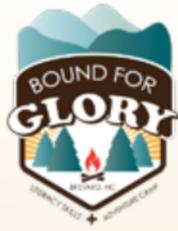


ANNUAL REPORT 2017



AN UPDATE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Camp Supporters,

Bound for Glory (BFG) Camp had an amazing 2017 camp session! We relocated to Ridge Haven in Rosman, NC which provided incredible new camp experiences such as kayaking, swimming, hiking, and archery. Both the campers and staff loved it, and we look forward to returning this year in 2018.

In 2017, we had a total of 12 campers (six boys and six girls) ranging in age from 9 to 13 years. Five of the 12 were returning campers. Most were from western North Carolina cities, such as, Brevard, Rosman, Toxaway, Cashiers, and Asheville. However, we were so excited to bring in campers from Brookhaven, Georgia; Forest Park, Georgia; and Pickens, South Carolina. They all had one thing in common...all campers were a joy and a blessing to serve!

BFG Camp had an astounding staff and group of volunteers who not only worked together as a team, but exemplified the heart of the mission for BFG Camp. Resident counselors included Ellington Adair, Maria Byler, Michael Terry, and Glover Beasley. These counselors had the nonstop task of keeping our campers safe and cheerful. Our four Orton-Gillingham tutors were: Barbara Livengood, Don Fleming, Judy Baghose, and Kathryn Polmanteer. Each tutor came every weekday to provide intensive one-to-one literacy instruction. Our two resident health-care providers, Angie Mintz and Kimber Jones, lovingly tended to all the scrapes, bruises, and insect bites. Our very own resident Chef Scott Adair, along with the top-notch skills of volunteer Chef Laureen Herzig, not only made sure we ate well, but they did it with a passion and energy that made camp food a major highlight for all of us. I must say, camp food rocks! As BFG Camp Director, I had the privilege of teaching our vocabulary and written expression classes, together with managing all of the activities. In addition, our volunteers helped with laundry, cleaning, cooking, worship, team building, hiking tours and so much more! It was a fun and outstanding team and an immense pleasure to work with each one of them!

Just like you and me, these campers need hope. Hope motivates us to persevere and rejoice through our difficulties knowing that something worthwhile will come from our struggles. This year, at Bound for Glory Camp, I witnessed heaping handfuls of hope poured out onto our campers, and as a result, they were empowered to face their challenges and discover their strengths. As you read this annual report, please be mindful of the many difficulties which our campers face and the constant need for hope in their lives.

Wendi Adair
Executive Director





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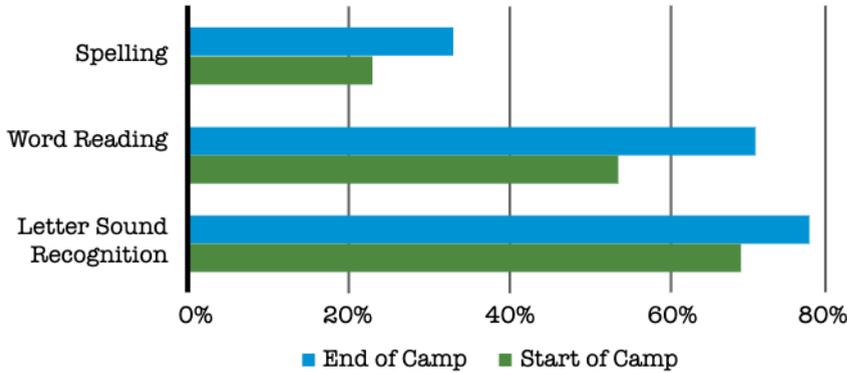
The mission of Bound for Glory Camp is to provide a free summer camp experience in a Christian environment for low-income struggling readers that will educate, enrich, and encourage.

