

WAYS TO PITCH IN AT CBX

How summer volunteers make a difference!

By Tim Miller

We are trying a new thing at CBX this next summer. We are looking for families to live and serve at CBX for one full camp week this next summer. These weeks start on Monday afternoon and run through Saturday morning. These families will serve alongside us in helping run games, activities, lead, teach, sing, play, and support campers at CBX.



We currently have two weeks available:

Girls: July 5th - 10th, 2021
Boys: July 26th - 31st, 2021

Please let us know if you are interested!

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!
- For CBX to be Covid free this summer and for us to act boldly in operating the ministry independent of government interference.
- For male summer camp counselors!

Bike It For A Camper is Coming!

Ride for team CBX in the Iron Horse Classic or the Quarter Horse Ride this coming May 29th!

The Bike It For A Camper event is CBX's largest fundraiser. Each year, 10-25 riders train long and hard all year for the opportunity to ride over the passes into Silverton. At the same time, these riders raise funds to sponsor campers to attend CBX.

Would you consider joining with these riders and making a pledge on behalf of their ride? Or maybe you would like to join with Team CBX and ride this year.

Just give us a call or email if this sounds of interest to you!



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WINTER 2020/21



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



MINISTRY WORK IN THE SEASON OF COVID

The work of the kingdom is different now, but still good...

by Tim Miller

The picture above of campers at the campfire, singing, laughing, hearing the Good News, makes me anxious for the time ahead when Covid is behind us and we can return to running camp the way we have for the past 43 years.



Ministry work over the past 8 months has been different to say the least. To start, our summer team for 2020 was only a fraction of what we normally have. Last April, with Covid bearing down on us and most of our neighboring camps shutting operations down for the summer ahead, we decided to freeze hiring and to focus on a modified operation with the team we currently had hired. This resulted in a team of 8 working as day mentors for a select group of local high risk youth. This work was challenging and difficult as spending 8 hrs. straight, isolated, one on one with campers who had many needs proved emotionally and physically exhausting.



Yet good work was done, the Gospel was proclaimed, and God changed lives through this modified work. We are thankful to have been able to operate when the vast majority of our camping peers were closed down. Yet we are anxious for the time



ahead when we can gather around the campfire with dozens of campers, singing songs, telling stories, eating smores, and celebrating the life that God has graciously bestowed upon us. This time is ahead. We are currently putting plans in place to run a full 2021 summer program. Campers are signing up, staff are being hired, a program is being planned, and the grounds at CBX are already being prepped for the coming summer season.

It has occurred to me over the past several months that CBX was meant to have kids here. That might seem like an obvious statement for a summer camp, but spend a summer day at CBX without hearing campers screaming and yelling throughout the grounds, and you just know something is really out of whack. This place has been set aside by God to proclaim His glory in and through nature to kids that desperately need good news. It has been set aside to make much of Him who graciously sent His Son to die for our sins. This place is a vessel that is to be filled with life so that the Gospel can be shared with those lives. It is meant to be filled up, used, utilized, and stretched to the max so that kids can hear this Gospel message. Pray with us as we anticipate the return of camp ministry at CBX in summer 2021!



BOARDS UPDATES

The board is proud of the work God is doing through the staff at CBX. If you would like to see the current roster of CBX Board members, you can do so at www.crossbarx.org/about/board-of-directors/ If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for the CBX board, you can send your nomination to tim@crossbarx.org

FINANCIAL UPDATE

By Curt Powers-Ackley CBX Treasurer

2020 marked the fourth consecutive year that Cross Bar X has achieved a year-end balanced budget! Even with the challenges that the covid pandemic presented to the world economically, God used the many faithful supporters of CBX to continue to pave the way for long term sustainability for the camp.

We believe that practicing sound and conservative financial stewardship honors God as he provides the resources to do ministry at CBX. Cross Bar X is in it's third year as an accredited organization of the Evangelical Counsel of Financial Accountability who regulates our fiscal policies.

Thank you so much for joining us in this endeavor. You make it possible for the whole staff at Cross Bar X to share his truths with disadvantaged youth.

We look forward to your continued support next year.

MEET SAM AND SUMMER QUIRING

By Matt Gray, CBX Chairman



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Sam has worked the majority of his career in construction and metal fabrication. He is skilled in carpentry, mechanics, grounds work, and just an overall handy guy! He is also the first full time staff CBX has hired that was a camper! Many of you will know Summer from her many summers with us dating back to 2006. She has been invovled in the ministry as a counselor, intern, graphic designer, program assistant, and Bible teacher. Sam and Summer have 5 children (SJ - 6, Piper - 5, Ambrose - 3, and the twins Magnus and Atlas - 1). We are thrilled to have them on board and and excited to see how God will use them at CBX!

HELP WANTED!

