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Summer 2019
Camper Stats

Number of Campers

2100

Number of Churches

27

Number of Campers Who Came to Christ

98

FIRST WORD

a letter from Camp Director James Garner

The Stakes are High



I LOVE camp, and I am guessing you do to since you have chosen to partner with us. A large part of this love has grown out of the impact camp has made in my own life.

When I was in 6th grade I lost my mom to cancer. As a result, my dad sent me and my sister to camp for most of that summer. There I found a counselor who was willing to listen and love me through the trauma of losing a parent. This experience was redemptive in my journey with the Lord. My guess is everyone reading this story has also experienced the redemptive power of camp.

Take a moment to think about it: how has camp impacted your life?

As I now have the opportunity to lead others towards a redemptive

experience at camp of the same magnitude as my own, I have come to a few conclusions:

1. I am committed to making camp excellent (as opposed to sloppy), because the impact of camp can be life changing. As I watch campers drive up to camp on opening day of each week, I know that if we let God use us, many of those campers will leave forever changed. The stakes are high!

2. Creating a Gospel driven culture is a high priority. We can't lead campers where we haven't been. As a full time staff, we need to constantly pursue working out the gospel in our own lives: this will bleed down to the summer staff and ultimately to our campers. If we get this right, campers step into an environment that teaches Christ from all angles.

3. I am not alone. I am not alone in my passion for camp or my desire to lead in a way that cultivates redemptive relationships. I believe there are in fact thousands who want to partner with Camp Tadmor to make it a place where lives are transformed. You are one of these people.

Thanks for joining us in this Kingdom work.

Sincerely,
James Garner



Redemptive Relationship

A Summer Reflection by Josiah Armstrong



"Fridge," Summer Staff 2019

This summer at Tadmor, I learned the importance of intentionality, community, and prayer. Being on the SALT team, we were given the tools for discipleship.

Early on in the summer, while working at Paintball, me and another SALT member dove deep into a conversation with a high school camper. He was struggling with his younger

