

# GILEAD GAZETTE

*Summer Camp Edition*



## *The Dream of Forrest Johnson* KIMBERLY MALLORY

*Since 1948, Camp Gilead has had a single purpose in mind. To reach young people for Jesus Christ, through the backdrop of God's creation, under the teaching of His Word. For those of you familiar with the beautiful landscape of Gilead; the trees, the mountains, the river, the sky, the ponds and the flora, you recognize the incredible gift that this property was, to Tabernacle Baptist Church, of Seattle, WA.*

*So much has changed in 75 years, at Gilead, as well as in our world. Cabins have been refurbished, buildings have been added, dirt roads have been paved and new technology added as it improves. Similarly, in our world, things have continued to change; culture, transportation, styles, trends and media are constantly moving, adapting, growing, and improving.*

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**Hidden Bucky**

*This summer, a middle-aged woman drove into camp, and as she parked and got out of her car, she exclaimed, "It's just how I remember it! I can't believe this place is still here!" She had been driving through Carnation, saw the sign, and decided to stop. What would bring someone back to a remote location with such joy and excitement? It was her experience here. The relationships, the spiritual impact, the memories made. Believe it or not, this is a scenario that happens quite often throughout the year. Past campers revisiting their childhood summer camp days and recalling deep seated moments of impact that started here at Gilead.*

*The people that attend Camp Gilead each year may look quite different than those that attended the first camps in 1948, or in the decades to follow. But there is one thing that has not changed, and that is each person's need for a relationship with Jesus Christ, their desire for community and purpose in life. Amidst the ever-changing hairstyles, skirt lengths and style of jeans, the human heart remains the same: in need of a Savior.*



*Forrest Johnson, who had the dream to start a camp in the country, and Elma Faul, the giver of the property, knew that amidst God's creation and the teaching of the Scriptures, lives would be changed. It is an immeasurable task to look back on the thousands of campers that have come through the gates of Gilead and to know the impact this place has had. But for most of us, the most important impact we know, is what God has done in our own life and heart, while spending a weekend, week or a summer at Camp Gilead.*

*Kimberly Mallory*



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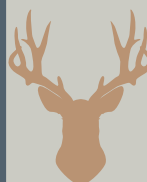
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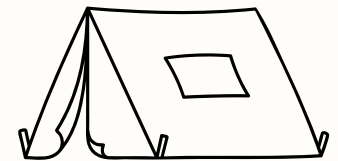


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# CAMP

## BY THE NUMBERS



**81 SUMMER STAFFERS**  
**22 STAFF ALUMNI ON TEMP STAFF**  
**24 CHILDREN OF STAFF ALUMNI ON STAFF**  
**1 WEEK OF FAMILY CAMP**  
**140 FAMILY CAMPERS**  
**6 WEEKS OF DAY CAMP**  
**297 DAY CAMPERS**  
**6 WEEKS OF RESIDENT CAMP**  
**808 RESIDENT CAMPERS**  
**230 MEALS SERVED**  
**4 NIGHT GAMES**  
**6 OBSTACLE COURSES**  
**3 CARNIVALS**  
**111 STAFF MEETINGS**  
**1,680 BREAKFAST BARS COOKED**  
**0 BONES BROKEN AT DIRTBOARDS**  
**56 CAMPERS PRAYED WITH A CAMP**  
**STAFFER FOR SALVATION**  
**8 CAMPFIRES**  
**36 MAIL CALLS**  
**117 GUS & GWEN EPISODES**  
**129 CHAPELS**

**UNMEASURABLE**  
**PLATES WASHED**  
**CUPS OF COFFEE CONSUMED**  
**TIMES COUNSELORS SAID**  
**"YOU'LL FIND OUT"**

**GAMES OF GUTTERBALL PLAYED**  
**LOST AND FOUND ITEMS COLLECTED**  
**DECISIONS FOR CHRIST MADE IN THE**  
**QUIETNESS OF SOMEONE'S HEART**



SUMMER 2023  
CAMP SPEAKER



FAMILY CAMP  
JULY 3-8

[PHIL PERRY]

CAMP GILEAD SUMMER 2023  
ATHENS '23  
ACTS 1:8

CAMP GILEAD 75 1948 2023  
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# DAY CAMP '23

