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CAMP TADMOR'S MINISTRY IS ALIVE AND WELL!

We have served several groups this summer and fall, and God has been active at Camp Tadmor! It's a joy to have so many people using Tadmor in ways they wouldn't have been able to if this were a normal year for camp. From churches to family reunions to company retreats, we've hosted a large variety of groups. A few of the groups shared their experience with us and marveled at how God powerfully moved during their time at Camp Tadmor.

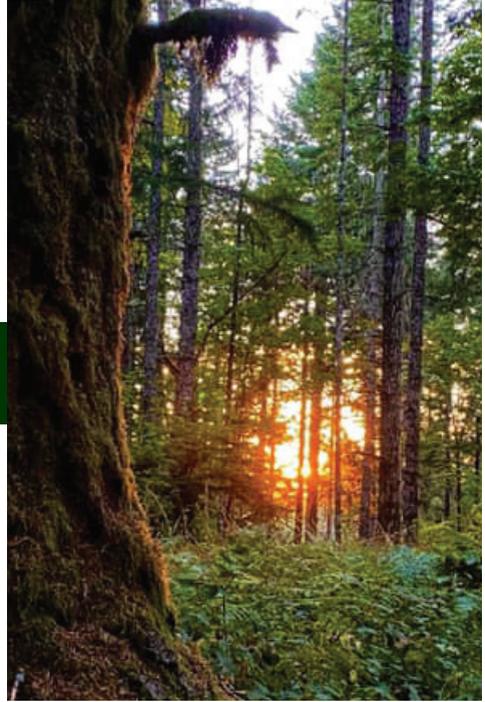


Here's a letter we received from Crowfoot Baptist Church

We cannot express how grateful we are to you for the gift of allowing us to use Meadow Ridge for our church campout. It was a watershed moment for our congregation as we saw God work in answer to months of prayer: he strengthened the unity of our fellowship in profound ways, he brought four unchurched families to experience grace lived out over the four days, he affirmed his saving love to four young men who committed their lives to Christ in baptism, and on and on.

We know this Jubilee year has been another act of faith on your part and that this kind of opportunity was unique. And we do pray that the Lord will guide, provide, and equip you for ministry to thousands of children next summer. But while this window was open, we saw the Lord's glory. Thank you for opening it for us.

- Jeremy Zderad, Pastor, Crowfoot Baptist Church





WE EVEN HOSTED A YOUTH CAMP FOR A WEEK!

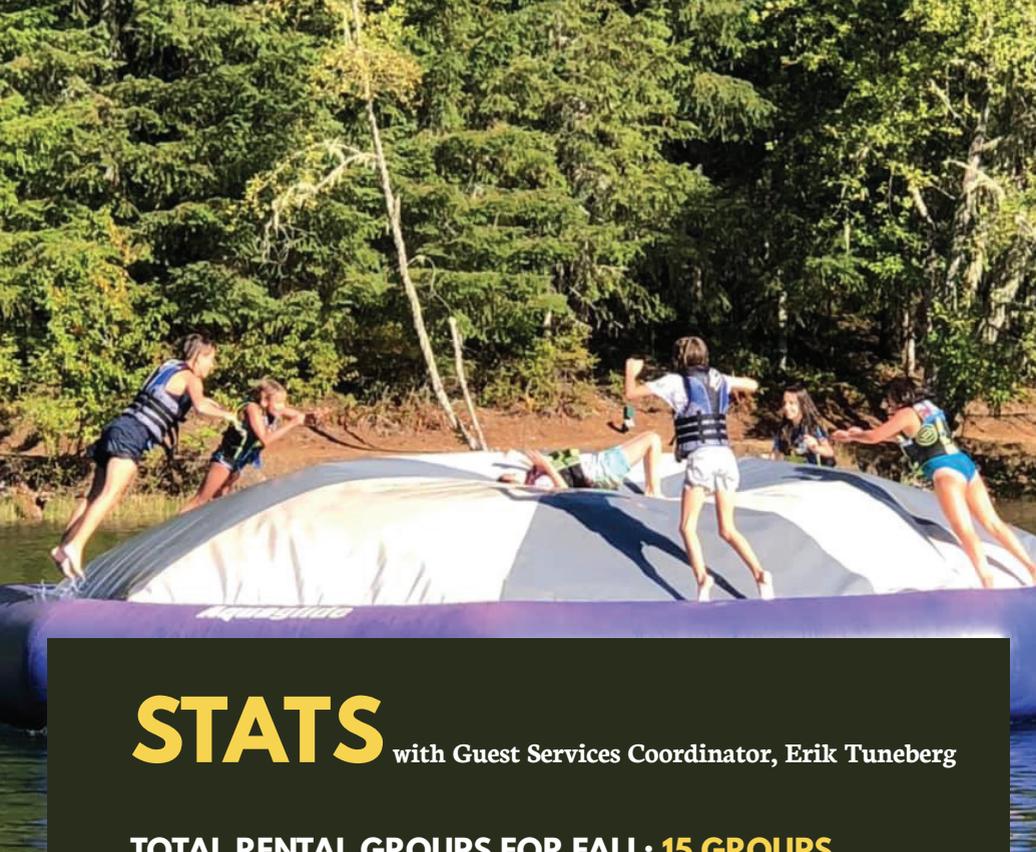
This was their experience:

