

GILEAD GAZETTE

Summer Camp Edition



God Is ALWAYS Good KIMBERLY MALLORY

"The days are long...but the years are short!" This phrase is often used in the context of parenting babies or toddlers and reflects on the paradigm that time slips by so quickly, but in the thick of it all seems to be never ending! I think we can all agree that this sentiment is true of the last few years. It's pretty incredible to look back on all that has transpired in recent history and remember how difficult some of those days were. Yet here we are, looking back and in awe at all that has taken place.

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NEWSLETTER NOOK

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In 2020, Camp Gilead did not hold any traditional summer programs. We ran a Summer Challenge, and over 500 people across the country and world participated virtually, in some way, to read through the book of Mark, memorize Scripture and dive into the life of Jesus. Staff that had been hired for the summer also met virtually each week for encouragement. It wasn't the same as being together, but we were thankful to see faces of good friends that we missed so much. The summer was so very different, extremely challenging at times, but God worked and sustained through it all. He is GOOD.

In 2021, we were ecstatic to bring back summer programs in the form of day camps, for kids Kindergarten through 8th grade. It was a challenge to completely revamp what we were used to, but campers and staff were back, and God blessed those efforts. We continued with our theme, "All Aboard - A Journey through the life of Christ" and introduced Gus and Gwen (the well-loved camp puppets) to campers in our daily chapels. The gospel went out, the sounds of campers laughing and playing returned to Gilead and we were so thankful for the opportunity to serve families, staff, and campers at camp. The summer was exhausting and rewarding, required much flexibility and grace, but God was working, we were learning, and He reminded us over and over, that He is sovereign over it all. He is GOOD.



This summer, 2022, we were finally able to hold resident (overnight) camps, as well as day camps. The biggest challenge we faced was hiring enough staff for the campers that were registering for camp. Families were eager to get their kids back into the swing of things and excited about all that Gilead was offering. Throughout the spring and even summer months, God continued to provide exactly what we needed at just the right time.

A huge part of our resident summer camp week, is our chapels. Over and over, campers share how their favorite part of the day is time spent in chapel. Singing songs, hearing from funny camp characters, finding out which team is in first place (the team that wins, is the team that says the most verses!) and of course, our chapel speaker. We were so blessed this year by a lineup of incredible camp speakers. Each of them shared from God's Word in a way that engaged the campers, challenged them, met them where they were at and showed them who they are in Christ. There was a lot of laughter, a few tears, and some wrestling with the truth of Scripture, the conviction of sin and the desire to repent and turn to Jesus.

As a former camp counselor, a mom of staffers, a mom of day campers and resident campers, AND the program director, I have the opportunity to see camp from a range of perspectives. I watched as our camp staff worked so selflessly with their campers, loved on them, shared Jesus and endured much, under the title of "camp staff." They served meals, cleaned dishes, took out garbage, attended to medical needs, listened as they shared the burdens of their heart, sang with them, showed them new activities and were the hands and feet of Jesus.

As a camper parent, I packed my kids each week to spend a week with a camp counselor that I was trusting with my greatest treasures. I prayed with them as they left our home and prayed for their hearts to be tender to the chapel messages and be kind to their cabinmates. I had the unique experience of watching my kids' interaction each day of summer camp, as they made new friends, laughed at Gus and Gwen, and ate more candy than I would typically allow. As they came home, I saw them fall asleep on the couch, exhausted from all that the week had offered. Then, as they woke up, I listened to the stories, from their perspective, of cabin adventures, things their counselor said and favorite moments from camp.





As the parent of several staffers this summer, I had the opportunity to watch my kids learn work ethic, conflict resolution, how to deal with failure and success, how to interact with different kinds of people and how to respect authority. These are challenging lessons, and it's not always easy to watch your kids learn and grow in this way.

As the program director, I was able to oversee an ever-changing team of high school and college students, who worked together each week to accomplish the task that God laid before them. I often told them that this is the BEST, HARDEST job you may ever have. God used Camp Gilead to stretch and mold, shape and reshape, challenge and convict, and we are so thankful for the gift of serving in ministry.

God is continuing to write his story in the lives of campers, staff and families and is using Camp Gilead as a part of it. For almost 75 years, since 1948, God has had his hand on these 27 acres in Carnation. He has blessed, he has protected, and he has sustained. As we look back, we can see His fingerprints on our lives, as well as the ministry of Gilead. At times, it is hard to see what He is doing, but we can rest assured that He is GOOD. He is ALWAYS GOOD.