*Camp Gilead had the honor of serving nearly 300 day campers this summer. The day camp program is such a wonderful, challenging, and refreshing part of Gilead. Dozens of campers aged Kindergarten-3rd Grade, running around camp in their green shirts is a truly fun experience as they play, spend time outside, and learn about Jesus. Day camp is a snapshot of what resident camp is like, while it also provides further outreach to our local community. I had the privilege of directing the day camp program for the second summer, and it never ceases to amaze me how the Lord works. From preparing the schedules, planning the chapel curriculum, and training the staff, the process is no easy feat. The day camp staff change weekly; one week was the resident camp counselors, another was a group of high school staff and a few others led by staff alumni, and four weeks of different youth groups. I am so grateful for each of them! It is not easy, but denying oneself for the sake of these kids is one of the greatest opportunities to draw closer to Christ I have ever known.*



*Elizabeth Anderson  
Assistant Program Director*



**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN  
BRINGING YOUR YOUTH GROUP  
TO CAMP GILEAD NEXT SUMMER?**

**Youth Group Leaders - Give your youth a hands-on opportunity to serve as day camp staff next summer!**

*Contact Elizabeth Anderson for available dates at  
[elizabeth@campgilead.org](mailto:elizabeth@campgilead.org)*

# DAY CAMP '23



*Some of my favorite memories growing up were made in the summer. A lot of my time in the summer was spent at Camp Gilead. Whether it was going as a camper or working on staff, the focus was always on Christ and growing a relationship rooted in Christ's love and sacrifice. Camp Gilead was a springboard into serving as an associate pastor at First Baptist Church of Ferndale. This summer I got to take a bunch of our youth group kids to serve as day camp leaders. It was amazing to stand back to watch these teens and the campers build relationships and talk about Christ. It was awesome to see these kids jump into all the activities and gobble up all that they heard about the Book of Acts and Christ. It was cool to see my teens have meaningful conversations and be able to see the joy that came from talking about Christ. It is amazing to be a part of ministries that are focused on teaching kids about Christ and growing a relationship with Him.*



*Lyle Hughs*  
*First Baptist Church of Ferndale*

*Serving at Day Camp was a huge win for our group. We loved it! The Lord was so good to each person in our group throughout the week. The Lord used the week we served at Day Camp to help each person in our group learn how to fully rely on and trust the Lord through anything. It was so huge for our group to have the opportunity to connect with and point the campers to the love of Jesus in a real way. We loved it all and are excited for how the Lord will use this experience to draw our group, and the campers closer to Him.*

*Jake Knight*  
*Warm Beach Free Methodist Church*

# RESIDENT CAMP '23

*This was my first year ever going to Camp Gilead and I had such an amazing time being a counselor. Seeing God move in the lives of the children was the most incredible thing I have witnessed and being able to be the hands that supported and help strengthen those relationships was such a blessing.*

*Rachel Drake*



*I had the opportunity to serve as a counselor at Camp Gilead for a week this past summer. It was a short period of time that will leave an imprint on my life forever. My most significant goal as a counselor was to be a light for Christ and to give the campers reason to ask "why are you different?" God gave me the chance to pray with several of my campers who desired to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and wanted to dedicate their lives to God, after realizing He had given His life for them. I wouldn't trade that week with my campers for anything!*

*Anna Key*

*I loved being a counselor at Camp Gilead. I had some weeks that showed God's work in the hearts of the campers, and I could visibly see how God is working in the kids. Other weeks it felt as if nothing was happening and little change was made with in the campers' hearts, but I kept going to the Lord and praying that I could help plant a seed in at least one kid each week. Being a counselor was a lot of hard work with campers and fighting my own battles at the same time, but it helped me grow immensely.*

*Kari Hively*





# RESIDENT CAMP '23

*This summer was amazing, seeing the changes that took place in the lives of the campers and staff. I'm also going to miss seeing the cheerful moments in the daily activities where kids can form meaningful bonds for life.*

*Jett Tuohimaa*



*Looking back at this summer, it was such a blessing to see God working and using camp as a tool to spread His word. It puts a smile on my face when I look back and recall all the conversations I got to have with the speakers, campers, and the staff. People of all sorts of backgrounds being brought together and worshipping God; those memories will last with me forever.*

*Dayne Tuohimaa*

*While there was the opportunity to spend my summer relaxing, mine consisted of daily personal sacrifice at camp. As a counselor, I was able to apply my Bible knowledge and relationship with Jesus to impact the campers' lives so that they might know Jesus. That they would believe and be saved from sin, in complete submission and praise to God. It was a privilege to be used by Him.*