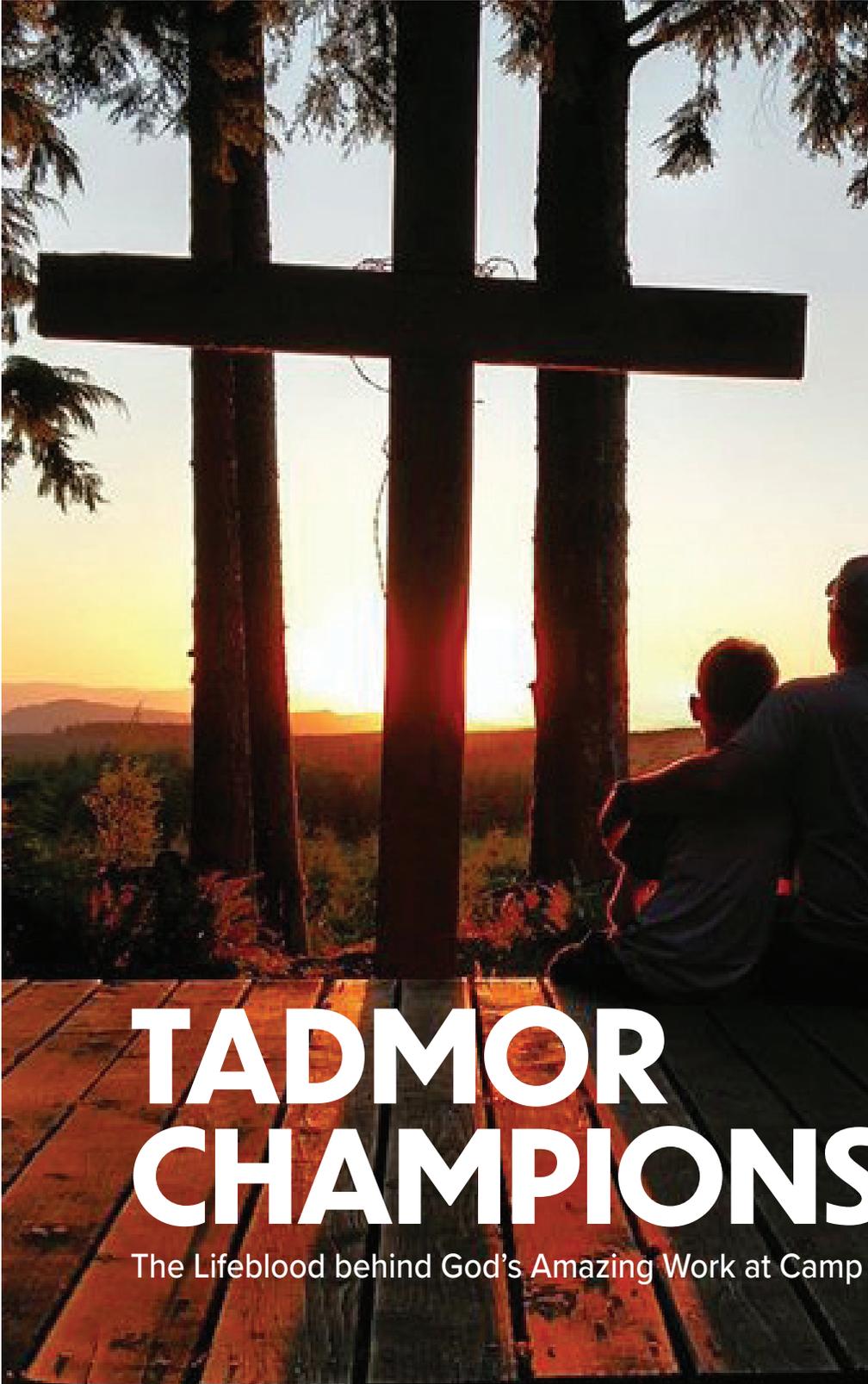
sister who has autism. One of his biggest struggles was showing her love. He felt that she genuinely hated him. We talked with him for forty-five minutes, reading 1 Corinthians 13, and going through the different love languages. We talked about all the ways that autism can change how someone's brain works. This was one of the first times I was able to apply things I had learned during our Bible studies.

Later in the summer, I was asked to take over for a counselor who got sick. I spent the next three days discipling that group of ten middle schoolers. The devotional book and our Bible studies had really prepared me for that cabin. I had multiple one-on-ones with campers who opened up to me and we were able to talk about



God. At the end of the week, one of my campers came to Christ and another camper rededicated his life to Christ. That week was amazing. I was able to apply almost everything I had learned throughout the summer. I was practicing intentionality and using some theological muscles I had been cultivating.





TADMOR CHAMPIONS

The Lifeblood behind God's Amazing Work at Camp



What does it mean to be a Tadmor Champion?

Fifty years ago, a faithful group of men and women dreamed of creating a place where God would be worshipped, relationships would be deepened, and the gospel of Jesus Christ would be proclaimed. These Champions gave of their time, talent, and treasure to lay the foundation of Camp Tadmor. As we head into the next fifty years, we need more Champions to stand in the gap and partner with what God is so clearly doing here.

You are receiving this newsletter because you have taken a step in joining with us as we serve the Church through camp ministry. Our goal is to be a life-giving resource for the Bride of Christ as kids, youth groups, and adult groups alike, seek a deeper relationship with God and each other. You are an integral partner in this work we do, and we thank you.

We know that generosity is not just a command of God, it's an essential part of who Christ is, and as followers of Christ, generosity should be woven into who we are as well. As Champions, you are generous people, and we thank you for using your time, talents, and treasure to further God's Kingdom through the work God is doing at Camp Tadmor.

