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MAY UPDATE



As we move through a busy retreat season and look ahead to summer camp starting (we can't wait!), there's no shortage of activity around Trail Ridge. From preparations for Guest Groups, to steady progress on the building project, so much is being accomplished each day. Ephesians 2:10, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." We're grateful to see how God continues to use each willing hand to further the ministry of Trail Ridge.



*Spring Work Weekend,
April 2026*

SUMMER CAMP

Summer camp is right around the corner, so don't put off signing up any longer! Weeks of summer camp are filling up quickly. We've switched up the daily schedule a bit, have a great lineup of camp speakers, and are very excited about some new games and activities. For those of you that have already signed up, be on the lookout for this year's "What to Expect" video coming out soon. As we countdown the days to campers arriving, would you make it a daily practice to pray for Trail Ridge?

Safety and Protection: We pray that each camper will arrive safely, and be safe throughout all camp activities.

New Friendships: We pray that our campers will form lasting friendships--encouraging and uplifting each other.

Hearts Open to God's Word: It is our prayer that every camper's heart will be receptive to God's word.



NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Trail Ridge has been blessed for many years and in recent days with volunteers. This past month, we enjoyed fellowship with about 30 volunteers who assisted with various projects during Work Weekend. It was amazing to see how God brought just the right people for the right jobs.

We also had a “Nehemiah Team” from Brookside Baptist Church come in right after Work Weekend to continue whittling down the project list. I cannot fail to mention the faithful volunteers who have served all winter by performing cold-weather checks on buildings, helping with Dining Hall improvements, and serving in the kitchen. Even as I write this note, the musical tones of a lawn mower (operated by a volunteer, of course) reach my ears.

There are a few perspectives I’d like to share with a couple of different groups regarding volunteering:

Teens and their parents:

The opportunity is wide open for you to serve at Trail Ridge. Throughout the history of this camp, we have relied heavily on teen volunteers, but in recent years we’ve seen a decline. Over half of our current camp staff had their first taste of camp as volunteers. That time was formative—building good habits, forming friendships, and learning the value of serving in ministry. My parents modeled service for me in our church. We weren’t a particularly “handy” family, but we could run the sound booth, usher, sing special music, set up and take down tables and chairs, help with Vacation Bible School, and assist in leading kids in their weekly Bible memory classes. As we recognized the value of ministry, we became more and more involved. Teens, I hope you’ll seriously consider serving the Lord in your home church and at Trail Ridge!

Adults:

“What is that in thine hand?” God asked Moses this question as he expressed his lack of qualification to follow God’s calling. I ask you: What is in your hand? I hope you realize the incredible gift God has given you. As a body of believers, I challenge you to humbly take that thing in your hand—a tool, a talent, or a treasure—and use it for the glory of God. You may think your abilities are nothing special, but remember: little is much when God is in it.

Ministry opportunities abound at camp. I invite you to consider the gifts you have and ask yourself: God gave me this _____ to honor Him. Have I been doing that?

We are still in need of volunteers this season for various tasks around camp: electrical, painting, mechanical, plumbing, carpentry, and landscaping. Would you help? There are also several volunteer opportunities open this summer in specialty roles such as Camp Nurse or Lifeguard, as well as in the kitchen, housekeeping, and maintenance departments.

What is in your hand?

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SUMMER AT A GLANCE

Junior High Camp 1: June 15-20

Teen Camp: June 22-27

Family Camp: July 1-3

Junior High Camp 2: July 6-11

Kids Kamp 1: July 13-18

Kids Kamp 2: July 20-25