Kimberly Mallory
Program Director

CAMP

BY THE NUMBERS

93 SUMMER STAFFERS

10 STAFF ALUMNI ON TEMP STAFF

18 CHILDREN OF STAFF ALUMNI ON STAFF

1 WEEK OF FAMILY CAMP

200 FAMILY CAMPERS

6 WEEKS OF DAY CAMP

6 WEEKS OF RESIDENT CAMP

1066 CAMPERS

230 MEALS SERVED

4 NIGHT GAMES

6 OBSTACLE COURSES

3 CARNIVALS

92 STAFF MEETINGS

1,680 BREAKFAST BARS COOKED

0 BONES BROKEN AT DIRTBOARDS

**79 CAMPERS PRAYED WITH A CAMP
STAFFER FOR SALVATION**

8 CAMPFIRES

36 MAIL CALLS

5 NIGHT SWIMS

109 GUS & GWEN EPISODES

121 CHAPELS

UNMEASURABLE

PLATES WASHED

CUPS OF COFFEE CONSUMED

TIMES COUNSELORS SAID

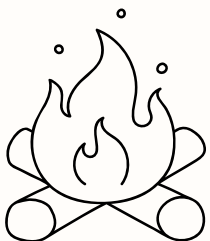
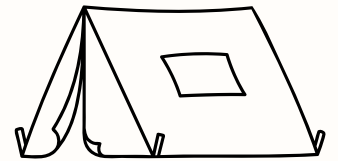
"YOU'LL FIND OUT"

GAMES OF GUTTERBALL PLAYED

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS COLLECTED

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST MADE IN THE

QUIETNESS OF SOMEONE'S HEART





DAY CAMP

7:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Kindergarten - 3rd Grade



While many are familiar with resident camp, the day camp program is another vital part of the ministry at Camp Gilead. Rather than cabins, each day camper is assigned to a small, consistent group with two leaders, providing plenty of one-on-one time. Each week's leaders consist of a youth group, or staff specially hired for day camp. Easily distinguished by their bright neon shirts, day campers get a sneak peek of the resident camp program through memorizing verses, chapel, and numerous activities. While day camp and resident camp run simultaneously, day campers have ample time throughout each day to play gaga, gutterball, and games with their groups. **Day camp, in many ways, provides what kids need. Fun, community, and the gospel.**

Elizabeth Anderson
Day Camp Director, Summer 2022

Meals Included:

Breakfast

Lunch

Dinner



**Scripture Memory &
 Chapel Twice Daily**



Slip 'N Slide
Carnival
Mail Call
Barrel Train
Wagon Rides

Crafts
 Boating
 Story Time
 Mini Golf
 Pops Inn
 Swimming
 Dirtboarding
and more!



DAY CAMP TESTIMONIES

Mission trip. Battlefield. Frontlines. We don't usually think of these words when we hear of a chance to serve Jesus forty minutes down the road. Many times, these words are associated with "outside the country", "overseas", "long-term". But that's not always the case.

This summer, I had the privilege of serving on the Day Camp staff at Camp Gilead for one week. I got to spend time with two brothers, about 7 and 4 years old. Jacob was the older boy. After almost every Bible lesson during chapel time, he would come up to me and declare something like "I don't think Jesus is real." Or, after the Bible lesson on the crucifixion, "I've seen that before. It's scary." Each of those times, I got to speak truth into his life.*

"We don't have to be scared of that, Jacob, because Jesus took care of it for us."*

"Jesus is real, Jacob. We know that because the Bible tells us and the Bible is always true."*



One afternoon, both boys sat down with me after Pops Inn. I asked them, "Why do you think Jesus isn't real?" Jacob answered, "Because in China, they tell us, 'Once upon a time, Jesus was here. It's just a story. It's not real.'"

You see, both campers are from China. They were just here for the summer. They had never heard that what Jesus did for us really happened, they had never owned a Bible or known that God's Word is true. It blows my mind to think that God brought these two boys halfway around the world, to the United States, to Washington state, to a camp called Camp Gilead—so that they could hear that Jesus is real and that He died for them.

