

JUMP!



We are excited to introduce our Summer theme as **JUMP!**

God calls so many different types of people from all walks of life into adventures. From Jonah and the Whale, to Esther becoming Queen, to Jesus and His 12 disciples, we see God calling us into an adventurous life where the true adventure is our Relationship with Him.

This can be a scary jump for us, but we know from **Isaiah 41:9-10** that our God will catch us as He promises to always uphold us with His righteous right hand.

We are planning plenty of fun games and activities around our theme, but more than anything we are praying for each camper to gain the courage he or she needs to **JUMP** into the adventure that God is offering!

Know a student who needs to **JUMP** into adventure? Encourage them to sign up today!



I COMMIT TO INVEST IN THE MINISTRY OF YAA WITH MY FINANCIAL GIFTS & PRAYERS

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 Check enclosed made payable to YAA

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ Visit yaacamp.org/give to donate online via credit card or EFT

EMAIL _____ PHONE _____ Via phone by calling (406) 763-4727

I WANT TO SUPPORT

- The Ascend Campaign
- Camp Operations
- Camp Programs
- Anywhere Needed

PLEASE SEND ME INFORMATION ABOUT:

- Summer Camp & Student Leadership Programs
- Volunteer Opportunities

GIVING CADENCE

- I want to be a **Partner in Ministry** through a monthly gift of \$ _____
Email Address (required) _____
- I will give annually
- This is a one-time gift, but please keep me updated on the ministry of YAA

ALL GIFTS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW. YAA STRIVES TO USE YOUR DONATION AS REQUESTED, BUT CONTRIBUTIONS ARE SOLICITED WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION MAINTAINS DISCRETION AND CONTROL OVER THE USE OF ALL DONATED FUNDS. GIFTS MUST BE POSTMARKED PRIOR TO DEC. 31, 2023 TO RECEIVE TAX CREDIT FOR 2023.



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Become a Partner in Ministry!

Spouses, friends, teammates, co-workers: These partners make tough jobs easier and fun moments more joyful. They offer help, security, and encouragement. Here at YAA, we see the value of partnership daily as our staff work toward a common mission and our campers and retreat guests adventure together.

As a nonprofit, we also get the privilege of having Partners in Ministry,

supporters who give monthly to uphold and advance our efforts to reach people for Jesus. These partners are critical to our ministry, and we are so grateful for them!

Will you consider joining our **Partner in Ministry** program with a monthly donation of \$20, \$50, or \$100? Visit yaacamp.org and click on "Give," use the attached donation slip, or give us a call at (406) 763-4727. Thank you!



SPRING/SUMMER/FALL

- May 13-20: Spring Work Week
- May 28-June 11: Joshua Project & Timothy Program staff training
- Sept. 1-4: Labor Day Family Camp
- Sept. 30: Harvest Market

SUMMER CAMPS

- Senior High Camp: 6/11-6/16
- Trailblazer Camp 1: 6/18-6/23
- Fire Day Camp 1: 6/19-6/23
- Explorer Camp 1: 6/25-6/30
- Fire Day Camp 2: 6/26-6/30
- Base Camp: 7/2-7/7
- Archery Camp: 7/2-7/7
- Rookie Camp: 7/4-7/7
- Trailblazer Camp 2: 7/9-7/14
- Water Day Camp 1: 7/10-7/14
- Explorer Camp 2: 7/16-7/21
- Water Day Camp 2: 7/17-7/21
- Adventure Day Camp: 7/24-7/28
- Outbound Adventure: 8/1-8/5

Space is limited! Register soon at:
www.yaacamp.org/summer

upcoming EVENTS



"Do you remember the time..." is how many conversations begin around my house as my grown children stop by for weekly

family gatherings. Occasionally animated debates ensue as siblings argue details or who the culprit was. While my kids recall the moments with great clarity, I nod in agreement as too many memories from raising five children blur the particulars in my mind. But I could not be more pleased than when I am listening to my kids rehearse their childhood stories, even when their attention turns toward the gaffs I made along the way.

