

GILEAD GAZETTE



A Camper's Memories **DAVID ARBOGAST**

It was always exciting to have someone special come to speak at church. It meant that it would maybe be more interesting, or at least there would be less sermon to endure. The guest had a kind look and the bushiest mustache I had ever seen. It reminded me of a Scotty dog. As he started his presentation, I saw what looked like the most awesome week a kid could have. Camp Gilead. What a weird name, but it looked like more fun than hanging around the house doing nothing. Eighty dollars! Who could ever pay that much? Not me. Definitely not mom and dad. Vader? You mean like Darth Vader? Must be related, but he is a pastor...weird. Still looks like fun. Some men in the church said if we memorize verses, they will pay up to \$40 towards the camp cost. \$1/verse. Hmm. If I say all the verses I learned in AWANA, maybe mom and dad will pay the rest. Deal. Done.

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Hidden Bucky

I can't wait to go. Feeling anxious, but excited. Arrival. Bye mom. This place is huge. I don't know anyone. When do we get to shoot BB guns? This hill is way too steep. We have to climb this every day? Where is the train I saw in the video? Ooo, I just saw a rabbit. You are my counselor? Cool. When do we eat? Cool. Wait...we have chapel every day...twice! Are you kidding me? Pop's Inn is open? Candy! Here comes the guy with the grey bushy mustache in a motorized buggy. Ride? Sure! Nice guy... that was fun. Mail call. What? You have to sing if you get 3 letters. Nobody would ever send me a letter. Did they just call my name? How embarrassing. What? Again? Who would write to me? Another letter? Where can I hide? I am not here. MOM! REALLY? I have to sing? This place is horrible. Actually, that was kind of fun. Now everyone knows my name.

Horses are awesome! I just rode a horse. Palomino they said. Must be from another country. This bow thing is hard, but getting the hang of it. Zip line across the pond? Nailed it! Carnation Farms? COWS REALLY STINK! The chocolate milk was awesome though. Snoqualmie Falls is cool. Never been this close to a big waterfall before. Hay ride? I'm in. Mosquitoes...not fun. Campfire. Awesome! Bushy mustache guy must have a bushy mustache son who plays guitar. Jack. Nice guy too. Not related? They look a lot alike. What is it with fat tires? I have never seen a motorcycle with fat tires. Must be off a 3 wheeled buggy. Looks funny, but looks fun. No rides? Bummer!

Wait.. we are bobbing for M&Ms in a pan full of flour. That is disgusting and so much fun. You look like a ghost! We win! First in line for dinner! Box hockey? I am next. Winner keeps playing. Man that kid is good. I wish we had box hockey at home. Triangle clanging? Chow time. Good stuff. Fell in the pond. Soaking wet and no time to change. Oh well...I guess my underwear is cleaner. Probably should use my toothbrush before I leave to go home...Nah! Too many fun things to do. Why waste time? Another trip up the hill? Good grief! Chapel in 5 minutes. Pop's Inn will be open after the service. I hope they still have Nerds. Last fireside of the week. God really cares about me and the things I do and say? I matter to God? Invitation. Lives changed. Best week of my life. I am so coming back next year. Mom, can we go to family camp?

I was one of the thousands of kids whose life was influenced by the staff of Camp Gilead to make the decision to become a Christ follower or the choice to really live their lives for Christ. I remember the kind heart and warm smile of Pastor Vader, and the love he showed the kids. We looked forward to his yearly visit to our church to promote the camp. Jack did an amazing job filling Pastor Vader's shoes...and is still doing so today. I am proud to say that I was a camper, a family camper, and a staff member. My children have been campers and my son has been a staff member as well. God continues to use Camp Gilead to change lives 75 years after it began. Well done! May God continue His work and the dream that is Camp Gilead.