Serving at Camp Gilead is a mission trip. It is a battlefield. It is the frontlines. God is bringing kids from all over Washington state, from around the country, even from around the world to hear the truth about Who He is. He's bringing kids who have previously never seen a Bible. He's bringing kids from broken homes. He's bringing kids who need discipling. He's bringing kids who are longing to know who He is. He's looking for laborers to come participate in His harvest. And when you say "yes", He will use you in more ways than you could ever imagine.

***Name changed**

Elise Engen

DAY CAMP TESTIMONIES

This year I volunteered to serve on staff for Day Camp #3 at Camp Gilead. This was my first time ever doing anything with Gilead, besides attending the occasional event. I originally had no intent to go to this camp either. My church advertised that they were looking for volunteers to help lead this day camp, but I never had the urge to sign up. Two or three days before the camp started, I got a call saying that they were short one guy leader, and I was asked if I would be interested in filling the spot. The expectations and schedule for the week were explained to me, and after talking it over with my parents, I agreed. In many ways, the camp went as I expected: some kids were a breeze, some were a handful. I had some good conversations with kids who were genuinely interested in what the Bible had to say, others had no interest at all. Some days my co-leader and I had things under control, and other times it seemed everyone in my group all ran in a different direction at the same time. I think it was an eye-opening experience for me in a way I didn't realize. Going into it, I knew I might have the opportunity to share the gospel with some of the kids, and if the Lord saw fit, I might be blessed with leading someone to Christ. However, like I said earlier, while I did have some great conversations with some of them, I also began to realize how much I didn't know about God myself.



I think I first realized this when I had a conversation with a camper about the Trinity. He wanted to know how Jesus could be God and die on the cross, while at the same time be forsaken by God (Mark 15:34). I proceeded to explain the Trinity, and how Jesus is God the Son, and while he was on the cross, God the Father turned his face away from his Son. It was while I was explaining the Trinity to him, that I realized how absurd it sounded. The more I tried to explain it, the more desperate I became to explain it correctly. I finally had to close with "we as humans can't fully understand who God is."

While my belief in this theology was not shaken, it reminded me in a way I've never thought of before how ignorant we are in the ways of God. I was so familiar with this doctrine, that I had never stopped to look at it with new eyes, and it made me realize just how inconceivable God is to us. I am thankful for my experience at Camp Gilead not only for the ministry opportunity, but also for the ways it benefited my own walk with Christ. I went into it thinking I was going to make an impact on others, and God used it as a teaching moment for my own spiritual benefit. I highly recommend serving at Camp Gilead, and I would definitely do it again.



Micah Kref

DAY CAMP TESTIMONIES

One thing that I got to see during my week as a day camp counselor was the importance and efficacy of planting seeds. My perspective coming into camp was that I might be there for the kids, but the short time we had together wouldn't really allow for true change in their lives. My fellow leader and I were given quite the bunch of day campers to wrangle, and it seemed like our primary focus should be to keep them all safe and having fun: that took enough effort as it was!



I was surprised and happy when a couple of campers were excited to learn verses with me, but there was one camper who really caught my attention. This camper dragged her feet at activities and seemed to do the exact opposite of what was instructed. I was certain she wasn't paying any attention during chapel. However, after chapel towards the end of the week, she started asking questions about whether God loves everyone, even bad people, and whether He still loves her when she does bad things. We were able to have a really good conversation and at the end she asked to pray with me. I later find out that this camper came from a difficult situation at home and that she had come to camp under her grandparents' influence. The conversations we got to have with her might have been some of the first ones she had about God.



So even though one week is a short time to be with a group of campers and may not allow for the consistency that is ideal for spiritual growth, I learned not to discount the opportunities it does afford to plant seeds and provoke questions.

Isabelle Cook

HIGH SCHOOL STAFF

I had the privilege of leading the High School Staff program this year. High school staff at Camp Gilead is an incredible experience for students in 10-12th grade. During their 3-week session, students grow in their spiritual, interpersonal, and practical life skills. It is a time of hard work and ministry. Students are invested in by people who care about them and their spiritual growth. Students have the chance to learn be a leader and how to minister to the campers. Days on camp staff are full of activity, starting bright and early with staff meeting and ending late at night, sometimes after an exciting night game. Throughout the day, high schoolers are involved with kitchen & bathroom cleaning responsibilities, assisting counselors with cabin activities, work projects and a personalized Bible study, led by college aged leaders. A high school staff outing is a highlight of each week, and this year we enjoyed tubing the river, a photo scavenger hunt, yummy snacks at the park and more. High school staff is a highly rewarding and memorable three weeks.