Camp Tadmor was a huge blessing from the Lord for our group of churches. We had originally scheduled our Junior & Middle School summer camp week with another camp facility and were actively taking registrations when we found out the camp facility would not be available due to some surprise repair needs. It left us scrambling for a camp that could house our 160 or so campers and staff for the same week in late July. We prayed and we reached out to Camp Tadmor which was available and happened to be a perfect set up for our group of churches!

Our students had a blast together with our staff at the lake, playing games in the fields, and worshipping and learning together. Students were responsive to the message from

John 4 about Jesus Christ's ability to bring a new start in life, many of them responding to the invitation to life in Christ. Having had to miss summer camps the year prior, this time together was uniquely special and significant, allowing our students to work on rebuilding relationships that were lacking and starving during the previous year. And we continue to see the evidence of the week of camp together in our youth group this fall as students are more committed to one another and able to process life with Christ more openly together. Praise the Lord for the unique way Tadmor was able to serve our groups this summer!

- Mathias Califf, Pastor of Student Ministries, Gateway Church



STATS

with Guest Services Coordinator, Erik Tuneberg

TOTAL RENTAL GROUPS FOR FALL: 15 GROUPS
CHURCHES: 14
OTHER GROUPS: 1

ROUGH OVERALL HEAD COUNT: 600 GUESTS

TOTAL WEEKENDS RENTED: 9 OF 11 WEEKENDS RENTED
FROM SEPTEMBER 10TH THRU NOVEMBER 19TH.

PASTORS WIVES WAS WELL ATTENDED!
OCTOBER 22-24

GROWTH GETAWAY WAS A REALLY SPECIAL WEEKEND
FOR OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH WITH
153 PARTICIPANTS: NOVEMBER 5-7

We still have rental openings the first two weekends of December, as well as some weekends in January.

*Email Erik Tuneberg if you're interested in renting at Camp Tadmor:
erikt@tadmor.org*

SUMMER MINISTRY TEAM EXPERIENCE

Isabel Olson



How many summers have you served at Camp Tadmor?

I've served a total of three summers at camp. Only my first one was a "real" summer with actual summer camp, the other two have been different with COVID restrictions and guidelines.

What's your camp name and how did you get it?

I'm Spoon. The name came about through a series of questions during the Naming Ceremony. First, I was asked what I liked to do in my free time, to which I replied, "I like to read." Then I was asked what specifically I liked to read, and I said, "books about true crime." They then asked who my favorite criminal was, and I responded, "Belle Gunness." They asked what she did that made her a criminal, she's a serial killer. Someone connected a "serial" killer to a "cereal" killer, then to a spoon. Thus, I was named "Spoon."