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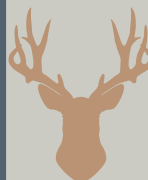
FULL TIME STAFF

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Sara Moyer |
| Program Director:
Kimberly Mallory | Maintenance:
Josh Mallory |
| Asst. Program Director:
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HIDDEN BUCKY

Be the first to find the correct number of Hidden Bucky images hidden in this issue of the Gilead Gazette, and win the untradeable Hidden Bucky button!

Email Elizabeth Montalvo at elizabeth@campgilead.org with your best guess.



MISSED AN ISSUE OF THE GAZETTE?

Visit www.campgilead.org to catch up on past issues!

New Contest! →

Newsletter Producer: Kimberly Mallory
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MOTHER DAUGHTER RETREATS



A full weekend of sweet memories! Lots of crafts, Mom & Me time, worship, and more!

JOIN US IN OCT '24!



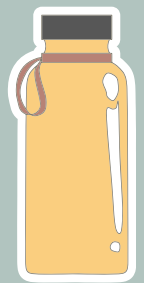
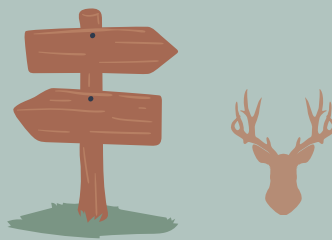
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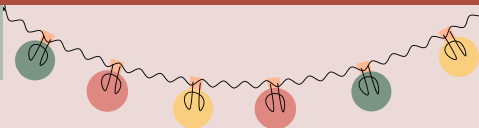
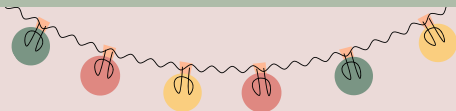
Speaker:
Doug Dahl



From start to finish, it was full of adventure and time together! The pouring down rain didn't stop us from fun activities such as archery, wood chopping, campfires, BB guns, football and a demo on milling a wood plank, by Jack Moyer. See you in Nov '24!



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GileAdvent '24 was such a success! We were grateful for great weather, eager volunteers, and lots of smiling visitors! Hope you can join us next year!

by the numbers

- 344 CARS
- 1,185 ATTENDEES
- 125+ VOLUNTEERS
- 20 PIZZAS DONATED
- 1,500 COOKIES
- 500 GILEADVENT BUTTONS
- \$4,642 IN DONATIONS

SNOWBLAST



Speaker:

Kiyle Decker

Pastor - First Baptist Church Ferndale

We definitely had a BLAST at SnowBlast ... but weren't able to make it to the mountain this year, due to lack of snow & ticket availability. Instead, some huge inflatables were rented, and the students played late into the night and much of the next day. Kiyle Decker challenged us in chapels, and we were led in worship by Seth Baker and a team from EBC Snohomish.



Aaron & Elizabeth



Aaron and Elizabeth met on staff at Gilead in 2018, and were recently married! Many fellow camp staff were able to attend, and it was such a beautiful day. Elizabeth is the Assistant Program Director, and now they enjoy living at camp together!

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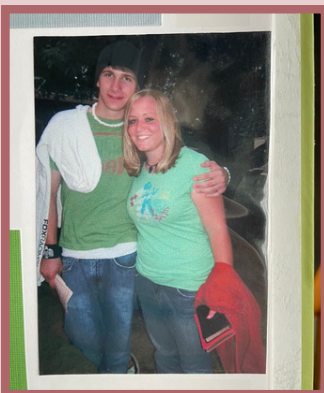
LOVE DAY

Justin & Jennifer Austel

The love story of the Austels began the summer of 2005. Justin was on HS staff, and they both attended HS camp. Their friendship began after a mutual friend introduced them and they spent the week with each other and their friend group. Justin played electric guitar in his band during a special music time camp offered to the campers. This peaked Jennifer's interest in Justin. After HS camp, Jen stayed the second half of the summer to work on staff as well. Living almost 3 hours away from camp meant she would stay with different staff members on the weekends. Two of those staff members were Justin's older sisters, Christine and Faith. So a couple different weekends, with a large group of staff, Jen would stay at the Austel house. It was a fun time of friends, fellowship and attending the Austels' church. The next summer their whole friend group reunited during HS camp and that year they tragically and suddenly lost a dear member from the group, Angie Franklin. The loss of a dear friend brought us all closer together, and that was when Justin and Jennifer began to talk to each other. The following summer in 2007, Jen returned to camp as a CIT. Justin and their other friends were campers, but she still got to spend her free time with them. This gave them more time to get to know one another better and later that summer they began dating.

