

WAYS TO PITCH IN AT CBX

How summer volunteers make a difference!

By Marci Miller



Every summer we have the added joy of working with a group of people who serve behind the scenes at Cross Bar X... the volunteers! Over my (Marci's) time at CBX I would estimate that we've had hundreds of volunteers join us during the summer. Most come for a week or two, some spend the whole summer with us! What do they do, you ask. Most commonly, our volunteers:

Cook for a week or two in our kitchen for campers and staff, the meal planning/shopping is provided by our very own Jenny Posey.

Keep our grounds and buildings maintained and ship shape!

Help me out with office duties and registration.

Serve our staff through special events, like making food for our staff commissioning night, staff hosting or staff closing party.

Prayer. More than anything we need prayer support!

If you are one of our many volunteers, past or present, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts,



your help and participation has furthered the work of the Lord. If you are interested in serving we still need cooks for our Boy and Girl Eagle camps - June 25 - July 2nd and July 6 - 13th! Also, keep your eyes out for our prayer videos on Facebook and take a moment to pray for our counselors, campers and full time staff.



5 Things to Pray for Cross Bar X

For safety, health and wellness for campers, staff and seasonal volunteers for the duration of the summer.

For God to work in the lives of our campers and their families. That his "grace would be sufficient for them and that his power would be perfected in their weakness." (2 Cor. 12:9)

For the Gospel to be made known plainly to every camper that comes to CBX and that they would have ears to hear it!

That Cross Bar X staff and Board would know that way in which God is calling us and make the path straight before us as we seek to do Kingdom building work and serve and love our neighbors in their need.

For our counseling staff to grow in godliness and wisdom to do the things God puts before them at camp, love their campers well.

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SUMMER 2019

Bringing the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Socially and Economically Disadvantaged Youth



WORK WEEK 2019

Families come from all over to serve at CBX's annual work week!

By Del Fafach (CBX Board Member)

Work Week 2019 was an awesome time of fellowship, fruitfulness and fun!

As always, it was a great time of connecting with CBX friends and staff, as well as getting acquainted with some new friends who were led to serve and bless. Former counselors brought their families to experience the camp through projects and recreation. The week also afforded opportunities for discipleship, as families worked together on projects, some learning new skills. The staff and Board provided devotionals before breakfast. This time also included updates on the camp programs, plans and prayer requests for the upcoming season.



The old green equipment box was replaced with a small building where all equipment is neatly organized for safe and easy access.



Old staircases were replaced with beautiful new ones with landings. Buckets of redwood stain were applied to whatever was not in motion by middle-school girls and their Moms. Several large piles of brush and



branches were collected and burned, lawns were mowed, weeds ate, flowers planted, fences mended, trails graveled, ropes course bathhouse plumbed, and lighting fixtures repaired.

As far as the fun, there was a barbecue, a night in town for ice cream, kids camp, swimming, boating, local hiking and biking, skits and an afternoon of ziplining! Woo hoo!

The camp generally needs a fair amount of repair and maintenance each year after the long winter months. Work week blesses the camp with safety improvements, building maintenance, painting and staining, grounds keeping and sprucing up flower beds, fence mending and preparation of program materials. Most years also provide opportunity to work on a large project for several days as a team.

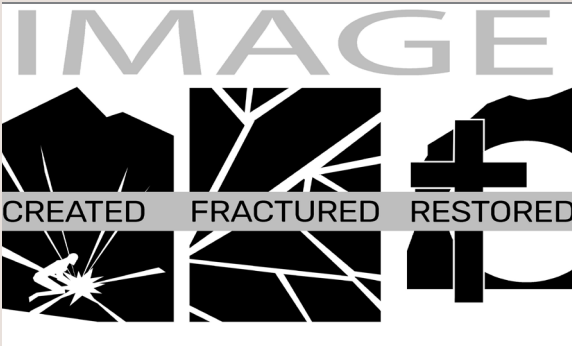
The staff and interns could not be ready for the camping season without workweek. It is an essential support ministry. Many who participate make it an annual vacation of service. And YOU are invited!



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SUMMER 2019! IMAGE

By Jacob Posey

This summer, we are looking at the gospel through the lens of “Image.” You don’t have to read very far in scripture to find out that image is something that is important to God, as he makes us in his image, after his likeness. We are taking campers through how God created us in his image, how through our sin we distort that image, how God sends his Son who “is the image of the invisible God” (Colossians 1:15) and is “the radiance of the glory of God and the exact representation of his nature” (Hebrews 1:3) to restore that image, and how through faith in Jesus we are “conformed to the image of his Son” (Romans 8:29).

We are very excited about this theme in the Bible lessons, because we are finding more and more that our campers don’t know who they are because they don’t know who God is. We hope in studying this that they see their identity is dependent upon him rather than on their feelings, their situations, or who the world tells them that they are.

We are very understaffed this summer, but staff training went very well with the few of us that are here, and we are excited about the people God has brought to serve here all summer. We also have several counselors from previous summers who are going to come in and help us counsel or program lead for a week or two all throughout the season. God has definitely filled in the gaps where we are lacking. Please pray that God’s work and will would be done through us and in spite of us and that he would do big things in the hearts of the kids he brings here!



MEET THE CBX 2019 SUMMER TEAM!

By Tim Miller



Mariah – Denver, CO – Support Staff

Cross Bar X holds many precious memories for Mariah, and she hopes to help future campers have the same. In 2009, she came to Cross Bar X as a camper and has been impacted by God through the many people that have counseled her over the years. Since 2017, God has brought her back to camp to serve in different servant leadership roles as a staff member. She serves as an integral part of the staff in being behind the scenes in helping support the counselors, as well as, exemplifying a fun attitude for the campers in her service. She asks that you pray for her in asking for God’s strength in each moment as she serves behind the scenes to create memorable experiences for the campers attending this year.