What roles did you fill this summer?

This summer I worked both as a lifeguard and did regular cleaning and kitchen work.

What was your favorite group to serve?

I'm not sure who my favorite group to serve was! The most memorable was probably a small family reunion because it was my friend's family, someone I worked with my first summer on staff.

In what ways did you grow this summer?

This summer I grew a lot. I think I really grew myself as a person. I became more patient, more confident, and more sure of who I am. I think my age and stage of life played a huge role in it, but I know, without a doubt, that if I hadn't worked as a lifeguard this summer, I would be a different person. I can't really tell you who I would be, I don't know, but I do know God planned for my summer to be spent working up at Tadmor and that he used me and stretched me in many ways, ways that I don't even know yet.

*Interested in applying to be on our Summer Ministry Team in 2022?
Applications will be available online January 1st!*

NEW FULL-TIME STAFF AT CAMP TADMOR

We've been able to slowly fill our full-time team and we're so excited for all that our new people will bring to Camp Tadmor!
Miranda Smith (Rizada) – Circle T Coordinator and Guest Services Assistant

Miranda joined the team in June to help Erik through a busy season of rental groups and she has already been such an amazing addition!

Meet Miranda:

I started coming to Tadmor as a camper in third grade and came back every summer until my sophomore year in high school! It was always a highlight of the summer. Even as a child I knew I wanted to work on staff someday. There was something about that community I wanted to be a part of. After my junior year of high school, I served for the first time on the

Summer Ministry Team and it changed my life. I realized what it truly meant to be a Christ follower. I have worked at Tadmor every summer since then and have worked during the off-season helping clean and serve in the kitchen for the rental groups. I have served on the S.A.L.T. team - working in the shops and lifeguarding, the Program team - running the coffee shop, Circle T - both as a counselor and leading the team, and most recently leading the counseling team.

My camp name is "Rizada," which is the Spanish word for curly, specifically referring to hair. When I started on staff, we got to choose our camp names and I was at a real loss for what to do. The summer before I had gone on a mission trip to Ecuador and a family member suggested that I tie that into my name, and I have really curly hair so "Rizada" was the easy choice.

Camp means so much to me because of the many ways I have seen God work in both my life and the lives of fellow staff members and campers alike. I am excited to be on full-time staff as the Guest Services Assistant and Circle T Coordinator. I am looking forward to seeing how God is going to work this year in my life and in the lives of the people who come to camp. I can't wait to be a part of the restart of summer camp in 2022!



MIRANDA SMITH (RIZADA)

SUMMER 2022

What can you expect for summer of 2022? As of now, we are planning on a normal camp season!! We are getting SO excited to have a full Summer Ministry Team, and a camp FULL of campers again! Program Coordinator, Brian Smith, is already hard at work planning all the details for a great camp season. Check back in January online or on social media to find out the summer 2022 theme! Registration will be available online January 1st and we expect to fill up fast, so get your registrations in! Scan the QR code to see the summer 2022 schedule.



CAMP
TADMOR



PROGRAM COORDINATOR

BRIAN (STANG) & ROSLYN (RAINDROP) SMITH

Hello, I am Brian T. Smith, 28, born and raised in Turner, OR. In some form or fashion, I have been involved with Camp Tadmor since 2003 when I came to Tadmor as a camper. I volunteered for almost a decade with Outdoor School as a counselor and leader. I have also served for 2 summers on the Summer Ministry Team and have been around during the off seasons to help out with different events. I was the Counseling Lead both summers on staff, and I have been the fill-in barista in Cedar Creek a handful of times, as well as plenty of other miscellaneous tasks around camp.

I am married to Roslyn (Raindrop), who I met while working at camp. Our

daughter, Holland June, was born on September 29th. I love westerns, my Chuck Taylors, and street tacos. I am 6'1", an enneagram 1w9 and share a first name and birthday with my uncle.