After three years of dating, they were married on July 31st, 2010. Today, they have been blessed with 5 beautiful girl, and Jen currently homeschools the older three. They have been blessed to find a church family at New Life Fellowship of Graham, where their family is thriving. Their girls attend the church's AWANA program, and Justin hopes to eventually join the worship team. They look forward to their girls growing and to be able to send them to Camp Gilead as campers soon!

Our love story is full of love, hurt, grace and God's redemption. We are thankful to have the Lord as our foundation through it all. We are thankful for the ministry of Camp Gilead; for the opportunities we had to grow in our faith as campers and to serve on staff, which also grew our faith, humility and perseverance.



SUMMER '24



DAY CAMP



FAMILY CAMP



RESIDENT CAMP

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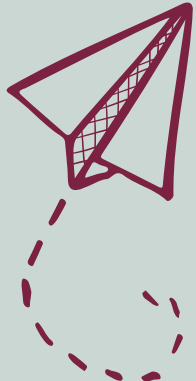
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HIGH SCHOOL STAFF

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COLLEGE STAFF

- Counselors
- Assistant Cooks
- Dirtboard Instructor
- Lifeguards



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PROGRAM STAFF

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DAY CAMP STAFF

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'24 CALENDARS



The 2024 Camp Gilead calendar is here and available for purchase on our website!

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STAFF ALUMNI
*Small Business
Spotlight*

Courtney Banceu



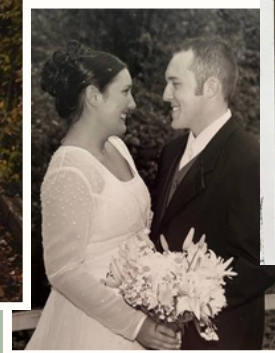
Business Synopsis

Courtney Banceu is the owner and creator behind Courting Design, a custom wedding design studio based out of Vancouver, WA. Focusing on the beauty and function of communicating to your guests, Courting Design provides stationery and signage for your special occasions. Elevate the details of your day & create an unforgettable celebration that starts the moment your loved ones open the envelope.



What Do I Do?

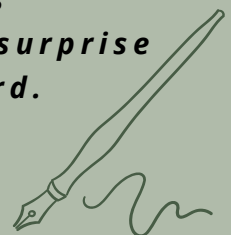
- Design, print and assemble custom wedding invitations
- Design, create and provide custom signage rentals
- Calligraphy for all occasions (certificates, envelopes, engraving...)



Connection to Gilead:

Courtney and her husband George both worked at Camp Gilead the summers of 1999 and 2000. In those two short summers they built lifelong friendships and developed their heart for youth. George was a counselor/LIT leader and Courtney worked as a lifeguard and LIT leader. They went on to have their wedding at Camp Gilead! In the years since, Courtney has had the opportunity to attend many of Gilead's women's retreats and even serve and the Mother/Daughter retreat one year. A highlight for Courtney was definitely painting a verse on the back of the prayer chapel. A fun surprise for counselors and campers when seeking a quiet place with the Lord. Courtney and George live in Vancouver, WA with their four boys.

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SPEAKERS CABIN RENOVATION

The Speakers Cabin is getting a much needed makeover! This little cabin was built in the early 1950's and has been referred to as; the Essen House, the Cliff House, the Ladybug House and the Speaker's Cabin. People have used this cabin as a residence during times of transition and between ministries or jobs.



