

Did Juneau? *Avant*



Retreat Season

Camp is open! We have already hosted two retreat groups this spring - Juneau Karate Academy and Faith Community Christian School. These places are both dear to our hearts because Effy is part of the karate academy and I substitute teach at Faith Community. Today over 100 ladies are just arriving for the Becoming Outdoor Women retreat, put on by the Fish and Game Department. It's always a great time hosting these groups. Pray that we can be a bright light for Jesus!

I am humbled by the amount of help I have had this spring with the various volunteers we had in April. A group from Hillsboro drove up a vehicle with a trailer for camp and the two ladies took so much weight off my shoulders by helping with hospitality duties! I am so grateful because the tasks were mounting and I wasn't sure how I would get them all done. Then a group from

Minnesota came while our family was in Haines leading another work team (from Alabama) and finished the rest of the camp opening tasks. God sent just the right people!

Good news! We have had a few applications for counselors come in since my last newsletter. Thank you for praying! Continue to pray that all the paperwork gets in quickly because orientation starts next week!! That said, if you or someone you know is still considering applying, please do! We can always use more people!

Info below:

If you are at least 19 years old and are looking for a place to serve the Lord this summer, please consider joining us! Click this link to start the application process! -----> [SIGN ME UP!](#) Scroll down a bit for the counselor application button, and just follow the prompts.

Here are the requirements for counselors:

- Be age 19+
- Have a love for Jesus, kids, and the outdoors
- Be in agreement with our [statement of beliefs](#)
- Be willing to serve on a team, listen to leadership, make sacrifices, and be flexible
- Be able to commit to serving with us from mid-May to early August (*some exceptions can be made, but coming for only part of the summer is strongly discouraged*)
- Raise \$500 support, plus travel costs

We know God will provide for our personnel needs, just as He always does. If you know someone who fits this description and may be open to serving the Lord with us this summer, please feel free to send this newsletter along to them!

Prayer Request

I sent a more detailed prayer request in an email, but wanted to highlight a request that feels urgent here. We have never included homeschooling expenses in our support raising because our kids are enrolled in a public correspondence school that provides an allotment fund to use for these expenses. A judge in Alaska just ruled the allotment fund unconstitutional and everyone is currently scrambling to provide funding for the thousands of homeschooling families, including the House, Senate, and Court system. I realize this correspondence system is not found in many places in the country (Alaska is very unique for a variety of reasons that don't necessarily apply down south) and many people have opinions about this, but it really affects our family right now, especially our kids. I am just asking for three specific prayer requests right now and if you want to know more details, please email me.

- Pray that the House Bill regarding this passes.
- Pray for my peace of mind. This feels all consuming right now and I want to lay it at Jesus' feet, receive His peace, trust Him to take care of it all, and focus on serving the Lord at camp right now.
- Pray that our kids would be able to continue participating in their activities.

Praises

- For camp opening going well and for the two wonderful retreat groups we have had so far.
- For volunteers this spring who have helped tremendously!
- For the way God is growing our kids.
- For God's provision.
- For all of the campers planning to come this summer!

Prayer

- For more counselors to apply.

- For all the summer staff joining us this summer. Pray for God to orchestrate all the details and for hearts to come ready to serve.
- For team unity.
- For the homeschooling issue moving through the Legislature right now (above).
- For God's provision for our needs. Finances are starting to get tight with our kids getting older. There are new expenses, such as adding them to our vehicle insurance, increased food cost, etc.
- For the campers registered for camp.
- For homeschooling and parenting.

If you'd like to join our support team, you can click [HERE](#). Thank you to all of our supporters, both in prayer and financially!

Photo descriptions L-R, Top to Bottom:

- Ryan preached during chapel while the Juneau Karate Academy retreat was here.
- Retreat luggage!
- Karate retreat kids playing 9-square.
- Cooking for retreaters!
- So much work is going on at the Haines camp! A septic system was going in while we were there last week.
- The boys helped Ryan put in some plumbing under the new bathhouse in Haines.
- A moose showed up at the Haines camp!
- Some orcas greeted us on our way to Haines. This is not zoomed in.