Melissa – Bayfield, CO – Support Staff

Melissa had many other plans for her summer after graduating high school to start her path to midwifery; however, due to God’s plan, she is serving her first year at Cross Bar X. She has a servant’s heart in helping and striving for excellence in each activity that she does. As support staff, she will be serving in the office with administration, meal preparation in the kitchen, and complementing counselors. She asks for you to pray for her in serving wherever she is needed.



Kamryn – Phnom Penh, Cambodia – Counselor

For the majority of her life, Karmryn lived in Cambodia while her parents served as missionaries to the area. Her principal, who has been connected to Cross Bar X deeply, recommended her to serve this summer. Kamryn was recommended Cross Bar X as a healthy Christian community that loves to share the Gospel. After finishing her studies and traveling in theater, she applied for a counseling position. She asks for you to pray for her in developing deep relationships with the children that will last a lifetime.



Angele – Phoenix, Arizona – Counselor/Intern

Angele started as a counselor in 2016 and has loved the ministry of Cross Bar X ever since. For the past three years, she has served whole-heartedly in everything that she has participated at camp whether as a counselor, an intern, or a part of the leadership team. Coming from a similar background as our campers, Angele shares the love of Christ and his good news to the campers that attend camp. She asks you to pray for her in having gracious words for campers and staff, as well as, having a heart completely devoted to the ministry.

MOWER, SHEDS, AND SOLAR

By Tim Miller

Fred Roland was the neighbor of long time camp supporter and past camper/staff Shane Espinoza’s. Fred was also the proud owner of this beautiful Craftsman mower. We were told he kept it in a garage, cleaned and maintained it immaculately and would often travel the neighborhood he lived in to bless his neighbors with a lawn mow. After his passing, his wife saw it fit to donate it to CBX so that it could live on and bless campers for years to come! We feel extremely blessed by this donation and are already putting it fast to work all over CBX!



We have also completed a few projects around the camp! Eagle Lodge is loaded with solar panels and we have a brand new program supply building! The solar panels should save the camp around \$4K annually and the program supply shed will provide convenient and needed storage for all of our camp activity supplies!



Skylar – Othello, Washington – Counselor

Skylar is originally from Durango, Colorado; however, growing up her family moved quite often. She has returned to Durango once again to call it home. Skylar served at Cross Bar X last summer as support staff shortly after the season had begun. This year, she serves as a counselor. After summer, she hopes to gain more experience in the social work occupation. She asks that you pray for her in sharing the Gospel with the campers that attend, as well as, softening their hearts.



Matt – Bayfield, CO – Counselor/Part Time

Since 2016, Matt has served Cross Bar X in many different areas, such as counselor, volunteer, and maintenance. God has given him a heart to strive for excellence and to evangelize with anyone he meets, especially our campers. Matt asks you to pray for him in being an example of servant leadership as a returning staff and having a Christ-like attitude in everything that he does.



Ben – Cashiers, NC – Counselor/Intern

Ben started the Cross Bar X internship in January of this year after serving in our fall season last year. He became interested in the Bible Institute program for the internship where pastors of the Durango area teach different subjects throughout a semester, such as hermeneutics, Old Testament, New Testament, and systematic theology. In hopes of starting his own camp for children, Ben has been learning about the workings of a non-profit. He is excited to serve and share the Gospel with the campers that attend this summer and asks you to pray for him in confidence with sharing the Gospel to the campers.



Wes – Columbus, Ohio – Nurse

In 2018, Wes served as the nurse for the summer, and has returned to be a part of the ministry. God has gifted Wes with a servant’s heart in unconditionally serving in every circumstance without grumbling. He hopes to share and see the Gospel impact many of the children that he connects with this summer.

Apart from being the nurse, Wes has stepped into a new role of youth development in planning many of the after summer retreats, the after school interactions, and more. He asks that you pray for him in his filling of the new position, having a spirit of Christ, and sharing the Gospel with campers.



MY JOURNEY TO BECOMING WHO I AM IN CHRIST

By Angele Vasquez



Four summers ago I came to Cross Bar X as an excited, sporadic, baby Christian who only knew the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Within the time spent at CBX, going through the internship and Bible Institute classes, God has challenged

me over and over again. It’s in His perfect sovereignty that I have been here learning how to evangelize, b-line all things to Christ and find my fullness in Him alone.

God is much bigger than I can think of Him to be. When we have a small view of God, we don’t see His perfect sovereignty or even His glory in the midst of tribulations. We need to have a bigger perspective of God and who He is. That has been one of the biggest lessons I have learned here. Now, as I approach my fourth summer, I am being called in a new direction. I will be going back to college in August. This saddens me deeply to leave, but with the support of God and my second family (the Millers & Posey’s) I can confidently say that I am leaving as a much wiser, calmer, and more grounded child of God due to the mentorship and friendship they poured into me. Praise God for his faithfulness, guidance and relentless pursuit of my heart!

God has shown me that in Him, I have all that I could ever want and need. Coming from a broken family with 9 other siblings, God has healed me and has shown me that coming from a big family can be a blessing. He has shown me this through the Miller family and how they took me under their wing, teaching me and challenging me to grow. Cross Bar X is not just for the campers here, but also for the staff. God works in mysterious ways and what I thought was going to be one summer, actually turned into three years (four summers) of the transformation and healing of my own heart.