*Alivia Badgley*



**SUMMER 2023**  
CAMP SPEAKER



**JR CAMP 1**  
JULY 10-15

**[CURT JONES]**



**SUMMER 2023**  
CAMP SPEAKER



**TEEN CAMP 1**  
JULY 17-21

**[ADAM MORGAN]**



**SUMMER 2023**  
CAMP SPEAKER



**TEEN CAMP 2**  
JULY 24-29

**[JOSH PAGEL]**



**SUMMER 2023**  
CAMP SPEAKER

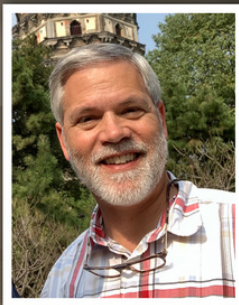


**TEEN CAMP 3**  
JULY 31 - AUG 5

**[JIM MAILLOUX]**



**SUMMER 2023**  
CAMP SPEAKER



**JR. CAMP 2**  
AUG 7-12

**[CURT BIDWELL]**



**SUMMER 2023**  
CAMP SPEAKER



**JR CAMP 3**  
AUG 14-19

**[ADAM HARRIS]**



# SPEAKER REFLECTIONS



*Trust and relationship are two things that are essential to any good ministry. If someone does not trust you, the chances of them letting you minister to them are low. That is why it was such a thrill to be able to speak at my 4th straight high school camp. At this point, by God's grace, I have built trust and relationship with many of the campers who return year after year. I now find that I am introducing myself way less and instead, asking how the year has been way more. It is a joy to reconnect with campers and staff, hear how their walk with Jesus has strengthened, and to be able to more quickly enter into conversations that are below the surface.*

*Adding to my excitement this year was the theme "Athens '23", which meant in chapel we took a look at Paul's missionary journeys. I was able to not only challenge the campers with the truth of the gospel message, but exhort them toward proclaiming that message both at home and around the world to those who have no access to the truth. It was extra special for me, as the Lord captured my heart for mission and work among unreached peoples at Camp Gilead when I was on summer staff. Pray with me that the campers who were at Camp Gilead this summer, might know, trust, and love Jesus and that their lives would produce much spiritual fruit.*

*Josh Pagel*



*The Mailloux family has been going to Camp Gilead since 1995. We were just starting to have kids and living in Tacoma at the time, so the 50-minute drive was easy. Cathy Kilmer attended Southside Baptist Church with us, and she showed us a VHS video of some of the crazy fun activities at Camp Gilead. One activity was pushing a VW Bug around the old tree by the swings (no longer there), down into the soccer bowl and across the finish line. We had to check Camp Gilead out for ourselves...and we've been coming ever since.*

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*Camp Gilead is the safest place I know for kids. You would think that the raging Snoqualmie River, the thick forest next to the camp property, the potential for wild elk, deer and bear to wander onto camp, BB guns, slingshots, canoes, dirtboards, and a swimming pool would make camp a dangerous place for kids, but in the 28 years we have been bringing our kids to Camp Gilead, we have never worried that our kids were unsafe or not well-looked after by the staff. The staff, counselors and programming make fun-filled days go by fast to keep the kids engaged and not even missing their electronics!*

*In 2005, Kimberly asked me to come and speak to the high school and college staff during staff training week. We have lived in eastern Washington for over 20 years, but we still travel the 3 ½ hours to Carnation and have been coming to staff training and staying for Family Camp every year. Our family wouldn't know what to do if our summer plans didn't include as much time as possible at Camp Gilead. In fact, this summer (2023), we came back for a week of resident camp. I spoke in chapel, 3 of my older kids were on staff, 3 were resident campers and stayed in cabins, and our youngest went to Day Camp. It was the best week of our summer!*

*The Bible talks about a place called Gilead, east of the Jordan River, known for the medicinal qualities of an ointment made from a plant that grew in the rocky region. This balm was sought after throughout the known world and is described in Genesis 37:25 as a commodity traded by caravan with Egypt some 280 miles away. Later, in Jeremiah, during a time when Israel was being judged for her disobedience against God, the prophet asks, "Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?" I can fully attest, along with my wife and ten kids that there truly is a Balm in Gilead. His name is Jesus, and He will bring healing and rest to your body, soul, mind and heart. Let's all be grateful for the way God brought the great blessing of Camp Gilead into our lives.*



Jim Mailloux



# HIGH SCHOOL STAFF

*I worked on high school staff for most of the summer and it was very hard and challenging. The early mornings and late nights were rough and doing a lot of dishes in 90-degree heat was not fun, but the people around me made it so much better. We learned a lot of things in chapel and sang some fun songs. I would totally come back next year.*

