

# ALPINE ECHOES

Providing a mountaintop encounter with Jesus Christ through Christian camping

SPRING 2019

You Saw a Need...

## And These Kids Came to Camp!

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DONATE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS FOR CAMPERS WHO NEED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE?

WE'LL LET THEM TELL THE STORY:



Grace with Pastor Erin Dougherty

**G**race, a senior from Clairemont Covenant, San Diego, has received scholarships to help her attend Alpine for about 7 years. "At Alpine, I dive deeper into my relationship with God AND grow closer to people in my church and youth group. I also enjoy meeting like-minded people from other churches. I look forward each year to worship in the chapel because the energy at camp

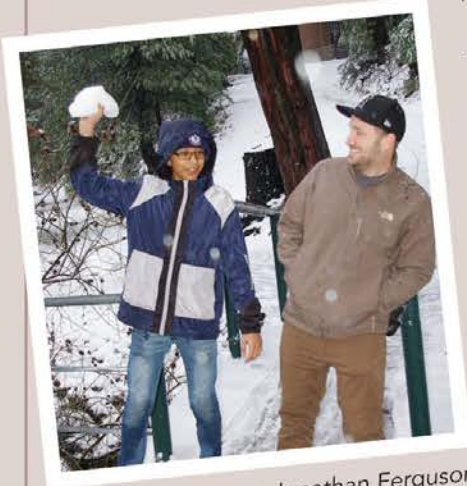
is different than in church...we're all the same age. And I look forward to game night with our youth group, in Redwood: it's comfortable to be together here and not worry about anything else for the weekend. Three years ago when I came to Alpine, it was a turning point for me spiritually. I really grew stronger in my faith. I like to keep coming back to strengthen that."

Eden and Georgie, from Riverview Evangelical Free Church in Bonsall, received scholarships to attend JH camp in February. It was Eden's first time. She said,

"It was fun coming up to Alpine in the fog. The forest is pretty cool...it was relaxing. It snowed today...I haven't seen snow for 2 years! I loved karaoke night because I love to sing. I especially like cabin time after chapel when everything is quiet and we have time to read the Bible and to get to know God." Georgie loved all the events and games and enjoyed meeting new friends.



Eden and Georgie



Gustavo with Pastor Jonathan Ferguson

Youth pastors, like Jonathan Ferguson from Refuge Calvary Chapel Huntington Beach, experience the value of scholarships firsthand: "Without the help of scholarships, students like Gustavo may not have been able to attend camp. Gustavo's dad has a bad back and is not able to work. His mom

works, but her salary is not enough to make ends meet. While at camp, Gustavo was able to grow closer

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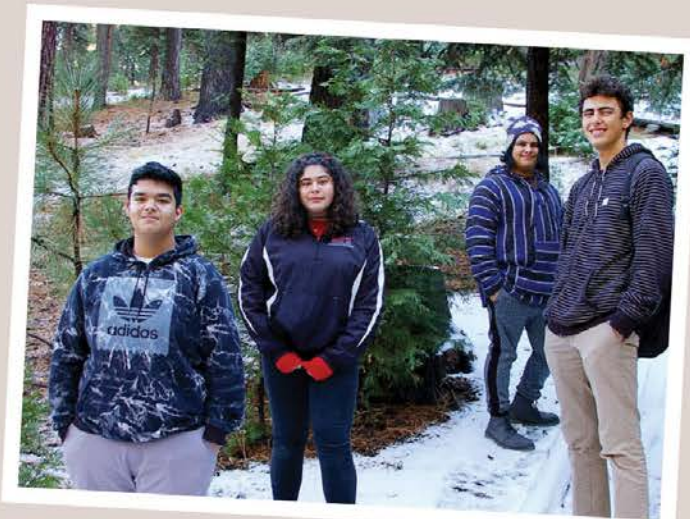
to God and make new friends from church. **Gustavo was able to go to camp only with the assistance of scholarship donors.**



Joslyn with Pastor Jonathan

she wants to grow deeper in her faith, and wants to truly be a disciple of Jesus."

**James Carroll, youth pastor for Fountain of Life Covenant in Long Beach, suggested we talk to four of his students who had received scholarships to attend Alpine. They were all eager to share their experience:**



Johnathan, Brooke, Gio and Carlos

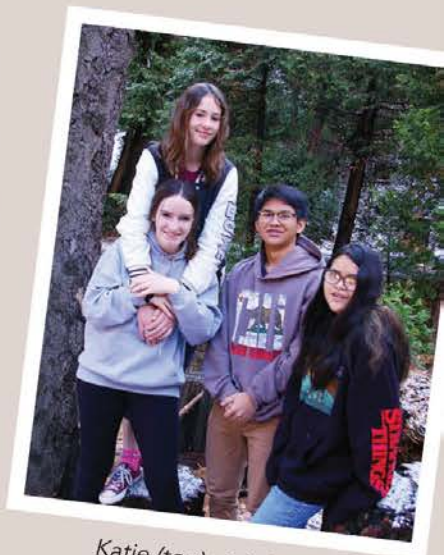
**Gio:** a senior, said "there's just lots of laughing and talking with friends. We get closer to each other as a youth group when we are at Alpine. **This weekend at chapel, I knew God wanted to tell me something: that I feel called to teach. That was important.** I've never told anyone that before. I also learned from the speaker to be more open about my faith. Nothing is an accident. And now I am starting to write down prayers."