We would love to see you or your high schoolers on staff next summer!

CARLY HALL

PANS CLATTERING. SPRAY BOTTLES SPRAYING. HANDS SCRUBBING.

While on high school staff, your child will be serving food, scrubbing dishes, and plunging toilets... all with a servant's heart. As a former high school staffer, I recommend wholeheartedly that any teen who already has a great work ethic, or a need for one, join staff and reap the benefits. No, it won't always be easy, there will be jobs they dislike, and people they don't particularly enjoy working with, but while working on high school staff, high schoolers can be empowered by a clear purpose and mission with all they do— honoring Jesus through their days ups and downs and serving others.



LUCAS COUNTS

LIT 2022

RESIDENT CAMP

My name is Aaron Montalvo and I worked as a camp counselor for the last two weeks of camp this last summer. I have served as a counselor and on program staff in previous summers. Coming in at the end of the summer season, I found that I was joining a group of individuals that had been faithfully serving together on staff throughout the summer: sharing the joys, the pains, the laughs, and the difficulties. As excited as I was to jump back into camp ministry, I was apprehensive to be the “new” guy on staff. As I prayed for the Lord’s guidance and sought to be content with where He was leading me, I was going to see His providence to do His good will through my willingness to obey without exactly knowing how.



Turns out I was not the only new thing at camp this summer - resident camp was new again! The countless hoops, barriers, canceled plans, new additions, and unique solutions that were required to put on resident camp meant being new and flexible was essential to rebuilding momentum in the new camp culture. I also found that being the “new” guy meant that I was able to renew the spirits of the staff that had so faithfully served for almost 6 weeks! Simply having the excitement and ability to serve, not only the campers, but my fellow staff was exactly what the Lord had prepared me to do. I was quickly welcomed and encouraged to be a part of the staff as we worked together to invest in the lives of one another and the campers.

Ephesians 2:10 says “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” Whether you are praying for camp, supporting it financially, excited to be a camper, or the “new” staff member, we all can thank the Lord that He already prepared these good works in advance for His kingdom... and all we must do is walk!

Aaron Montalvo



RESIDENT CAMP

My name is Alivia Badgley and I was a resident camp counselor this past summer in Cabin 10. I came to camp hoping to serve others in Jesus' name and to give everything I had to the campers. I spent so much time with the staff and with campers that it has now become a part of who I am. I love telling others at home and now at college about the experiences I had at Camp Gilead. I have so many memories and thank God for everything that he allowed me to experience.

Over the summer He taught me about my strengths and weaknesses. I am a huge people person, but I learned how to integrate time for myself and time with God so that I could be rejuvenated daily. Time management and patience are essential qualities for a camp counselor, and I learned that without them, I would become overwhelmed. Through speakers and other staff members, I learned the importance of creating my own time to spend in the word of God.



I did not want camp to end, and it was hard to go back to life outside of camp. But what has encouraged me is the support from the incredible friends I made at camp. I am thankful for the things that leadership staff said over and over again; what goes on at Camp Gilead can also happen anywhere else. I want to continue growing in my relationship with Christ and behaving as a camp counselor would, no matter where I am.

Alivia Badgley

From the eyes of a camper:



We are looking for some testimonies and stories from our summer campers! Moms - have your kids dictate some of their summer camp memories & send them our way! Older campers - we would love to have YOU write something for a future Gazette! What does Camp Gilead mean to you? What were some of your favorite camp moments?

All those that submit something will receive a special "thank you gift" from Camp Gilead. Send all submissions to kimberly@campgilead.org



SUMMER 2022 SPEAKERS



SUMMER 2022
CAMP SPEAKER

[TANNER SULTZE]

Junior Camp 1 {3rd - 5th}
July 11 - 16

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SUMMER 2022
CAMP SPEAKER

[ADAM MORGAN]

Teen Camp 1 {6th - 8th}
July 18 - 23

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SUMMER 2022
CAMP SPEAKER

[ADAM HARRIS]

Junior Camp 2 {4th - 6th}
August 8 - 13

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SUMMER 2022
CAMP SPEAKER

[JOSH PAGEL]

Teen Camp 2 {9th - 12th}
July 25 - 30

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SUMMER 2022
CAMP SPEAKER

[DAN KREFT]

Junior Camp 3 {5th - 7th}
August 15 - 20

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SUMMER 2022
CAMP SPEAKER

[JOHN LAFFERTY]

Teen Camp 3 {7th - 9th}
August 1 - 6

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SPEAKER FOCUS

Ahoy and greetings from the East Coast! As we flew home to South Carolina from camp (over 2,400 miles), we already missed our friends at Camp Gilead. We enjoyed laughing together, learning together, and growing together. It's amazing how members of God's family from across the globe have an immediate bond in Christ.

