

# BOUND FOR GLORY CAMP

## A Free Literacy and Christian Adventure Camp

Newsletter 2021



### WHO WE ARE

Our mission is to educate, enrich, and encourage underprivileged students struggling with reading by providing a free summer camp in a Christian Environment

Our vision is for all children to become assured readers and find hope and purpose through Jesus Christ.

BFG's free summer camp provides three hours of daily evidence-based literacy instruction, strategic enrichment classes, and needed encouragement.

### AN EXCITING YEAR!

- We had an incredible One Day Fun Day with our campers in July. We look forward to a full camp session in July of 2022 at our new camp!
- Campers learned of the love Jesus has for them and how He gave His life to be with them for eternity. They discovered He has a plan and purpose for their lives right now.
- We are thrilled to share with you that after years of prayer and searching, Bound for Glory Camp has a beautiful new permanent home. Our previous five years of camps have taken place at rented facilities or local churches. While we appreciate every camp, we look forward to establishing a long future at our new location. As you will see, this property is perfectly and wonderfully made for the needs of our campers. It will provide a haven for our campers, allowing them to return year after year to learn and grow.
- We have ongoing projects at the new location to prepare for the 2022 summer session. We always appreciate volunteers, so call us if you are handy with a hammer or paintbrush.
- Would you like to come and stay at Bound for Glory Camp? Keep reading, and you will find out how you can visit.



## ONE DAY FUN DAY!

Campers enjoyed an incredible One Day Fun Day this summer! We went swimming and had a picnic at Black Bear Campground. We played whacky camp games such as bigfoot relay and water bucket balance that created lots of laughter. Then we settled into sharing the story of the life of Jesus with our campers. Many of our campers were returning campers or were familiar with the story of Jesus and were able to help construct the scenes. But for at least one camper, it was the first time he had heard of how Jesus was born, lived, died, and resurrected. It was such an immense pleasure to watch how captivated he was to hear of the miracles of Jesus. It was as if he was watching a superhero come to life. He repeatedly asked, "Is this real?" What a blessing to answer, "YES, it is all real, and He did it all for you!" We ended the day with a visit from the Magic Book Bus, an incredible nonprofit led by Sarah Justice that allows children to choose books from her zany bus to take home. Over sixty percent of low-income children do not have age-appropriate books in their homes, and research suggests that increasing access to books does improve reading abilities. Thank you, Sarah!

We look forward to summer session 2022 where we will host a four day camp at our new campus. Each day of camp, we will provide three hours of research based literacy instruction, new exciting enrichment class opportunities, and Christian devotion and worship. Weekend excursion will include horseback riding, kayaking, tent camping, and a sleepover at the Greenville Zoo.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### December 11th Annual Christmas Party

Our Christmas celebration allows us the opportunity to reconnect with our campers and celebrate the birth of our Savior. We partner with Toys for Tots and supply toys for all the children in our campers' families.

### June 27th-June 30th Junior Counselor Training

Our new Jr. Counselor program starts this summer for campers who have exceeded the age limit of 12 and show positive leadership skills.

### July 11th-August 30th Camp Session 2022!



## UPCOMING PROJECTS

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### Summer 2022

Tutoring Center

Camper Restrooms

Additional Septic System

Outdoor Recreational Space

Indoor Rock Climbing Wall

Camper Library

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### Summer 2023

Culinary Center

Gaga Ball Pit

Obstacle Course

Swimming Pool

## NEW BFG CAMP HOME!

We are very excited to announce that Bound for Glory Camp has a permanent home located only three miles from downtown Brevard. It is peaceful and beautifully set in a wooded landscape. It consists of all the buildings and spaces needed to meet camp needs and expand the current program. It even has a beautiful chapel for worship and prayer. This property is a true blessing and an answer to many prayers.

A lasting location allows for an array of new opportunities for our campers and will achieve a more significant impact. We can now host longer and additional camp sessions for more low-income, struggling readers. In addition, we can offer gatherings for our campers throughout the school year. Our enrichment program has expanded to include three additional activities: building challenge, archery, and rock climbing. By the summer of 2023, we plan to complete our culinary center to continue educating our campers on nutrition, food preparation, and global flavors. Other projects include a swimming pool, camper library, art stations, a stage for theater, an outdoor recreational area, and so much more. We wait with great anticipation for the day to fill the property with children's laughter, worship, and learning for years to come.

Our renovation priorities include the completion of the tutoring center, constructing camper bathrooms, clearing a large outdoor space for outdoor play, and installing a rock-climbing wall. If you would like to give directly to project developments or volunteer for projects, please inform us on the postcard provided.



## DONATE AND STAY!

If you donate \$2,000 or more, you can stay at Bound for Glory Camp for two nights! During our non-camp season (September-May), you can schedule a two-night visit at our Airbnb on the Bound for Glory Camp campus. You can enjoy the fresh mountain air and all the fun outdoor activities that Brevard, NC offers. We want our partners to have the opportunity to experience their investment at Bound for Glory Camp! You can make your \$2,000 donation in **monthly installments of \$30** or more! As soon as you reach \$2,000, make your reservation!

Partnering with Bound for Glory Camp changes young lives. We address the critical issue of illiteracy with effective research-based literacy instruction, support, and encouragement! As a result, our campers are bound for meaningful futures. More than eighty percent of low-income children read below proficiency. This is why we focus on assisting low-income, struggling readers. They are the children with the greatest needs and the least means to obtain quality intervention. If students are not reading proficiently by third grade, they are four times more likely not to graduate high school. We equip our campers with the skills and support needed to break generational cycles of poverty.

We greatly appreciate all forms of partnership: prayer, donations, and volunteering. Bound for Glory Camp would not be where it is today without the support of our community. We sincerely thank you! Please see the enclosed postcard or visit our website to identify how you want to become a partner.

*Bound for Glory Camp is lead by a dedicated elected board of directors who volunteer their time, expertise, and resources to ensure the success of Bound for Glory Camp. BFG Camp Board of Directors include: Saunders Grommesh-Chair, Scott Adair-Vice Chair, Maria Byler-Secretary, Toby Summerour-Member at Large, and Kim Limerick-Treasure. The Program Director for BFG Camp is Wendi Adair.*

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