

Galilean Bible Camp

SUMMER 2021 UPDATE

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into His presence with singing! Know that the Lord, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name! For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations." Psalm 100

God is good and everything that is truly good comes from Him! This summer filled our hearts with joy as we welcomed volunteers and campers back for overnight camp! It was so life-giving to be back together in the same physical space. God blessed us with a summer full of community and fellowship as we shared the Good News of Jesus.

After spending summer 2020 with camp closed we decided to only offer wilderness camps for summer 2021. Keeping our camps at a smaller size and choosing to run outdoor programming allowed camp to operate with fewer COVID-19 restrictions. We are so thankful that God provided us with a safe summer.

This summer, camp ran for the month of July and we had about 20 campers each week:

-Week 1: Boys' Wilderness (ages 11-14)

-Week 2: Unfortunately our second week of Boys' Wilderness was cancelled due to lack of camper registrations, however all but one camper were able to transfer to the first week of Boys' Camp. We made the best of it and enjoyed having a relaxed week with our summer missionaries who stayed for all four weeks.

-Week 3: Girls' Wilderness 1 (ages 11-14)

-Week 4: Girls' Wilderness 2 (ages 14-17)

Wilderness camp is set up over at our wilderness site which is just down the road from the girls' side of main camp. Campers and summer missionaries spent their week at camp sleeping in tents, having chapel sessions outside around the campfire, and eating delicious meals under the dining shelter. Camping out at the wilderness site is much more relaxed and it really gave our campers the opportunity to spend quality time with each other. It's so encouraging to watch the transformation of wilderness campers. They often start off the week quiet and reserved and as the week progresses you get to see the Lord transform hearts and personalities. It's fun to see their "wild side" come out as they enjoy the outside activities. It's encouraging to see the Christ centred community form in the smaller group size.



This summer campers were very obviously ready to be in a safe place where they could share what was on their minds and hearts. After experiencing isolation and separation for over a year, it was evident that God had softened hearts so that they were ready to hear the Gospel. God provided so many opportunities for significant spiritual conversations to happen. It was a joy to see campers seek out truth as they talked with our summer missionaries.

It was a privilege to work with our summer missionary volunteers! Our fellowship was rich and deep. It was great to spend time praying together, singing worship songs to God, and to be exhausted after spending full days serving the Lord as a team.

God faithfully provides us with good gifts to enjoy here at camp. From swimming, fishing, hiking, canoeing, singing, cotton candy beach parties, silly ZOOM BOOM exercise classes, crazy night games, delicious campfire snacks, gospel centred teaching, Christ centred community and MORE. It is so fun to experience God's goodness at camp.

Thank you for being a part of our Galilean family! Thank you for faithfully praying for us! Thank you for coming to serve at camp! Thank you for sending words of encouragement to our missionaries! Thank you for your continued financial support, especially through this pandemic! You are a blessing to us. Thank you for being obedient to the Lord in worshiping Him with your prayers, your service, and your finances! We are so glad you are part of our team. God is good and everything that is truly good comes from Him.

