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**YOUNG LIFE CAPERNAUM  
GREATER SEATTLE!**

## SAVE THE DATE

Please join us for these upcoming events!



**BOWL-A-THON**  
Sunday, November 5  
1-4 p.m.  
Kenmore Lanes  
Kenmore, WA

**FAMILY  
CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
Saturday, December 2  
7-8:30 p.m.  
University Presbyterian Church  
Seattle, WA



**FUNDRAISING  
BANQUET**  
Saturday, April 28, 2018  
5:30-8:30 p.m.  
University Presbyterian Church  
Seattle, WA



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## FALL 2017

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The guys at the ropes course.

## GOD WAS SO PRESENT!

Last Memorial Day weekend, four Capernaum friends and three leaders went to Washington Family Ranch to attend Discipleship Weekend. It's a time for those who have accepted the Lord to have the chance to learn practical ways to continue their relationship with Him. This includes morning devotionals with time for solitude, time to reflect on Scripture, club talks and "cabin time" in small groups. This was the first time in a long time that anyone from our Capernaum group attended, and it was incredible!

This was Ximena's first time to attend a Young Life camp. She has known the Lord since she was very young but never spent much time reading the Bible. We started every morning at camp reading Scripture together. Ximena shared about how different that was for her, but also about

how much she enjoyed it. Since returning home Ximena has expressed a desire to continue those times of reading the Bible together and reflecting on it, which we plan to do during the school year.

Overall, it was a wonderful weekend – many memories made; many laughs shared – the Lord was so present! The best part was watching our friends grow deeper in their relationship with God, and then walk alongside them as they continue to grow, through our small group devotionals and weekly clubs.



The girls at Discipleship Weekend.

## PRAYERS AND PRAISES

### PRAYERS:

- We need three more leaders for our Seattle and Shoreline Clubs.
- For eight drivers to transport kids to and from weekly club.
- For more volunteers for our committee task force.
- That we reach our goal to raise \$12,000 at our November 5 Bowl-a-thon.

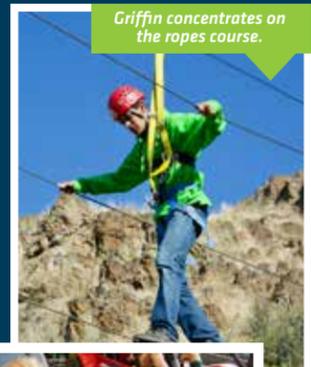
### PRAISES:

- Our club kick-off special events were fun and well attended.
- For the relationships forged at summer camp.
- Bria, our Seattle Club leader, was hired as a part-time staff member.

## A FRONT ROW SEAT TO THE EXCITEMENT

Our week of summer camp at Washington Family Ranch last July was a blast! One great thing about being a leader at camp is that I get a front row seat to the excitement experienced by our campers as they conquer their fears from the heights of the ropes course, or become vulnerable while growing new and powerful friendships.

Our group of campers began the week knowing little about one another, but over time they began to form relationships through their shared experiences and the opportunities to rally together during cabin times and other camp activities. And the relationships continued beyond the confines of our



Griffin concentrates on the ropes course.



Marisa and Maddy ride the go-kart.

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# “MY FRIENDS HAVE TAUGHT ME HOW TO LOVE OTHERS BETTER.”

## Meet a Young Life Leader: Gracie Leavens



Gracie is in her second year as a leader with our Seattle Beyond Club and really enjoys being part of Young Life Capernaum. “I love how excited my friends at club are to see me, as well as each other, every week!” Gracie says that being a leader has brought a well-needed dose of humility into her life. “My friends have taught me not only how to love others better, but also how to love myself better.” Gracie’s favorite memory in Young Life is the zoo sleepover last year; she is looking forward to it again later this fall! Gracie was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, but grew up in Dayton, Ohio. When she’s not leading club, Gracie works at Seattle Children’s Hospital as a pediatric mental health specialist.

**Favorite Ice Cream Flavor:**  
Cinnamon

**Favorite TV Show:**  
*Parks and Recreation*

**Favorite Band:**  
Good Old War

**Favorite Activity:**  
I love rock climbing with my husband!

# WE ARE NOT DONE YET

## Clyde’s Corner

As I reflect on the past few months, I am very thankful that Young Life recognizes the need for staff to have time for rest, reflection, prayer and family. This summer I had the gift of a sabbatical. I enjoyed some great family time building amazing memories with Susan and our kids, who are now 17 and 15. However, one of the greatest things I did this summer was spend an extended amount of time reading and studying the book, “Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership” by Ruth Haley Barton. I am so thankful that my coach, mentor and friend, Nick Palermo, shared this book with me.

Here are two of Barton’s statements from the book:

“The soul of leadership begins with who we are – really. Not who we think we are, not who we would like to be, not who others believe us to be.”

“When leadership flows from our commitment to being a community that gathers around the presence of Christ for ongoing transformation, our ministry is deeper and richer and more effective for ourselves and for others.”