EDUCATE

Campers attend 3-4 hours of literacy instruction each weekday at BFG Camp, including:

- ▶ One-to-one Orton-Gillingham tutoring to work on the individual language needs of each camper

Individual Tutoring Progress Report



- ▶ Written expression/vocabulary development

Campers viewed the same picture of two children feeding chickens at both the beginning and at the end of camp and were asked to write their best sentences. For example:

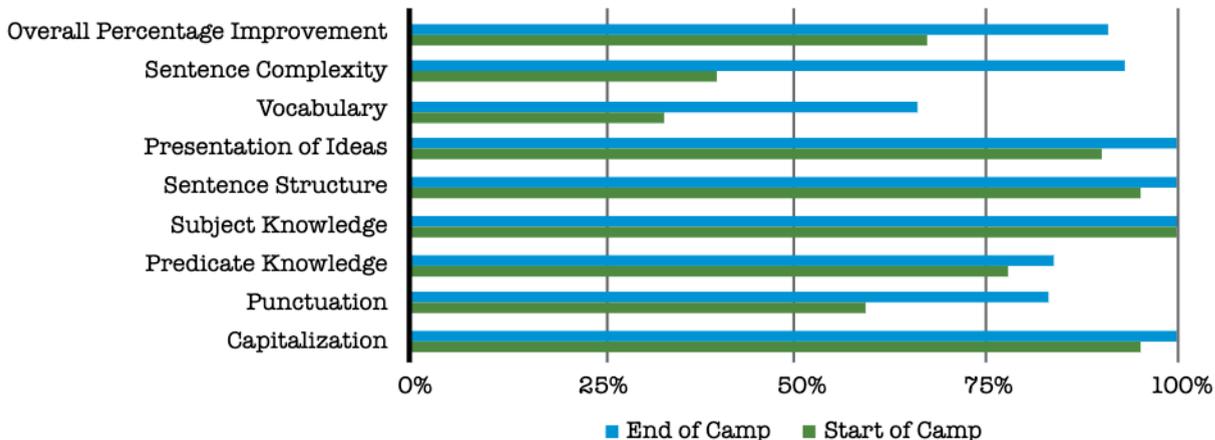
"feeding a duck." - Brayden (start of camp)

"Happily, the boy in the blue coat fed the red hen with his sister."
- Brayden (end of camp)

- ▶ Guided oral reading to build fluency



Sentence Composition Progress Report





- ▶ Nightly, counselors read a high-interest novel to the campers to strengthen their comprehension skills, vocabulary, and love for literature.
- ▶ Two days a week, campers also participated in reading theater and were able to perform a final production of their plays.

ENRICH

The enrichment program at BFG Camp was designed to foster creativity, team-work, and hands-on learning experiences. Individuals with dyslexia often find that their greatest strengths are in these areas. It is our goal to create and bring programs and adventures to the campers that they would not otherwise have the opportunity to receive. These experiences lead campers to explore, discover and nurture their individual talents. It is amazing to see that moment of discovery on the faces of these children.

The culinary arts program was a favorite for all the campers. It gave them the opportunity to learn culinary skills from an experienced chef, including farm to table presentation, nutrition, and exploring international and regional cuisines. This year, campers visited the local farmers' market where they were able to taste a variety of fresh produce and gather food items to create tasty dishes in class. The grand finale of the culinary arts program was a mystery box cook-off where teams created original dishes from a box of unknown ingredients to be judged by a panel of campers. Fun and learning at its best!

Campers explored and enjoyed the outdoor classroom of the beautiful outdoors of western North Carolina. This year's adventures included horseback riding, archery, swimming, kayaking, hiking, waterfall visits, an overnight camping excursion, fishing, a ropes course and rock wall challenge, and gem mining. Additionally, the campers had fun playing a variety of games, such as gaga ball, shaving cream Twister, battle ball, basketball, and mud pit. Pisgah Explorers Club also partnered with BFG Camp to offer nature classes including a creek study, and a live wildlife interaction allowing campers to come face to face with an owl, a snake, a turtle, and a groundhog. Most of our campers experienced these activities, along with camp for the very first time. They built friendships, confidence, and awareness with each new challenge and opportunity. We are confident that BFG Camp exhausts every effort and uses every opportunity during this time to enrich the minds and lives of the campers.