How to Become a Tadmor Champion

Commit to giving financially to Camp Tadmor and fill in the gaps so we can continue to be a place where campers grow in their relationships with the Lord. Every week during the summer we have a team that wins the championship, but the true champions are those who make camp possible - supporters like YOU! By becoming a Tadmor Champion you will make an eternal impact in the lives of campers. For more information, and to give, go to:

www.tadmor.org/en/contribute/give.com

Feel called to partner with Camp Tadmor, but unsure exactly how? Take a look at our Needs List for specific ways you can partner with us to better serve campers. Perhaps one of these needs corresponds to your passions or resources. Find this list at the website above.

To give financially there are two options:

- Online - Follow the PayPal prompts. There is an opportunity to allocate your gift to a specific area.
- Check - Make checks out to Camp Tadmor and mail to 43943 McDowell Creek Drive, Lebanon, OR 97355. Please designate what the donation is for in the memo line of the check.

Would you like to donate a physical item? Email jamesg@tadmor.org to make arrangements. We're often able to pick it up. Donations are tax-deductible, expect a receipt letter immediately.

Thank you for your contributions, camp is only possible because of the generosity of people like you!





Volunteers

by Ethan Cobb, Volunteer Coordinator



Ethan "Swanson" Cobb

A key element that keeps camp ticking along is our volunteers who give of their time, skills, and energy to help us maintain camp. Their service is invaluable and camp would not be the same without them.

Over the past year, we've had about 300 volunteers spend over 5,000 hours working on various projects around camp. Some of these

projects include installing new lights in the Forum, maintaining our shooting range, reflooring the Evergreen buildings, re-siding & painting buildings, vehicle & tractor maintenance, trail building & maintenance, and brush clearing & clean up.

One of the highlights of this past year has been the climbing wall our volunteers built for our Circle T campers at Meadow Ridge. This structure will give our campers something to climb, run around on, and engage in relationship building while having fun with their peers and counselors.

For this project we had a group of RV volunteers, from Volunteer Mobile Missionaries, spend two weeks with us working to build this climbing wall. Without their hard work and



dedication, this project would not have been possible.

Another group to highlight are the local volunteers who come out many times throughout the year to work on various projects. These people include our volunteer mechanics: Scott Stoddard and Jim & Tim Stowell who maintain our vehicles and tractors. Their work saves us a large amount of money and our vehicles are in the best shape they have ever been.

Also included are John Atchley, Dave Davis, Bill Vandiver, and Jerry & Phil McPherson who come up about once a month to work on many different projects. These volunteers have been an asset to camp and help us keep camp running smoothly.

Last, but not least, is Rick Adams who comes to camp for a week or so at a time to help us with excavation projects, dry rot repair and structural projects to name a few. Rick truly embodies what it means to be a Tadmor Champion.

Overall, 2019 has been a great year for camp and part of that success is thanks to our volunteers. They are the champions behind the scenes who help keep camp going. So, a big thank you to all our volunteers! We look forward to a great year ahead!

Ethan Cobb is our Volunteer Coordinator. He has served full time at Camp Tadmor since November of 2017. He's also our resident sound system expert. He has a pastoral heart and enjoys playing in the worship band at his church. If you have any interest in volunteering at Camp Tadmor with your family, your church, your youth group, or just you, please contact Ethan at ethanc@tadmor.org. Your time and experience are highly valued.

SWAT BY THE NUMBERS

With over 2,000 campers invading Tadmor every summer, it's a miracle that camp stays standing. That "miracle" is our very own SWAT team - Servants Working at Tadmor. From serving in the kitchen and cleaning toilets, to hauling luggage and clearing trails, the SWAT team ensures camp stays clean and functional so the campers can keep their focus on hearing the Gospel and having fun. Our latest team was led by Erik "E!" Tuneberg, Joey "Two" Wallberg, and Julia "POG" Ristau.