**Carlo:** a sophomore, said "**Alpine is one of the reasons I started going to church regularly.** What we

experience at Alpine gives us a chance to speak about our faith. The bonds that happen here are important."

**Brooke:** a freshman, said "I accepted Christ here at Alpine the summer of 2015. **It is impactful every time I'm here. I experience community. I experience valuable lessons like vulnerability.** There are always take-aways that really help me when I go back down the mountain. Coming up here in nature and listening to speakers I can relate to is a great experience. It's really cool."

**Johnathan:** a junior, said "It's great being here at Alpine: being with friends, building bonds, learning about God with your friends. We're kids: we have our whole life ahead of us – a lot of us are lost. **Every time I come to Alpine, there's confirmation of what I'm learning about God – to rejuvenate in the Lord.** It's good to come up here and refresh. I'm encouraged to share Christ with my friends. I don't forget what I learn at Alpine."



Katie (top) with friends

**Youth pastor Will Hopkins from Hope Covenant Church in Chandler, AZ,** suggested we hear from one of his scholarship students, Katie, a 7th grader:

"It's my first time at Alpine. We had a lot of fun with the group activities! **Chapel kind of changed my life this weekend.** My friends and I were crying because we devoted our lives back to Christ. During worship, I thought about all that has happened and that God was there for me. One of my friends also gave his life to Christ. There are a lot of caring people here. It feels like God is with you here. The speaker talked about how to act toward others and I want to show my Christian faith to my friends. **Thank you to the camp and the people who sent money to help me be here.**"

**Thank you to the many champions who have given toward Alpine's scholarship fund!**

**Last year, 429 campers received scholarships to come to camp. That was a total of \$69,418 scholarship funds.** Scholarships require an application process and cover a percentage of the registration fee. The requests for scholarships is growing. We hope to provide as much as the need requires, and **we rely on your participation** in this huge, and honestly, glorious endeavor.

# THE MANY FACES OF GIVING

There are so many faces behind the stories, God's stories, here at Alpine. Sunny and Jeff are two of those faces...with rich histories of memories and God's faithfulness at this place set apart. Their decisions to support Alpine financially are spurred on by the anticipation of stories still unfolding in the lives of Alpine campers.

**SUNNY** is a long-time supporter of Alpine.

"Some of my best memories are at Alpine. My husband, Lynn, and I started going to young couples retreats at Alpine in the late 60's with Rolling Hills Covenant Church. It was the value of the relationships that developed there that was so impactful. We hiked together, ate together, prayed together... there was so much growth. There is a deep need in our young people today and many obstacles to know Christ in this world.

Alpine is a place where children can get away in the beautiful forest setting to help them know Jesus better. As we got older, we decided we wanted to help keep the camp going and help with behind-the-scenes expenses. We consider our giving as God's work through his children."



*Sunny Solomon  
visiting with Joel Rude*

**JEFF** grew up going to Alpine...both youth camp and family camp.

"I learned how to shoot a bow and arrow, and a BB Gun, at Indian Camp... that was a blast! As much fun as I had and as much as I learned at Indian Camp, I couldn't wait to be old enough to go to the big kids camp! I went for the excitement...the camaraderie... to hang out and have fun with friends...to meet new friends and, of course, to meet girls! My point is, it's not as important what gets the kids there, it's what happens once they are there. God planted a seed in me at Alpine all those years ago...a seed that is helping me grow into the man God wants me to be. Alpine was one building block God has used, and is using, to get me there. I love Alpine and I want kids to experience Alpine and for God to plant that seed in them. I give to Alpine in honor of my mother, Carmen Anderson, and her dream of letting all kids, regardless of circumstance, experience this beautiful place that is very dear to my heart."



*Jeff Anderson*

## UPCOMING PROGRAMMED EVENTS

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

### WORK AND WORSHIP WEEKENDS

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

**ARE YOU CONNECTED WITH  
SOMEONE WHO COULD BLESS  
ALPINE WITH:**

- 1. Commercial Oven** – new or lightly used 30" wide commercial, convection oven with a 6-burner stovetop.
- 2. Two 97" or larger flat screen TV's** for chapel worship lyrics and video viewing.
- 3. Heavy duty golf cart** for program department use around Alpine's 46 acres.
- 4. \$18,087 still needed for Cedar Restroom Renovation.**  
*(A generous \$29,913 has already come in...thank you!)*

## IS YOUR SMALL GROUP LOOKING FOR A SERVICE PROJECT?



**WANT TO PROVIDE A MEANINGFUL  
WORK EXPERIENCE FOR YOUR  
KIDS OR YOUTH GROUP?**

# WE'D LOVE TO HELP!

## JOIN OTHERS FOR THE SPRING WORK AND WORSHIP WEEKEND **MAY 10-12!**

# WANT TO GET AWAY TO THE FOREST?

Come to Alpine with friends and family to do a little work in preparation for the summer camping season. This is an intergenerational, coming-together kind of weekend designed to give you a little time away, along with meaningful service opportunities for a great cause!

In exchange for a day or two of work, you will enjoy five meals, basic camp lodging and time to play and worship together in Alpine's beautiful forest setting. If you know of someone with specific construction skills who

would like to join us, let us know, and we will plan projects that make the most impact!

We know it's Mother's Day weekend, and offer this as an opportunity to add meaningful time together as friends and family.

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**Are you interested? We'd love to have you join us!** Register at [www.alpine-cc.org/workandworship](http://www.alpine-cc.org/workandworship), or email us at [info@alpine-cc.org](mailto:info@alpine-cc.org).  
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