This summer we took time to get away from the distractions of the world and spent time thinking about and talking about God. Lives were changed, and some campers even accepted Jesus as their Savior! Now that we are back to our "normal" lives, we should continue the practice of getting away and spending time walking with the Lord each day. Growing in Christ can't be reserved for camp or church—we should walk with him every day!



**ADAM & MEGAN
MORGAN**

We hope you smile as you reflect on our times at camp (and we hope you had more success getting the paint and pond algae washed out of your clothes than we did). We are praying for all of you!

P.S. My only regret is that I found an exclusive "Patch" button in my pocket that I forgot to distribute. I'll just have to save it for a future Gilead summer!



JOSH PAGEL

It was exciting to finally gather for high school camp once again. This was my third high school camp that I have had the privilege to speak at and without fail it is a highlight of my year. To get time with campers at such a crucial stage in life and point them to King Jesus is a great responsibility that I don't take lightly. It was thrilling to be able to pick up relationships with campers and staff that have formed over the past many years and to forge new relationships that will extend into the future. To follow King Jesus "all your life, all the time", was my exhortation to the high school campers this year.

In a world and culture where priorities are out of whack, and Jesus is increasingly being pushed to the margin, I challenged the campers that to follow King Jesus is to do it with their whole life, all the time. There can be no middle ground with Jesus. Jesus is either King of all, or he is King of nothing. My prayer is that high school camp was the spark that, for these campers, would lead to a lasting faith that produces much fruit. Pray with me for the outcome of their faith and that they might follow King Jesus all their life, all the time.

FAMILY CAMP

I started attending Family Camp in 2010 with my two older kids once I had become a single mother. When I was younger I worked at Camp Gilead, in '99 as a counselor and in '01 on the program staff. When my kids and I started coming to Family Camp, we came with several other families from our church. Camp Gilead's Family Camp became a place of support and healing during some very hard years. And then when I married my husband, Andrew, we continued our family's tradition of going to Family Camp and it is now something every member of our family looks forward to each year. This year, Lucas (16) and Sabra (14) enjoyed the teen program and our youngest, Cora (6), loved going to kids chapel.



Sara & Andrew Colson with daughter Cora

My husband, and kids, have all grown into their own friendships with the camp staff. My older kids have grown up spending every summer at Camp Gilead Youth Camps, with Family Camp being one of their favorite weeks of the year! We also enjoy the mother/daughter retreats, the work-weekends, the 5k River Run, and especially the Christmas Lights at the "Gileadvent"! We love the long lasting friendships we've created at camp with other families, and love making new friends each year. And most of all, we are comforted that the love of God, and sharing the Good News of Jesus is at the center of everything Camp Gilead does.

Sara Colson



ANNOUNCING...

We are so excited to welcome Carly & Elizabeth to our staff this fall. Elizabeth will serve as a Program Assistant and Carly will serve as an intern. They will learn about all aspects of camp, including housekeeping, retreat & event planning, marketing, program, maintenance and will assist our guest groups. Please pray for them as they navigate this new role and transition from summer camp to year round ministry at camp.

Carly Hall grew up in the Columbia Basin in Eastern Washington with her mother Liz, late father Jeremy, and older sister, Shannon. Her hometown is Eltopia, which is a little town of 500 people. Carly began attending camp in 2010 as a resident camper. After hearing the stories from both her dad and sister of when they were campers, she was ready to begin her own adventures at this incredible place. Carly started working on staff in 2017 and has held the positions of: high school staffer, resident counselor, day camp counselor, and girls high school staff leader. She graduated from Montana Wilderness School of the Bible with a certificate in Biblical studies. Carly enjoys reading, drawing, knitting, baking, and playing various instruments. She hopes to someday have a homestead. She is excited to serve at Camp Gilead and is thankful that the Lord has given her the opportunity to fulfill a lifelong dream of being in camp ministry.



