

BOUND FOR GLORY CAMP

A FREE LITERACY AND CHRISTIAN ADVENTURE CAMP



RESPONSE TO COVID

Bound for Glory Camp (BFG) recently completed its 5th successful year of summer camp! We hosted a four-week camp session from July 2nd-July 30th. COVID-19 presented new challenges, but the BFG staff implemented a secure COVID policy to ensure the health of everyone involved: literacy classes migrated online, participants were divided into smaller groups and convened for outings twice a week, face masks were worn during transportation and indoor activities, daily temperature checks were taken, and handwashing and sanitizing were utilized often. Everyone remained well, improved their literacy skills, and enjoyed being with each other.

BFG Camp Directors, Wendi and Scott Adair, were determined to provide Bound for Glory Camp this summer. The effects of the COVID pandemic on students' academic mobility are unknown, but experts anticipate significant setbacks. The loss of learning students will experience has been termed the "COVID slide." The most detrimental losses will be for students such as BFG campers. The Directors responded by ensuring the safest environment possible for BFG camp and extending the session an additional week to provide more support.

"Bound for Glory Camp was fun! It was amazing to see each other because we haven't been able to because of COVID."-Neala, Camper

Mission: To educate, enrich, and encourage underprivileged students struggling with reading by providing a free summer camp in a Christian environment.

Vision: All children can become assured readers and find hope and purpose for their lives through Jesus Christ.

How We Do It: Provide a FREE summer camp that offers evidence-based literacy instruction, strategic enrichment opportunities, and the chance to learn about the hope of Jesus Christ.



EDUCATE

BFG campers received two hours of research-based instruction each weekday, including one-to-one instruction from a trained multisensory-structured language tutor and written expression/vocabulary development instruction. Literacy tutors provided this summer's classes online via Zoom. BFG's research-based literacy instruction helps students strengthen already learned skills, develop new skills, and avoid the "summer slide." On average, campers achieved the most significant literacy gains in reading fluency and sentence composition this summer.

"I couldn't read my favorite book, Dog Man, before camp, and now I can." -Brandon, Camper

"I really like this camp because it helped me learn more and be ready to go back to school."

-Kinsley, Camper

ENRICH

We made the most of our time together and being out in nature at BFG Camp this summer. In small groups, we took campers on weekly excursions, including horseback riding, kayaking, a visit to a local farm, a guided creek study with Cradle of Forestry, hiking, and swimming in local lakes and rivers. Our enrichment activities are thoughtfully planned to provide new experiences, educational opportunities, and challenges to build self-awareness. Oh, and they are tons of fun!

"Bound for Glory Camp meant fun, excitement, being brave, and facing your fears like kayaking." -Lauren, Camper

ENCOURAGE

At BFG Camp, we strive to strengthen campers' abilities to handle life's difficulties and recognize God has a particular purpose for them through Biblical teachings and camp community. This summer, we unfolded the Bible story of Joseph and how his life was full of misfortune, but God had a plan for him all along to save the Israelites from slavery. Campers responded with great insight into Joseph's situation and learned God also has a plan for their lives. We are grateful to have partnered with The Hunger Coalition of Transylvania County to encourage and support our campers' families who faced additional financial difficulties due to the pandemic. We sent participating campers home with fresh produce and pantry items for their families.

"I got closer to Jesus by actually listening to the Bible. It was church to me because we haven't been able to go to church since COVID." -Brandon, Camper



THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS!

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"Students from lower-income families who are not proficient readers are 6 times more likely to not graduate high school."

- Annie E Casey Foundation

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- \$3,400: Cost for one camper for 4 week camp
- \$500: Reading tutor per/camper
- \$150: Outings per/camper (horseback riding, kayaking)
- \$50: Books and a Bible for each camper to take home

CAMPER GATHERINGS

Thanks to a grant from Lake Toxaway Charities, BFG Camp now provides off-season programs to BFG campers throughout the school year. The programs are designed to build stronger relationships, offer new experiences, and continue to share Biblical teachings.

In October, we took a group of campers to the Eliada Corn Maze in Asheville for our first camper gathering.

We had a great time finding our way through miles of

corn mazes, bouncing on the giant jumping pillow, and shooting ears of corn from the corn cannon.

We finished the day by reenacting the Bible story of Esther and enjoying Hamantaschen cookies. Our

next gathering will be a Christmas party in December and a Spring Fling event in May. We believe it

is essential to stay connected to our campers throughout the year.

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