*Garrett Bird, CIT*

*This summer I had the wonderful opportunity to be a part of Camp Gilead's 2023 high school staff. While working on staff, not only have I made amazing friends and memories, but my relationship with the Lord is so much stronger, and being surrounded by other believers has made all the difference in my life. Now I know doing dishes and cleaning bathrooms might not sound all that fun, but if you sign up for high school staff I promise it will be one of your favorite summers. One of my favorite things this summer has been the friendships and interactions we get to have with the campers and if you want to be a counselor in the future, high school staff is something that will prepare you for the challenge. This summer has taught me to have a servant's heart and appreciate all the work that is put into such an amazing camp. It has been such a rewarding journey building friendships, growing in faith, and serving others this summer. I encourage you to apply for Camp Gilead staff!*

*Erika Mills, LIT*



*This summer I was offered an amazing chance to work on staff and I am so thankful I took it. During my experience at camp, I got to meet new people and learn new things. I was asked to serve in many different positions and though at first I was a little hesitant, I now see it was a blessing in disguise. I got to learn new things, meet new people, and grow in my faith with the Lord. This has been a summer I will never forget. I am so thankful that the Lord put on my heart to work there. The things I learned and the people I met will be something I remember for a lifetime.*

*Lillie Phipps, LIT*

# HIGH SCHOOL STAFF

*I loved working on high school staff for the first time this year! As a high school staffer, I learned a lot of flexibility in the different roles that I was asked to serve. I was able to work on Day Camp Staff for one of the weeks, and that was a huge blessing. I loved interacting with all the little kids every day and show them the love of Jesus, while having a blast. I also got to work in the kitchen for a couple weeks. I enjoyed washing dishes and getting to see the campers come through the line every day. It was super fun to be able to work with a lot of my friends and serve the Lord together. I also enjoyed going on the high school staff outings and hanging out with all the high school staffers. My highlight of the summer would probably be taking my cabin while their counselor had an hour off, and get to know the campers better, instead of just seeing them come through the line. Working on high school staff is definitely worth it, and it makes memories that will last. I loved it and hope to come back next year!*

*Hailey Keller, LIT*

*Another summer has come and gone and once again I had the privilege of being the girls high school staff leader. I'm very proud of all the high school staff this summer. Their hard work and flexibility have been an encouragement to me and was invaluable in making camp run smoothly this year.*

*This summer we had a unique staffing situation and the high school staff were a key part in making this summer happen. Rather than the normal three weeks at a time, many of the high school staff worked as many weeks as they were able. They also did a wonderful job helping wherever they were needed, filling in for a variety of roles including day camp staff and resident counselors.*

*Being on high school staff provides an incredible opportunity to learn important skills such as being a part of a team, communication, leadership, physical work ethic, dealing with kids, practical skills, and spiritual lessons alongside many other things. They work long days behind the scenes making sure that dishes are washed, bathrooms are clean, games are set up...and after all the fun they help take things down. Other parts of their schedule include being at our chapels, having a weekly Bible study, and an afternoon going on a fun outing. Some highlights of our outings were a photo scavenger hunt at a mall, tubing down the river, and playing games at a staff alumna's church.*

***I am grateful to all our high school staff for their hard work and dedication. It's been a FANTASGREAT summer, and I hope YOU consider coming to work as a high school staffer next summer!***

*Carly Hall, Girls High School Staff Leader*



# DREAM *Forest*



**CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF  
LIFE CHANGING MINISTRY**

## **PREMIERE TIMES**

**SEPTEMBER 8, 9, OR 10**

**FRIDAY 6:30 PM**

**SATURDAY 1:30 PM & 6:30 PM**

**SUNDAY 6:30 PM**

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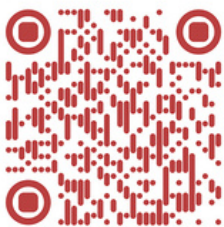
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CELEBRATE 75 YEARS OF  
CAMP MINISTRY!**



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# FALL EVENTS



**BON VOYAGE**  
MOTHER AND DAUGHTER RETREATS  
OCT 6-7 OR OCT 13-14

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**DREAM Forest**

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75 OF CAMP MINISTRY

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**NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>-4<sup>TH</sup>**

**FATHER & SON**  
—Adventure Weekend—  
CAMP GILEAD

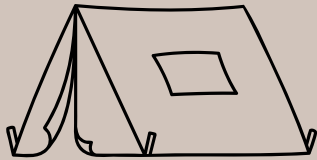
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# Calendar at a Glance



**9/8, 9/9, OR 9/10 \* 75th Anniversary**  
**10/6-10/7 \* Mother Daughter Retreat**  
**10/13-10/14 \* Mother Daughter Retreat**  
**11/3-11/4 \* Father Son Adventure Weekend**  
**12/1-12/2 \* GileAdvent Volunteer Weekend**  
**12/8-12/9 \* GileAdvent Volunteer Weekend**  
**12/17-12/18 \* GileAdvent**



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