

Advent 2024

*“When they came home, all five of them talked about the songs they sang, the Bible verses they learned, about their amazing cabin counselors, and the youngest talked about how bright the stars were... and all said Jesus became more real to them.” ~ Foster Mom*

Dear Friends,

I will never forget the phone call this spring and the mom’s voice on the phone, quietly asking: *I have five foster children—they are siblings. Would it be possible to get camperships for all of them? Oh, and if there is any help with sleeping bags and Bibles that would be great. They do not have any religious background, but they are wonderful children. They are my stars!*

Of course I said YES... we would love to have them at camp... and YES, we will figure out sleeping bags... and YES, they will each get a Bible to have at camp and to take home at the end of the week.

THANK YOU... without gifts for camperships and our general operations, I would not have been able to say YES to these ‘stars.’ And as I thanked the foster parents, for being stars in these children’s lives, I was reminded of each person who cares about the camp. Thank you to each of you who pray, give, volunteer, and those who recruit campers to come to camp. YOU are truly stars!

*“God counts the stars and assigns each one a name.” ~ Psalm 147:5*

Imagine how much God loves creation... so much that each star has a name. Think about how much more God loves each of his children. Youth campers this past summer came from 18 states, from all different backgrounds, faith-based and no understanding of faith. Yet they were all ‘stars’ at camp. They were loved, called by name, reminded they were precious children of God, and they would never be alone. Some heard and experienced the love of Christ for the first time at camp. Some said they wanted to be baptized.

God works through so many ‘stars’... the camp counselors and staff, the parents, grandparents, and foster parents, through the donors, and through YOU.

Thank you for being a camp ‘star’. Thank you for whatever you can give to help kids go to camp.

During this Advent season, as we prepare for Christmas and look towards the Star of the Christ child, we give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus, coming to us as a baby to bring us life.

God bless you!



Margie Fiedler, Executive Director

P.S. With your Advent gift you are making sure young people continue to grow in the Christian faith. Thank you from all the “stars” you are helping. JUST IN... **board members and staff have offered to match gifts up to \$22,700! Double your gift, and make an impact today!**