ENCOURAGE

Struggling readers often face feelings of failure and hopelessness. Through community and Christ, we strive to encourage our campers that God has an extraordinary purpose for their lives; that they are not alone with their difficulties, and how to advocate for themselves.

Worship and daily devotions

at BFG Camp are Christ centered and aim to give campers a better understanding of the character of Christ and His pursuit to have a relationship with them. Each day began with small group devotions and prayer and ended with assembly devotion, worship, and prayer. Hearing our campers sing the lyrics, "The fight is not my own. These burdens are not my future. I am bound for Glory." to a song appropriately enough called Bound for Glory by the Vertical Church Band, was amazing!

Campers participated in organized team building activities and several community service projects to strengthen relationships and build empathy. The service projects for this year included making cookies and hygiene packets for children at the local homeless shelter and making felt scarves for Operation Christmas Child boxes. Serving others empowered campers and helped them to realize their own personal potential to making a positive impact in others' lives.

Several leaders of BFG Camp have personal experiences with the same struggles of learning to read and can identify with each camper. This year, those leaders shared their personal testimonies. The campers were enthralled to learn that the very people they admire had similar school and learning experiences. Further, they were inspired to know that their leaders were successful and even found significant benefits to being dyslexic. Campers not only left camp encouraged, but better equipped to face the challenges ahead with a knowledge they can overcome and succeed.





What Parents Are Saying...

"He couldn't quit talking about all of his experiences and loved his tutors. I knew this was a complete success when he said he wanted to come back next year."

"It meant a lot to know that you guys would take my child for three weeks and take care of her as your own. She also got to do things that I could never do right now."

"An experience my child will never forget!"



What Campers are Saying...

"It was a special place. It helped me to read, learn more about Jesus, and good cooking."

"It made me a better reader, writer, and cook. I love everything there!"

"It was a way for me to get closer to God and learn more about him. It was also very helpful when it came to education. I have learned a lot with the classes and the educational activities."



OPERATIONS

Organizational Efficiency

- Cost per camper: \$3,780
- Below Budget for the following:
Staffing, Food and Beverage,
Transportation, Insurance

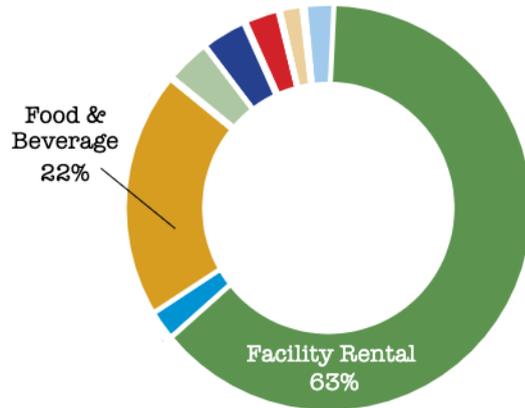
LOOKING AHEAD... FUTURE GOALS

**To purchase real property
for a permanent camp.**

To host multiple camp sessions.

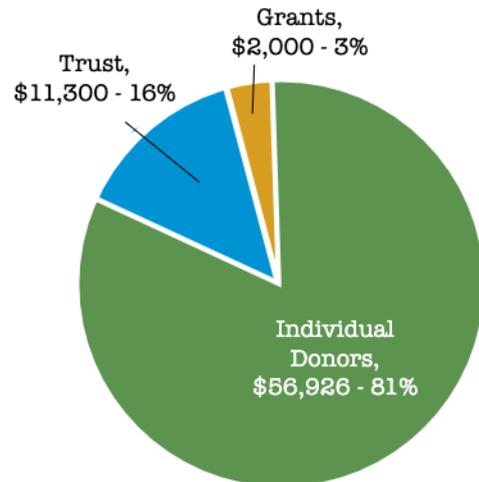
**To increase opportunities to work
with more campers.**

**To obtain grant funding
opportunities.**



Program Expenditures

- Facility Rental ■ Staff ■ Food & Beverage
- Program Supplies ■ Program Activities ■ Insurance
- Transportation ■ Misc.



Revenue

- Individual Donors ■ Trust ■ Grants

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