Carly Hall



Born and raised near Salem, Oregon, Elizabeth has loved camp from the beginning. Her family, who also love Camp Gilead, includes her parents, Bruce and Lois, her siblings Hannah, Benjamin, Jonathan, his wife Leah, and their son Leland who is on the way. Elizabeth began attending Camp Gilead as a camper in 2006, served two weeks as a day camp counselor in 2011-12, and has been serving on summer staff since 2014.

Elizabeth Anderson

She has been a counselor, girls high school staff leader, day camp program staff, girls head counselor, and day camp director. She graduated from The Master's University with a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education, and from Azusa Pacific University with a Master of Music degree in Horn Performance. Elizabeth has traveled to 21 states and 6 countries, has played the French horn for 16 years (and counting), and she loves coffee. She looks forward to serving at Camp Gilead in a new role and she is incredibly grateful to the Lord for this opportunity.

Fall Hymn Sing

September 20

*TAKE A
JOURNEY
DOWN
MEMORY
LANE*



**WITH SONG LEADER
PASTOR TOM RUHLMAN**

*Tabernacle Baptist
Church, Shoreline*

**ALL AGES ARE
WELCOME TO
ATTEND!**

10:30 Hymn Sing
at the Chapel

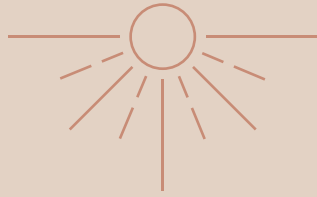
12:00 Lunch
at the Dining Hall

COST: \$5
per person

**RSVP TO
JACK MOYER**
jack@campgilead.org



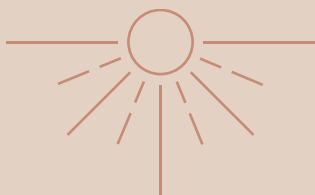
Mother Daughter Retreats



Speaker:

Lisa Chapman

October 7-8



Friday

4:00 * Registration & Check In
Hair/Makeup/Photos

6:00 * Gala Dinner

7:00 * Chapel

8:30 * Late Night Activities
Late Night Movie

Saturday

8:00 * PJ Breakfast

9:45 * Chapel

11:00 * Activities open

12:30 * Lazy Lunch

1:30 * Activities Open

3:30 * Dessert Bar

4:00 * Head for home!

Speaker:

Deb Janho

October 14-15



Register online at
www.campgilead.org

Father Son Adventure Weekend

November 4-5

Speaker:
Troy Hacking



SAVE THE DATE: JUNIOR HIGH SNOWBLAST IS BACK!

January 15-16

Grades 6-9

Bring your church youth group to this fun retreat. Tubing at Snoqualmie, fun & games at camp, awesome chapels, night games!

Plan NOW to SAVE THE DATE!

SPACE IS LIMITED!

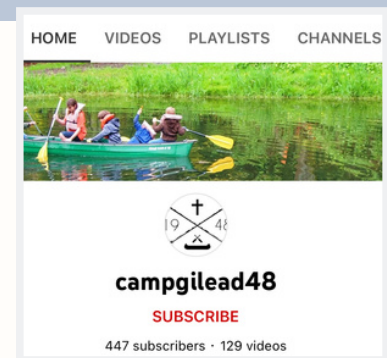
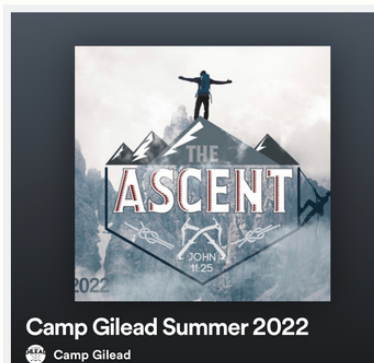
Email kimberly@campgilead.org for more info.

THANK YOU LORD FOR...

- *The staff that God led to Gilead & their attention and care for our campers*
- *Those that donated to our camper scholarship fund*
- *Decisions made for salvation, assurance, & re-dedication*
- *Safety and provision during summer camp*
- *Our speaker's planning and dedication to speak truth from God's Word*
- *The opportunity to minister to day campers, resident campers and family campers*



**CHECK OUT THE
CAMP GILEAD
YOUTUBE PAGE &
THE SUMMER
2022 PLAYLIST
ON SPOTIFY!**



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