We are in desperate need of male summer staff! Please consider sharing the info below with a church group, friends, co-workers, etc...

Cross Bar X is a Christian camp for socially and economically disadvantaged youth. We are much different than your typical youth summer camp!

We are looking or a few more staff for this coming summer.

Start date - May 28th, 2021
End date - Aug. 4th 2021

Pay \$250 per week

CBX is a camp unlike any other and counseling here is a summer camp job unlike any other!

What sets us apart?

SMALL CABIN SIZES - 5:1 Camper to counselor ratio

SINGLE GENDER CAMPS - Campers aren't distracted by members of the opposite sex

SMALL STAFF and CAMP SIZES - We have found that small summer teams and small camp sizes create a better community

A FOCUS ON THE GOSPEL - We want these kids to hear the Good News all the time! Camp isn't just about the fun and games, we want kids to know Jesus!

If you would like to be a part of the amazing team God is assembling for summer 2021, contact us for more info or check out www.crossbarx.org.



MEMORIAL GIFTS

Buzz Deardorff - A generous donation was made by Jeffrey and Geneva Dear-dorff in honor of Buzz Deardorff. A generous donation was made by Henry and Susan Euser in honor of Buzz Deardorff. Buzz went to be with the Lord recently. Mr. Deardorff was a dear supporter of Cross Bar X over the years through his involvement in our Hope for Youth Dinner. Beyond that, Buzz was a faithful and consisent support to Nick and Tracy over the years as they began to build CBX. Buzz will be missed!

Owen Scott - A generous donation was made by Darlene Scott in honor of Owen Scott. Mr. Scott was a contributor to CBX's work week for several years and a regular attendee at our annuall Hope For Youth Dinner in Denver.

Rita Frederick - A generous donation was made by Craig and Cathy Watters in honor of Rita Frederick.



INTERNS CORNER

Sarah

I started working at CBX during the COLS season of 2019. In the spring of 2020, my husband Daniel and I were offered intern positions at CBX. We accepted and this ended up being a huge blessing to us because we didn't know that merely weeks after committing to move to camp in May, we would both lose our other jobs due to the pandemic. God's grace abounds to us! For about 5 years I had known that I wanted to work with at-risk youth.



I knew secondhand about many of the challenges that would bring, but I felt called to it. Summer of 2020 I got to be a mentor to 3 girls in the community. They came from various backgrounds and had various struggles that they were facing. I loved meeting with each of them every week and giving them a place of physical and emotional safety. Seeing them grow and growing with them in their knowledge of Christ was beautiful. I have been able to continue meeting with two of the girls throughout the school year also. Summer of 2021 I am going to be the program director for the girls camps! I am very excited to help plan out each week of camp and support our counselors in loving these kids to the best of their ability. Thank you for supporting us in sharing Christ!

Daniel

I started working at CBX during the summer season of 2020. In the spring of 2020 my wife Sarah and I were offered intern positions at CBX. We moved here in May and started working during the unique COVID-summer mentor program. I have been in the food service industry for 6 years now and I was blessed with an opportunity to use my culinary skills for God's glory. I was manager of the CBX kitchen during the summer, and was able to provide meals daily for the staff and campers. I was faced with fun challenges creating healthy and fun meals during the summer as well as operating in a supporting role. It was encouraging to make meals all week long and interact with kids as I served through meals. Seeing the staff bond with the campers throughout the week made me enjoy my job even more. I was able to interact and get to know some of the campers as well, seeing God move in their lives as they were here at CBX. Summer of 2021 I am going to be the Kitchen manager again! I am excited to once again work hard and support the staff of CBX as they reach the kids with the Gospel. Thank you for supporting us in sharing Christ!



A DIFFERENT WORK WEEK ON THE HORIZON

Work week now scheduled to June 14th-18th

The past number of years we have been blessed to have a half dozen or so wonderful families regularly attend our annual work week in May. This has been a community building experience in addition to the tremendous work that gets done around CBX. Almost every year however, we are asked "Why do you have your work week in May, when so many families can't attend because of school?" We have traditionally had our work week in May because camp started in late May and there were no other calendar slots to accomodate it.

This coming summer, covid has allowed us to change things up. With the anticipated return to normalcy on the horizon, CBX is pushing for a late Spring opening. Our goal is to run camps 100% this summer without the need for significant alterations to the way we run camp. With this late opening, we are condensing the lengths of a few of our historically longer camps, and moving work week into a June 14th -18th time slot. There are several upsides to this change:



- Involvement of families whose children will be out of school.
- Warmer weather
- Our summer staff will be here at CBX to help with work week and to meet / fellowship with all of the faithful supporters of the ministry who attend work week.
- Our staff will get to run a family camp evening program for attendees.

With this change, we are anticipating a larger attendance this year. The camp faciilities are on a first come first serve basis, so if you want to reserve a spot, let us know ASAP!