My camp name is Stang and I got the name because my favorite car is the '69 Mustang Mach 1, but more importantly, I love westerns. Roslyn's camp name is Raindrop because she loves living in the PNW and is one of the few people who actually enjoys the rain.

Roslyn and I prayed our brains out about the decision to take this position. God had given us plenty of reasons to stay in our community in Corvallis and leaving would have been

really difficult, but ultimately, we could see that we were in a place of transition and an opportunity like this might never come along again.

When I served on the Summer Ministry Team in 2016, I was looking to refocus my attention to my relationship with Christ. God met me in that desire and gave me more than I could have ever imagined. Not only was I able to grow closer to Him, but I also gained so many great friends and felt like I was able to be my authentic self. My confidence in who I am as an Image-Bearer helped me to go back out, plug in to my church, and make a lot of great connections in my local community. That same summer, I met Roslyn which has had a major positive impact on my life as well. I have a wife who continually supports me and pushes me to be the best version of myself, which motivates me to love and serve her as I am called to do in our

marriage. She is extremely strong and such a tenacious force for good. I think my relationship and marriage to her has been a way for God to work on me in so many different ways.

Roslyn and I are both extremely excited to be a part of the community at Camp Tadmor and for the opportunity to serve the church in the unique way that camp does. I am excited to be here to help foster change in peoples' lives like camp had a hand in changing and improving mine. I'm empowered to be a disciple because of how I was disciplined here at camp. God is so present and available in ministry up here on the mountain, and it's so exciting to be a part of that in some way, just to be near it! We are also pumped about our daughter getting to start her life here and grow up as a camp kid.





SUMMER MINISTRY TEAM EXPERIENCE

Zach Paul (Phog)

My name is Zachary Paul, and I will be filling the position as Tadmor Administrator and Finance Manager for CVNW.

My journey with Tadmor started when I volunteered in 2011 as a 16-year-old on the SWAT team. That summer I learned the value of service, community, and a deep relationship with the Lord. Since then, I have worked on many different Summer Ministry Teams: lifeguarding, counseling, running rec games, and helping the ministry that I love run smoothly. In 2018, as I completed my undergraduate degree from Oregon State, I interned at Tadmor, learning some of the business decisions that are involved in running a non-profit camp ministry.

My camp name is Phog because I've always been a big fan of college sports. My dad's side of the family is from Kansas so one of my favorite basketball teams is the University of Kansas. Their gymnasium is named Phog Allen Fieldhouse, after one of their previous coaches. There is a banner that hangs over the court that says, "Pay heed all

who enter: Beware of the Phog." On my first day on summer staff at camp, I was asked what camp name I wanted. I was wearing a shirt with that banner on it and the rest is history.

During the last several years, I have worked at Corban University in the accounting office, allowing me to learn more about Christian non-profit business. I was also able to get my Master's in Business Administration last year. I feel as though God has been using my time at Corban to equip me for the role that I will be stepping into at Tadmor.

When I was approached with the opportunity to work full-time at a place that has had such an enormous impact in my life, God made it a very easy decision. I'm very excited to begin work. Over the next year as I begin to learn my role, I hope to help steward Tadmor's resources to make a similar impact on all those who set foot on camp's property.



CAMP MAINTENANCE IS CAMP MINISTRY

**FIXIN' CAMP TADMOR
WITH ZACK BROWN AND JOEY WALLBERG**



Over the last season, I (Zack) have had the opportunity to reevaluate what it means to be in full-time ministry in the context of maintaining the ministry tool called Camp Tadmor. Having to keep camp going when no one was able to use our facilities was difficult because we didn't get to see God use the grounds and buildings as a place to help people grow in their faith and in their relationships with their communities. Now, having people around again, and seeing the growth that comes from time enjoyed at camp, solidifies the value of this place where people can come to connect with God and each other. Everyone on our full-time staff has their role as part of the body of Christ to create a holistic and smooth experience for those who visit camp. Maintenance is a very important part of this body that I find joy in contributing to. If a toilet doesn't work, or if a roof is leaking, people will be distracted from their experience of connecting with God and each other. These, and many more things, are what I get to contribute to the ministry of Camp Tadmor through maintenance.