Number of Sinks cleaned:
1,740

Number of toilets cleaned:
1,508

Number of showers cleaned:
957

Number of French Toasts
Cooked: **5,680**



Number of Plates Washed:
139,080

Number of Cups Washed:
139,080

Number of Trash Bags
Changed: **2,102**

Number of Burgers Grilled:
3,648



Number of Strips of Bacon
Panned: **16,000**

Number of Mice Killed: **2**

Number of Memories Made:
countless



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Ever Wonder what goes on behind the scenes at Tadmor?

Tune in on Instagram @camptadmor for our monthly Tucker Reports.

See the fun that takes place throughout the year at camp! Hashtag your favorite camp moments and see ours too! #camptadmor

You can also find us on Facebook: www.facebook.com/CampTadmor



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FIXIN' CAMP TADMOR

by Zack Brown, Maintenance Coordinator



Zack "Gramps" Brown

Zack Brown has been on full time staff at Camp Tadmor since 2010. He has prior years of experience in construction and a general love of tinkering with things. He worked alongside Steve Ellingboe during Steve's last years at camp.

Last year, Zack enjoyed working with a maintenance intern, Joey Wallberg, who helped Zack keep his head above the constant tides of camp maintenance. Zack is passionate about camp ministry. He loves creating an environment in which

people don't have to worry about whether or not things will function, so they can focus on growing with their group or their campers in their relationships with God.

Besides getting all the pipes and vehicles on camp ready for winter, Zack is working with local contractors and engineers to replace a dry-rotted post in the Forum. This is a very big project as it is one of the main supports for the structure. He's working with all these contractors to nail down the cost, but shoring the forum while the post is removed will cost \$15,000.

Last winter, Zack drained the Tadmor lake, and found a huge hole! He will be draining the lake again this winter to do a final fix on the hole, so the lake will stay full throughout the summer. To see the progress on this fun project, follow #fixincamptadmor on Instagram. Look back to last winter and summer to see some videos about the hole! You can also

find updates on Facebook.

A few of Tadmor's top Needs are:

- New tires and rims for a Kabota tractor: \$2,600
- Forum Shoring: \$15,000
- New roofs: \$6,000

If you want to contribute to these or any of our other needs, please contact Zack at zackb@tadmor.org, or give online.

Our complete Needs List can be

found at: <https://www.tadmor.org/en/contribute/give.com>

Recently Met Needs:

- 3 Mac Computers
- Portable Sound System
- 23 Mattresses and counting

Follow #fixincamptadmor on Instagram for frequent updates of the maintenance happenings around camp!

BECOME A CHAMPION OF EVERYTHING THAT MAKES CAMP GREAT!



Summer Staff Quotes

“God’s taught me that relational ministry doesn’t just happen here at Tadmor, it’s something I can take with me wherever I go.”

“My 13-year-old sister was a camper during one of the middle school weeks. She only saw good reasons to be a Christian and on the way home from camp, she accepted Jesus in the car with my mom.”

“Watching the Lord open up the hearts of my campers so that He could use me of all people to lead them toward the mighty God? It was incredible.”

“I have learned how God works in me and through me regardless of how I’m feeling and how much I think I can do.”

“I saw God working in all of us this summer, and all summer long.”

Youth Leader Quotes

“Tadmor created an environment in which many of my students encountered God in their own individual ways, but through the same channels of the message, worship, and games. At the end of the trip, I had many students commit or recommit their lives to Christ. We had seven students in our youth group baptized in the lake.”

“All the girls in our cabin grew much closer to one another, opening up to each other and praying for one another. They also grew deeper in their walks with Christ.”

“The Lord has used our time away at Tadmor to bind many of our leaders and kids together in new and deep friendships.”

“I saw our kids begin to build the foundation of genuine faith that was their own, no longer piggy backing on their parents or youth leaders’ faith. I also saw our students learn to trust and communicate with each other more effectively.”

“Although it’s always good to hear students describe camp as ‘their best week ever,’ I heard our students talking about becoming fully devoted to Jesus – moving from the faith of their childhood to a growing and maturing faith.”