

## ADVENTUREACH 2024 YEARLY UPDATE

Thank you for partnering with us creating life-changing outdoor adventures to help kids develop genuine relationships and strong character so that they can resolve conflict and overcome negative life influences and thrive in healthy community. This year has been extraordinary thanks to you and your support. Here are some highlights.

Tears welled up in this mom's eyes. It was happening again - the same response we saw from countless parents when we asked, "What would you like to say to those who support Adventureach and make this ministry possible - many of whom don't have children at AR, don't even live nearby, and have never been out here to see the outcome of their support?" She was taken aback. "That is amazing that you have such supporters. Wow!" she said as she paused to contemplate. Tears rolling - the depth of emotion was palpable as she reached for tissues - "THANK YOU."

This just begins to scratch the surface of the thanks offered to **you**, our supporters. Your support is transforming kids and altering their life trajectories! If you know the deep desire a parent has for the well-being of their child, you can begin to fathom the depth of gratitude expressed by more than 300 parents whose children have been enriched, strengthened, and, for some, even saved! Your gracious gifts enable these parents to realize the hopes and dreams they have for their kids.

One of our young men, for the first time, experienced life and unconditional love. He witnessed the love we have for each other and for him. He softened. He heard truth. He was surrounded by it. Courageously and boldly, he proclaimed his lack of faith was not based on reason. We all felt his pain. He acknowledged that he still has a wall around his heart. He asked for and welcomed prayer.

We invite you to pray with us. We implore you to pray for us and for these kids.

Another young boy, right before the first game began on his first day at Fall Teams said, "Thank you guys for inviting me to Teams. It means a lot to me that you guys want me here cause, usually people don't." These interactions are so encouraging to

us. When we hear them, we are reminded that the work that we do here is vital and impactful. We are so grateful to be a part of this team.

A young girl at the beginning of her first day was sullen, slumped in her chair. She didn't want to be at camp. By Friday she had been transformed - bright-eyed and hopeful. That week she testified to her acceptance and her understanding of the hope that is in us. Seven months later, on her first day at Teams, her new life radiated for all to see and enjoy! She told us, "You helped me find God again along with actual happiness." "What you guys do at Adventureach is powerful and rooted in God's Word."

We get to see these kids come and we are amazed at the speed and extent of their growth. Their understanding of truth is rapidly expanding, and their character and spiritual maturation exceeds our expectations. "The body is built up in love when each individual part plays its part" - Thank you for playing your part and being with us! This is only a glimpse of what we see before us - the continuing story of what God is doing.

NEXT FALL WILL BE OUR TENTH YEAR! WE ARE SO AMAZED AT WHERE WE NOW ARE.

Over 160 youth are engaged in consistent character-building discipleship and life-changing outdoor adventure. We see God's providence every step of the way. Looking forward, we see a greater vision for an even deeper and wider impact.

We stopped advertising AR when our ministry reached 40 kids, but we have continued to grow exponentially. We opened registration for our 2024 summer camps and within days they were full, and we had 56 kids on a waiting list. By God's grace, we were able to add a camp and run seven camps this summer for 250 youth. As the demand swells, we still feel called to all those who would come, but it's a challenge at the rate they are coming.

Kids are coming to Christ and are being discipled and are having an impact in their homes and in their communities. We sense God is turning the next page. He is opening exciting new opportunities that we will be sharing with you in the coming year.

Please help us accomplish our vision of reaching more kids and transforming more lives by

- Continuing your support and helping us raise an additional \$40,000 a year just to continue at our current capacity. Please pray for the Lord's provision to help us serve even more youth and families.

- Pray for Adventureach regularly – For our leadership, wisdom and discernment, and for the spiritual life and wellbeing of our counselors and kids

- Please pray for wisdom and support as we invest in the next generation of leaders and especially for Josh Beach. Josh joined the staff this fall and will be raising his support as our first full-time Missional Staff Intern.

Thank you all so much for your time and support. We never feel alone in this ministry thanks to you all. In an age where the younger generations are increasingly anxious, depressed and hopeless, you have enabled us to build a refuge where young people find life, build resilience, and find hope. As they are equipped, they are boldly and beautifully sharing that hope with others.

Thank you for partnering with us in this extraordinary adventure! We look forward to more - thanks to God and all of you!

Gratefully,

The Adventureach Team

**P.S. If you have a moment, we invite you to explore our "Year in Review" below, complete with inspiring testimonies and photos that capture the incredible impact you've helped create. Your support has brought these moments to life, and we are deeply grateful for your role in this journey. Thank you for being an essential part of our mission!**

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## Adventureach A Year In Review



### Spring Teams: March – May

2024 started off strong with 130 kids participating in our Spring Teams discipleship program. Spring is truly a season of new life and as a poignant reminder of the



importance of this ministry, we witnessed multiple young people, who in past years had struggled with suicidal thoughts, now fully living vibrant and full of lives and no longer lost in despair.

