

Ways to pitch in at CBX

How summer volunteers make a difference!

By Tim Miller

We are looking for families to live and serve at CBX for one full camp week this next summer. We ran with this idea in 2021 and it was fantastic!



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.

Boys Falcon: June 13-18th
Girls Falcon: June 20-25th
Boys Eagle: June 27-July 2nd
Girls Eagle: July 11 - 16th
Boys Red Hawk: July 18-23rd
Girls Red Hawk: July 25th-30th



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 summer staff! We still need a full crew!



RANCH REPORT WINTER 2021/22

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



ALUMNUS CAMP IMMERSION EXPERIENCE!

by Lori Mraz

Wow! It has been 20 years since I served as a counselor at CBX... and so much of what made camp a special place "way back then" is still true today... only to be improved by the addition of a new EPIC welded Cross Bar X Youth Ranch arch, under which all must now pass before heading up the hill to the glorious, "We're glad you're here!" sign at the top. I love that sign! It was not there when I counseled but is one of those timely little extras that has kept me coming back. You see, it is more than a sign, it reflects the posture of camp. It welcomes any who enter in, just like Christ welcomes every sheep who follows Him.



Being at camp this year was an extra special treat for my family of five as we participated in Work Week and then stayed to help with the first week of camp. At Work Week we were able to work alongside past staff like Loren and Wendy York from CA. Even though the founding of CBX was well before my time, it still produced a sense of nostalgia in me to see them working side by side again and to have our 15 year old son gain carpentry skills from the "old guys," though I am not sure camp folk ever truly get old? I think they just work on the next project or share the Gospel with the next person until God calls them home. Dennis and Laura from Denver were the cream of the crop as foremen and seamstress extraordinaire of Work Week. CBX is blessed to have Dennis on the board. Work Week is such a grand family venture, and we encourage as many as can give it a try or come back again!

Serving as integral members of the camp staff, as a family, for a full week of camp was a new CBX experiment and we loved it! For the first time since I counseled, I had the privilege of being involved with the 8-11 year old Falcon Girls. All of us were able to engage with camp at whatever level was comfortable for each member of our family. We pretty much went full throttle! "Once a counselor, always a counselor," I heard someone say. Just for the re-



cord, they still have only five campers per counselor, so have not lost that personal touch, which is a hallmark of this camp. They do "small" really well, as Tim conveyed to us in one of our conversations. For a time, they were expanding in other ways, but when doing so began to hinder their foundational ministry they got back to what they do best... small scale evangelism and discipleship. You will be glad to know that the counselors still gather at the prayer bench during EVERY lesson to lift up their comrade who is teaching the lesson and to pray for the campers. That bench is my favorite spot at camp and is likely the place where many battles in the heavenlies are won!

In closing, we are so grateful to have been able to report to you just a bit of the fruitful ministry we experienced during our two weeks at CBX. It is still a creatively "organic" place to serve... no program-in-a-box happening here! Months of prayerful and thoughtful preparations still go into the camp theme, lessons, songs, atmosphere, activities, trainings... and terrific meals! We found CBX to continue to be doctrinally sound while opening wide their arms to share the truth in love with whomever God brings their way. Your full-time CBX staff has been faithfully carrying the torch of ministry while child-rearing, schooling, maintaining their personal lives, and all that each of our families do. Keep praying for them... come serve with them... and help keep the vision alive and well as CBX alumni cross paths with new servants of the King! You will be blessed, even as you are a blessing, for "He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." (Phil. 1:6). There will always be a place for you at CBX!



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BOARDS UPDATE

Financial Update

By Matt Gray

2021 marks the fifth consecutive year that Cross Bar X has achieved a year-end balanced budget! Even with the challenges that the ongoing 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 its fourth year as an accredited organization of the Evangelical Council 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.

By Dennis Hamilton

Bear Valley Church in Lakewood, CO has a passion for CBX and the NM and CO youth that attend the camp each year. It is easy for passion to be mistaken for lip service, but Christ centered men and women have given countless hours over the years to make this passion come to fruition.



Men and women of Bear Valley Church have given their time, energy and resources to projects such as building the beach swimming area, lake boat house, road to the lake, and porch around Alpine lodge. Our humble prayer is that our labor provides the camp the continued opportunity to share Christ to these kids for many years to come.

Bike It For A Camper

2022 will be the 50th anniversary for The Iron Horse Classic!

In conjunction with this 50th anniversary, CBX has set a goal to have 50 riders riding in association with CBX! We are calling this our 50 for the 50th campaign!

Both the serious racer and recreational riders are invited to join with the common goal of providing a way for kids to attend Cross Bar X, who would otherwise not be able to afford camp. Riders are welcome to ride in the full ride to Silverton, the quarter horse to Purgatory, or any of the other rides that weekend.



Riders for Team CBX are asked to recruit sponsors for their ride and are encouraged to set a goal of raising at least \$500. For more details and to register as a rider, email Jacob@crossbarx.org and specify you would like to participate in the Bike It For A Camper event.

Wes's Word

Once a month we run a program called Parents Night Out where we provide childcare for 10-20 foster kids so that their parents can have a short break or a date night. Through this program we have been able to build relationships with the parents and the kids to where some of the children have been able to attend summer camp at Cross Bar X.



This program is an exciting opportunity to work with kids that need to experience the love of Jesus Christ in their life, while also having caring adults provide a safe place for them to connect with other kids who have experienced the same challenges in life. Please pray that we can make much of the Lord as we work with this group.

Help Wanted!

We are in need of 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 - June 1st, 2022

End date - Aug. 1st, 2022

Pay \$2500 for the summer

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

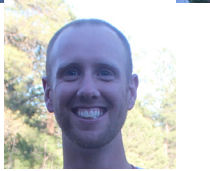
A FOCUS ON THE GOSPEL - We want these kids to hear the Good News all the time! Camp isn't just about the fun and games, we want kids to know Jesus!

If you would like to be a part of the amazing team God is assembling for summer 2022, contact us for more info or check out www.crossbarx.org.



Merry Christmas From CBX!

We want to wish you a Merry Christmas! May God's gift of the birth of Jesus Christ bring an abundance of joy as you celebrate this holiday season. We are so thankful to know all of you and for your continued involvement of letting the world know about Jesus through the work at CBX!



Welcome Ben Davis Back!

Hi! My name is Ben Davis, and I'll be returning to Cross Bar this year. I was involved at CBX from the fall of 2018 till the summer of 2020. I spent this past year at Truett Camp in Hayesville, North Carolina, as a program intern helping run all camp programs from Sep. 2020 till Aug. 2021. In this time away from Colorado, God has really grown my heart for the ministry, and the community I was in while I was at CBX. I'm excited to return this upcoming year, and am looking forward to seeing what God is going to do in 2022!



Memorial Gifts

CBX is blessed to receive the gift of an apple orchard in loving memory of Beverly Shine. We are excited to put this orchard in the ground in 2022 and know that it will honor the life and legacy of Beverly Shine for years