunteers and board members, and well over 1,000,000 campers have likely learned to serve well, lead well and follow our Father well into ongoing servant-leadership roles around the world; living out the promise of Ephesians 2:10. 🌲

## THE MANY FACES OF GIVING

**W**e wanted to share a letter we received with a donation in January from Luke, a freshman at Los Alamitos High School. It reads:

*"I decided to donate to Alpine, because my experience during one of your Jr. High summer camps greatly strengthened my relationship with God and I want the same for all who attend your camps. I hope my donation contributes towards new believers and followers of Jesus Christ too. In February I will be going to your winter camp with my church, Hosanna Christian Fellowship. I look forward to it!"*



## UPCOMING PROGRAMMED EVENTS

All are welcome!

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or call (800) 350-6289.



### 60TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION AND CELEBRATION WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 15-17

This reunion celebration is open to present and former Alpine staff, board members, campers, supporters and volunteers...and to those who are new to Alpine and love it's mission!



### WOMEN'S RETREAT

OCTOBER 13-15  
with Author and  
Speaker Laurie Short

Come Away! This retreat is designed for women of all ages and stages of life to come together and take a break from the busyness of life to relax, reconnect and experience restoration in Jesus.



### MEN'S RETREAT

NOVEMBER 3-5  
with Frank Sontag,  
Inspirational Radio Talk Host

Play Hard, Make Friends, Meet God!  
Come connect with other men as we strive to become more like Jesus through community, biblical teaching and good old fashioned back-woods fun!





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### BECAUSE GOD HEARS OUR NEEDS...

Please Join Us in Prayer For:

Effective follow-up  
with campers by their  
families and churches.

That the fall and winter  
seasons of retreats and  
outdoor education would  
be full and fruitful.

For God's protection of the  
Alpine ministry and mission  
as it serves in a fallen world.

Skilled volunteers to come  
out of the woodwork to  
help with Alpine projects.

The items on the Wish List  
to be received in a timely  
manner and in top condition.

## WISH LIST

(Funding for and/or Gifts-in-Kind)

1. A new or used Ford F350 pickup with a snowplow (or equivalent)
2. A heavy duty golf cart or utility cart for our program department
3. A new or lightly used commercial, 30" wide conventional oven with a 6-burner stove top
4. Two 97" or larger flat screen TVs for chapel worship lyrics and video viewing
5. Wholesale or factory direct access to sports equipment
6. A large, 4-wheel utility trailer with stake sides

### ✓ GOT IT!

- ✓ A used Case 580 4WD diesel tractor with a cab, bucket and backhoe!

For questions about this issue of the ECHOES Newsletter, please email [info@alpine-cc.org](mailto:info@alpine-cc.org)

## OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

### ALPINE'S OUT-OF-CLASSROOM EXPERIENCE

**A**lpine's Outdoor Adventure (OA) Program serves schools by providing an out-of-classroom experience, complete with costumed living historians, a brilliant combination of local history and science, and loads of hand's-on activities and group initiatives all in the context of encountering a loving Creator.

**During our fall 2016 and spring 2017 OA season we served over 1,200 students from 32 schools. If you know of a private, charter or public school that might be interested, please send them our way! This program is too good to**

keep under wraps! One teacher from Apple Valley Christian school stated, "This camp is run with excellence and honesty, which made our

experiences go beyond our expectations." A student from Temple Christian School said, "I liked the campfire circle because everyone was full of life and we got to have s'mores. I liked the ziplining cause we got to go through the forest." Another student from Antelope Valley said, "We worked as a team. Everyone was helping each other. The course was fun. We did not give up!" 