



ROUGH ACRES NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2025 RECAP



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SUMMER RECAP

HOW IT WENT

Wow, what a fun summer! We were blessed with an amazing set of experienced summer missionaries that really gave camp their all this summer. Even though we felt very stretched thin in terms of camper registrations and staff applications, God provided for us again and again. During Intermediate coed 1, we lost a cabin leader to the flu, and had no support staff to take his place. We might have been in a panic, but the Lord wasn't! He provided us with someone to get us through to the end of that day. Then another young man who just so happened to have that week off of work, to step forward and stay the rest of the week. We were so incredibly thankful that he sacrificed his time off for us and even more thankful to God for knowing our every need and meeting them. We were also so thankful to have Alex Verbeek step forward to be our First Aid almost every single week of camp! God is good.



HIGHLIGHTS

This summer we had at least 15 campers give their lives to Christ! Praise the Lord. We request Bibles to be donated as we were running low, and so many people stepped forward to donate Bibles! We were so happy to be able to give each child their first ever Bible. This is what camp really is all about!

We also had so many awesome speakers come out this summer! They all did an amazing job. My personal highlight was having Luigi and Cozy lead worship and speak for Teen Camp. Those times of worship were so powerful. The campers left on fire for the Lord and couldn't get enough!

NEW ACTIVITIES

This summer we had two new activities, gagaball and laser tag. Both were donated to camp, what a blessing! We found that the gagaball served better as a free time activity rather than an activity block item, but it was well received by the campers! Laser tag was met even more success, although, in the future, we'd like to try playing it either inside or at night, as the sunlight often messed with the lasers. I think having more obstacles could help too, as we only had a few structures for campers to hide behind.



SUMMER TOTALS

Here are our camper registration numbers compared to last summer:

- Summer camps: 233 (Last summer was 237)
- Family camp: 58 (Last year was 78)
- Summer volunteers: We had over 60 people volunteer!



CAMP PROJECTS

>>> WHAT'S NEXT?

The next big maintenance project at camp will be renovating the women's downstairs bathroom. Our maintenance coordinator, Jeff Oevering was able to renovate the men's bathroom this spring, and it looks great! The girls were very jealous of the nice shower stalls that the guys got to use, so it is safe to say that the girls will be elated next summer when they discover their bathroom renovated as well.

We are also hoping to start replacing the cabin roofs. Our goal is to at least get one done each year. Especially, the older cabins that have holes in the roof. We are very thankful to Matt Dyck, as all of our cabins now have outlets! What an improvement.

Our campfire benches still need replacing as they're crumbling and cracking, which makes them dangerous to the campers.



>>> HOW YOU CAN HELP:

There are so many ways you can be involved in camp! Our biggest need right now is for a BookKeeper. You can contact Stephanie at Billingrabc@gmail.com for any questions concerning that role.

We could also use help with the maintenance projects listed or help with fundraisers and rentals.

If you are interested in helping with any of these things or have other ways you'd like to help, email roughacres@roughacres.org to get in touch!



WHAT'S NEXT?

>>> LADIES' RETREAT

Our Annual Fall Ladies' Retreat is only a few days away! There is still time to register. With Matthew 6:21 as a foundation, our special guest speaker, Marilyn Carlaw will springboard off her passion for decluttering, challenging us to consider where our earthly and spiritual treasures lie. The dates are September 19th- 21st and you can register online at www.roughacres.org.

Sessions:

Friday Night: "Who AM I?"

Saturday Morning: "Heavy Duty Trash Bags."

Saturday Night: "What God Treasures."

Sunday Morning: "Funeral Songs."



>>> FUNDRAISERS

If you would like to get involved in fundraising for camp, please let us know! We will likely have a year-end fundraiser as always, but it is nice to be able to have fall and spring fundraisers as well. However, we currently do not have a fundraising committee in Smithers or Terrace anymore. Fundraising is a very important part of camp and keeps us going financially. If you have an interest in helping with a fundraiser, leading a fundraiser, or even if you just have some ideas for future fundraisers, we'd love to chat! Email roughacres@roughacres.org.



THANK YOU!

»»» WE COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!

Thank you so much for being part of the RABC community and for all your support this year. Whether through your volunteer time, generous donations, faithful prayers, or by sharing our work with others, you've played an essential role in making a real difference. Your support reminds us that we're not in this alone. You are all a vital part of keeping the camp's mission alive, and we couldn't do it without you. We're excited to see what God has in store for the camp and the Rough Acres community in the next year. Please continue to lift the camp up in prayer as we wrap up the season and plan for next year.



LADIES' RETREAT ROUGH ACRES 2025

SEPTEMBER 19TH - 21ST

Come enjoy socializing, games, and hobby time in our lodge, or get outside to explore nearby trails and take a watercraft out on the lake!

\$200 for the weekend including meals, sessions, and accommodations. Learn more and register at www.roughacres.org or contact us at roughacres@roughacres.org



MEET THE SPEAKER!

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