A side project I have going on is remodeling a log cabin. Recently I watched a friend meticulously set piece after piece of tile on the floor. It looked perfect, but as one room was completed and he moved to the next, I wondered about the empty spaces between each tile.

Certainly, these gaps would trap crumbs, dirt and inevitably allow each tile to break apart without anything to keep them from being dislodged. Thankfully, John assured me that after every tile was set, he would finish by rubbing grout into those lines, locking each one together and preventing anything from penetrating underneath and popping them loose.

Wow! Life principles are all around. Setting a tile is like providing an experience for my kids and rubbing grout between the tiles is like re-telling our stories. This all-important two-step process provides stability for the whole floor just as rehearsing stories and processing our experiences bonds family together.

This process also makes summer camp at Yellowstone Alliance Adventures a dynamic and life-shaping opportunity for children and families. We are committed to hiring Christ following young

adults who are devoted to your camper's experience. Our staff is equipped to physically keep up with a full camp while looking out for individual teachable moments to process through with your child.

Personally, I would not be who I am today if it were not for the engagement of many loving and caring adults who shared experiences with me and helped make sense of them. Most importantly, there were many who consistently pointed me to Jesus and from an early age taught me the value of trusting God. The foundation that is set in our youth becomes the bedrock of our lives.

"For you have been my hope, Sovereign Lord, my confidence since my youth." Psalm 71:5 NIV

Help us build the foundation for a camper this summer.

Join - Send - Scholarship - Pray

Only the Young: Snowcraze 2023

A thick blanket of fresh snow, a glassy ice rink, a packed-full chapel, and a cozy Dining Hall became refuge and refreshment for 120 middle and high school students and youth leaders who learned what it means to be young, full of life, and positioned for impact in God's plans at Snowcraze 2023.

"I was affected by Snowcraze by being able to see and feel God's power and love. I haven't seen or felt something that powerful in a long time. What I saw was people's hearts changing, they wanted to know Him better and serve Him. I had people talking to me about it and they were so excited and so was I."

-Sofie Kinna, Snowcraze camper



"Worship was powerful, the teaching was thought provoking, and led to life changing conversations during break out sessions and solo youth group times...Overall this weekend was a wonderful reprieve from the world and something that I will be encouraging all of my youth to attend for years to come."

-Shilo Fink, Snowcraze leader



"My experience at Snowcraze was amazing because my relationship with God grew stronger just in four days. I have gone to Snowcraze for three years now and I have never felt the Power of God like this. It was truly life changing."

-Molly Marshall, Snowcraze camper



Can You Help Us 'Prepare a Place'?

The heart of YAA is to prepare a place for people to encounter Christ. When my wife, Pat, and I served as volunteers at YAA last summer, the desire to be part of that preparation is what drew us to this place. The trajectory of our lives changed when we left Ohio in September and I became full-time Caretaker at YAA and Pat joined the Guest Services team. I find each season brings a new set of challenges and opportunities in understanding the working details of preparing for retreats, events, and weeks of summer camp, but I believe more than ever that volunteers are essential to the impact camp can make.



I would like to invite you to join me in the weeks and months ahead in this "preparation" of YAA. We need your help in making ready the grounds and buildings of this ministry whether you have technical skills with a trade such as electrical, plumbing and painting, or simply enjoy making things look better. We have weekday and weekend options. Or join us for Spring Work Week May 13-20. I would love to meet you and will do my best to utilize your valuable time in hopes you come away changed for the better. I look forward to working with you!

-Mark Burleigh, Caretaker@YAA, 419.571.1834

Spring Work Week is May 13-20, 2023!

Call (406) 763-4727 to sign up or scan the QR code.



COSMIC TUBING

YAA's snow tubing hill saw incredible growth in 2023 compared to past winters and sent over 2,200 guests down the hill for a thrilling ride. Our Cosmic Tubing events continue to draw the attention of the valley. This year we had guests travel from near and as far away as Hawaii just to come Cosmic Tubing at YAA. Each guest on our property is an opportunity for us as a staff to share the love of Jesus through Christ-like hospitality and service, and introduce more people to the other ministry programs we run. Keep your eye out for 2024 dates to be posted on our website by September!