As I read and reflected on this book I was called over and over to a deeper place with Christ. In fact, I was reminded of words I received over 25 years ago from one of my first trainers in Young Life, Kay McDonald. Her words to me, a young, new staff person, were: “Always remember, you can’t give away something you don’t have.” I realize it is so important to actively cultivate my relationship with Jesus and with a community around me. It is only then that I will have something to give away to kids and families.

In addition to reading, I spent a lot of time reflecting on my own leadership in Young Life Capernaum, where God is calling me personally and where God is directing Capernaum Greater Seattle. During this period of reflection, I couldn’t help but think of many of you who have walked alongside me on this journey of reaching out to teens, young adults and families affected by disability. I am truly thankful for your faithful partnership, and I am happy to say we are not done yet. There are so many kids and families who have yet to hear the good news of Jesus. We are gearing up for another amazing school year ahead of us. We are excited about hiring Bria Jeanice as part-time staff associate and Emma Patterson as student staff. They will be leading our Seattle and Shoreline Clubs. We are already looking ahead to our third Capernaum Family Camp on June 23-26 and reaching out to more families affected by disability. We also will continue to have winter and summer camps for our high school students.

I really feel God has put on my heart the need to raise more money so we can hire more personnel in Seattle. I really want to be about preparing the next generation of Capernaum staff, giving them the opportunity to work with us in Seattle for two years to be trained, supported, and then sent out to start new Capernaum areas. Will you join us as we pray about raising the money to make this happen? Training the next generation of Capernaum staff in the northwest is a God-sized dream, and we are excited to see what God does with this dream.

Let us know how you’d like to participate in helping Capernaum grow. Please use the enclosed envelope or email us.

# “I LIKE TO BE WITH FRIENDS AND MEET NEW PEOPLE.”

## Meet a Young Life Friend: Andrew



Andrew is in our Seattle Beyond Club; he’s been involved in Young Life Capernaum since his sophomore year of high school – nearly 10 years! He comes to Young Life “to learn about God and Jesus, and how to be kind and to love.” What he likes best about club is the club talk, because he’d like to understand more about God. His favorite memories in Young Life are summer camp and the Valentine’s cruise, as well as just being with friends and meeting new people.

**Favorite Food:** Sushi

**Favorite TV Show:**  
*Freakish*

**Favorite Band:**  
Ask Jonesy and Company

**Favorite Activity:**  
Swimming – who doesn’t like swimming?

# ONE BIG FAMILY

The theme for Capernaum Family Camp this past June was “OHANA Means Family – Nobody Gets Left Behind or Forgotten.” At camp we truly felt like one big family, including and encouraging each other throughout the four days of being together. Kids, parents and camp buddies had a fantastic time meeting and getting to know new friends. In the mornings we enjoyed times of worship singing before breaking off into kid groups and parent groups for a time of learning and fellowship. One afternoon, while camp buddies took their charges to the pool, climbing wall, zip line or other activities offered at Warm Beach Camp, parents got to have their own special time – crafts, Bingo and massages for the moms; and burgers and a trip to a shooting range for the dads!

One of the highlights of family camp is the talent show on the last evening. Everyone who wanted to participate went on stage and played instruments, sang, danced (including a Hawaiian hula by the teens, young adults and their buddies), told jokes, did skits – the list goes on! It was so much fun to watch each act and see how comfortable each participant felt getting to share a part of themselves with everyone. One of the most moving performances of the evening was a praise song sung by Tiffany, her parents and her camp buddies. Tiffany doesn’t talk much, so it was hard to understand some of the words she was singing. But you could definitely understand the joy and enthusiasm in her heart as she stood up on stage and sang, surrounded and supported by her parents and buddies, and encouraged and cheered on by the audience – many even sang along with her! That inspirational moment epitomized what Capernaum Family Camp is all about – celebrating our kids and supporting the family members who love them. Capernaum Family Camp is ohana!

# A FRONT ROW SEAT TO THE EXCITEMENT

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small group from Seattle. Many of our campers also had the opportunity to make connections and build relationships with kids from other Young Life areas, as well as with the volunteers and staff that worked so hard to help us truly have the best week of our lives. The connections made throughout the week impacted our group as a whole and individually for many of our campers.

Griffin was one of our first-time campers on the trip. From the moment we left Seattle, until about the third day of camp, Griffin was set on figuring out a way to get home as soon as possible; he was homesick and not sure if camp was for him. However, as the week went on, Griffin started to join in on activities and enjoy himself. He got to know his cabin mates and leaders a little better, as well as other campers and camp staffers. Everyone was so encouraging and friendly toward him; he felt welcomed and cared for. Eventually he was comfortable being at camp and having a fun time. He ultimately realized that missing home for a few more days was worth it! It was incredible to see how God used the people and experiences at Washington Family Ranch to help Griffin overcome his homesickness and ensure that he had an amazing and memorable week!



Group picture on dress-up night.



Tiffany and her father participate during worship time.



Mom Margaret gets treated to a massage from therapist Jennifer Gustafson.



April watches her son DaShaun get ready for the zipline.



Buddy Nathan welcomes Nick to camp

Everyone enjoys making and eating s’mores.