A large part of ministering to people through maintenance is providing places to sleep, places to make food and eat, and places to gather that function well. I get a lot of joy in seeing people use camp to its fullest and it makes me look forward to the continuing improvements and upkeep of camp so it can be a place of spiritual growth and a tool for our churches and groups that get to take advantage of the facilities. *Continued on next page.*



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We have a lot of exciting things going on in the maintenance world. We've recently put new flooring in three of our full-time staff houses. We've also put generator hook-ups in each staff house which will help with all our power outages through the winter.



The biggest and most exciting project this season is repairing the post in the Forum. This building is used by most groups and services a lot of different needs, and it would soon be in danger of collapse if not addressed. We're taking this time while repairing the Forum to make other improvements as well. This project is exciting because it has been almost fully funded by generous donations. Projects like these pop up all over camp as it is a fifty-year-old facility, and while we have a budget for maintaining the buildings, that doesn't cover these bigger improvements. Having Champions partner with us in these bigger projects is vital to camp's ability to serve, and we love our Champions!

Projects on the Horizon:

- Rebuilding Klamath cabin
- Updating the electrical systems in the cabin areas
- Improved ADA access to our cabin restrooms
- Continued timber management



If you wish to further partner with Camp Tadmor all year long, consider becoming a Champion! You can donate regularly for projects like this by visiting Tadmor.org/give. You can also directly give to the maintenance department through the Tool Fund. This helps us do everything from buying a new tractor to replacing broken pliers. You can give to this fund by going to the website above and selecting Tool Fund in the designated giving option.





GROWTH GETAWAY

Our hearts are full as we come away from our first programmed event in about a year, and our first overnight event in two years! Growth Getaway, a retreat for middle schoolers, flouted the theme “Welcome Home,” and it certainly felt like a homecoming to all involved! It was a celebration, a family reunion, and a ton of fun! Grandpa Two and Grandma Capezio led the weekend and provided everything from a Polar Plunge in the lake to a family movie with loaded popcorn! The campers deepened their relationship with God and their understanding of gospel-centered community through worship and the teachings of Joel White, pastor at Crossridge Church. Everyone who helped the event run smoothly was refreshed by having campers around and by once again being able to do the work we are called to do at Camp Tadmor!



ANTHONY DARLING, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AT GOLD BEACH, YOUTH PASTOR:

“It was a blessing to be back at Camp Tadmor with Jr. High Students for Growth Getaway. My students loved the excitement of being around other youth groups in such a special place. The activities were simultaneously exciting and relaxing, the speaker’s words were thoughtful and challenging, and the fellowship was refreshing. My students, leaders, and I were all blessed and rejuvenated from our weekend at camp.”

JENNY SAVAGE, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, BROWNSVILLE, YOUTH LEADER:

“Growth Getaway was an amazing time growing in relationships with others and with God. Beautiful location. Great speaker. Silly skits. Freezing lake! Delicious food. Perfect location. My girls loved cabin time learning, wrestling with and applying scripture. Memories were made. It was such a blessing for our young hooligans to have a retreat after all this time.”



UPCOMING EVENTS

WINTER YOUTH CELEBRATION

February 18-21 at Camp Tadmor



SAVE THE DATE!

Fiftieth Year Anniversary Celebration is back on!

Camp Tadmor, Saturday, July 9th

Come celebrate with us!



GIVE

We love our Champions! These are people who have partnered with Camp Tadmor in serving our churches through regular financial gifts. Would you prayerfully consider becoming a Tadmor Champion? To read more about what this means, and to set up online giving, please visit tadmor.org/give.