*"When we broke out into small groups during spring teams and asked the kids what they most wanted to talk about, they said they wanted to know how to share the gospel with their family and friends."*

*-Staff Testimonial*



## **More Than Conquerors: 1<sup>st</sup> Weekend in June**

More Than Conquerors is the capstone event for our spring season and this year we had over 100 young men and women attend! We had a fantastic day of challenging battle and a great opportunity to work through the entire letter to the Ephesians together. Many kids ran up to us and said, "This was the best season of Teams yet!" – When asked why, one said, "Well each season just gets better."



## Counselor Training: 2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend in June

This year we had 35 new and returning counselors out for a weekend of training and fellowship. It is extraordinary to see the level to which these counselors have internalized their training and understanding. The first night around the campfire the returning counselors each had a chance to share advice and pray for the new counselors. I do not exaggerate when I say that in the sharing time, the veteran counselors captured an almost a comprehensive compilation of the key points of our entire training before we even began! It is so rewarding to see disciples making disciples and those we trained as leaders training a new generation of leaders.

*"I was impressed with how you taught my son to use biblical conflict resolution. He used what he learned to bring healing to his youth group."*

*-Parent Testimonial*



## Summer Camp: June – August

This summer we had over 250 participants across all our summer camps. Thanks to the initiative of Tom, Joanne, key adult volunteers, and a motivated team of counselors we added on a seventh week of summer camp to accommodate our entire waitlist! We also were excited to have Calvert Grace back for another amazing summer camp experience. Please pray for us as we navigate accommodating more organizations and churches who are interested in an Adventureach Summer Camp Encounter.











## Fall Teams: September – November

This fall we currently have 160 young men and women in weekly discipleship as part of our Fall Teams program. We launched our full Fall Teams program at our Saint Mary's location at the Kings Christian Academy. Last year we started at KCA with a beta program and invited 12. This Fall we have 36! We ask you to pray for us as we try to accommodate all those who would like to come and for those who are able, please consider supporting us. We need to raise an additional \$40,000 just to continue at our current numbers.

*"I would love to see more people come. I think it is "that great of a program." I'm kind of blown away how you guys offer this at no cost to people. That's crazy to me. As a big family that is sometimes a limiting factor. So that's a big deal."*

*-Parent Testimonial*

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## Winter Warriors: 1<sup>st</sup> Weekend in December

Winter Warriors is the capstone for our Fall Teams season. Last year we had 90 young men and women come out for very moving time of fellowship, prayer and extraordinary worship. (Of course, epic battles as well) This year we have 150 participants coming and we are excited to help root and ground them in their faith and in the Word.

*"These kids are making memories that will last a lifetime. You are setting them up for the Christian walk - the Christian life. You don't try to put rose colored glasses on them - that everything is going to be fine - you prepare them, knowing that it is going to be a fight - that there is a battle. You do this in a healthy way. And I think that they are going to take these lessons everywhere they go. Whether they go to college, join the military, start working for a company - they won't forget the lessons from Adventureach."*

*-Parent Testimonial*



## Joshua Beach

We are positioned for growth and thrilled to see what God will do in this next season as He enlarges the ministry. In November, Joshua Beach joined the Adventureach Team as



our first Full-time Missional Intern. Josh has committed to volunteering for a full year with the intention of fundraising his own salary. Please pray for Josh and if led consider supporting him as a local missionary. In the coming year as we celebrate our 10-year anniversary, we are eager to tell you more about Josh and what we think God may be leading him towards as we look forward to the next 10 years!

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**Counselors Crucible: December – February**

We are excited that starting this winter, Adventureach's intentional discipleship will now be year-round! This winter we are beta testing the Counselors Crucible, a program aimed at expanding and intensifying our counselor's discipleship. The Crucible will give us the opportunity to more deeply invest in our counselors. In the Counselor Crucible smaller teams of counselors can work through some of the harder things in life and facilitate further character refinement.



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## 2025 And Beyond

Thank you so much for being part of the Adventureach Team and supporting us in the work that God is doing. We are deeply grateful to be allowed to continue in this ministry and humbled every day by the impact it is making in the lives of these young men and women. We look forward to celebrating 10 years next year and we are also looking

forward to what we think God is showing us on the horizon! Please reach out to us with any questions you have, we are in fact a relational ministry!

With eternal gratitude,

The Adventureach Team



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