In the last few years, the foundation and the roof have been replaced and this past January, it was time for work on the interior. Demo began and everything was stripped down to the studs. A team from First Baptist of East Wenatchee came out and put in the new framing, electrical, new windows, new plumbing and a new shower/tub unit. Mud, primer and trim work has been completed and the next steps will be painting, fixtures and furnishings.



**DONATE
HERE**



Our fundraising goal for this has been \$15,000, and many of our camp speaker alumni have already donated to this project, as they know firsthand, how badly it needed to be done! We have raised over \$6,000 so far! If you would like to help with this project, you can donate online.

We are excited to offer this beautiful new space to our future camp speakers, as well as provide a getaway for those in ministry, throughout the year!



RESTROOM RENOVATIONS



In 2023, Camp Gilead celebrated our 75th Anniversary of ministry. As part of this celebration, there was a fundraiser to raise \$75,000 for 75 years in order to remodel the lower restrooms. This project received the amount needed...and more, thanks to YOUR generous donations!

A renovation for the lower restrooms behind the girls cabins has been necessary for quite a while, but we are grateful that it is well under way! The demo and work began in December, and thanks to the diligent work of Steve Gustafson (a long time friend of Camp Gilead), the project is near completion. We can't wait to share the final results!



\$75K FOR 75 YEARS
GOAL COMPLETED!



APRIL 8-11

9:30 AM-5 PM

SPRING BREAK DAY CAMP

Sample Schedule

9:30 DROP OFF
10:00 ACTIVITY #1
10:30 CHAPEL
11:15 ACTIVITY #2
12:00 FREE TIME
12:30 LUNCH

1:00 ACTIVITY #3
1:45 STORY/REC TIME
2:15 POPS Inn
2:45 ELECTIVES
3:30 FREE TIME
4:00 CHAPEL
5:00 CAMPER DEPARTURE



ELECTIVES

Campers will be able to choose one Elective that they will participate in each afternoon, culminating at the

THURSDAY CLOSING CEREMONIES!

SAMPLE ELECTIVES

- ★ **CHOIR**
- ★ **DRAMA**
- ★ **ART CLASS**
- ★ **STEM CLASS**



UPCOMING EVENTS



A Novel Idea
WOMEN'S RETREAT
April 18-20 | Rev. 21:5
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A graphic for a women's retreat. It features a dark green background with a white border. At the top is an illustration of an open book. Below it, the words "A Novel Idea" are written in a large, white, cursive font. Underneath, "WOMEN'S RETREAT" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. Below that, the dates "April 18-20" and the reference "Rev. 21:5" are separated by a vertical line. At the bottom, the Camp Gilead logo and website URL are included.

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MEN'S RETREAT
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A graphic for a men's retreat. It features a background image of a forest with sunlight filtering through the trees. The Camp Gilead logo is in the top left corner. The words "MEN'S RETREAT" are written in large, white, bold, sans-serif font in the center. The website URL "campgilead.org" is in the bottom right corner.

April 5 - 6, 2024

Keynote Speaker

Michael Imhoff



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Hymn Sing



Friday, May 10, 2024
10:30 AM / 12:00 Lunch

With song leader:
Pastor Tom Ruhlman of
Tabernacle Baptist
Church, Shoreline



All ages welcome to attend ... and take a journey down memory lane!

At the Camp Gilead Chapel / Lunch at Dining Hall \$5 per person

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VOLUNTEER WORK WEEKEND



MAY 10-11



Bring your family, your church group or just you! Meals and housing provided.
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Calendar at a Glance



04/05-04/06 * Men's Retreat

04/08-04/11 * Spring Break Day Camp

04/19-04/20 * Women's Retreat

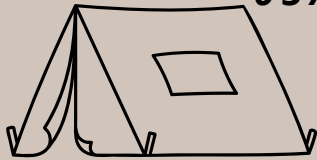
05/10 * Spring Hymn Sing & Lunch

05/10-05/11 * Volunteer Work Weekend

05/27 * River Run 5K

05/27 * Memorial Day Service & Picnic

05/30-06/01 * Father/Son Fishing Retreat



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