



# Red Cliff Telegraph

Winter

Director's Diary

February 2025

“**SEEK!**” is our **Winter Theme** for each retreat - *I Chronicles 22:19a*, “*Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God.*” As you come to Red Cliff, our team is praying that you will be encouraged by spending time seeking the LORD your God in quiet moments, and in fellowship and worship. We look forward to seeing you at any of our **4 winter camps** starting February 13-15 with the Couple's Retreat and ending March 13-15 with Heritage Quest, our Father/Son retreat.

*Please ask God to cause snow to fall out of His storehouses. (Job37:5,6; 38:22)*

## Recent Projects and Provisions

If you haven't been to camp recently, come! God has provided a gas log in the dining room fireplace, artwork, finish trim in the Welcome Center, window blinds, kitchen bins and a commercial mixing bowl, a coffee warming station, a stackable washer/dryer, and a closet/desk combo in the Speaker's room! (See pg. 6) As mentioned in the fall newsletter, the Lord has provided monies to complete specific projects for the finish of the Lodge! Some projects were directly affected by the arrival of colder temperatures and snowy weather this past fall. Lord-willing, we plan to continue in the spring and early summer to finish the specific outside projects.

## Summer Staff Selection

Starting with recruiting trips this past fall, the staff-gathering process continues! Applications have been reviewed, and contracts have been sent to several teens and college-age kids. We are pleased to announce that God has already provided 19 of the 25 staff we need for the summer, while a few others are still praying. God will bring to us just the ones He has handpicked! **Please consider supporting the summer staff as they serve.** We desire to increase the amount of their honorariums!

## Summer Camp 2025

Join us for “Summer on the Seedskadee!” Playing off a Native American name for the Green River meaning *River of the Prairie Hen*, two teams, the Bear Tribe and the Wolf Tribe will be competing in games, Scripture memory, and many other exciting events. Along with our Indian theme, our resident and summer staff, volunteers, and campers will be focused on ***Together for the Gospel*** as we partner with churches in reaching children, teens, and adults with God's Good News!

May the Lord truly encourage and strengthen you as you seek to live for and serve Him in this New Year of 2025! Because of Grace, Dean



# A Window into Camp Fun!

This summer at Red Cliff Bible Camp step back in time to the early days along the Green River (Seedskaadee) where native tribes worked hard and played hard. Join us for a whooping good time as the **Bear Tribe** and the **Wolf Tribe** battle for their territory! Learn of Indian lore and customs, create theme-related crafts, and most importantly, listen and apply as the Big Chiefs (our speakers) share from God's Holy Word.

See you for SUMMER 2025 at Red Cliff Bible Camp!!



**To God Be The Glory!**

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MAY GOD GIVE US ALL  
A BLESSED 2025!

Before the mountains were brought forth, or  
ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world,  
even from everlasting to everlasting,  
thou art God.

Psalm 90:2

## WINTER:

**Couple's Retreat** is designed to bring couples closer together while growing in their walk with the Lord. The retreat focuses on bringing each couple to a better understanding of each other and giving them the tools they need to help draw their families closer to God. Each day's schedule provides plenty of time for the couples to relax and spend time together, but also includes fun games, challenging sessions, and amazing meals.



**Men's Retreat** is a 3-day, 2-night retreat that is full of adventure! During your stay, activities will include snowmobiling (must bring your own), snowshoe hikes, tubing, ziplining, and much more! Along with the many activities, the Bible-based sessions will challenge your heart and help you become the man God wants you to be. (This retreat is for men ages 18+.)

**Snow Blowout** is a winter camp designed for teens, ages 13-19. Activities include indoor and outdoor games, snow forts, tubing and sledding, hanging out, and more! Fun times with friends, and time in God's Word make this camp an experience no teen should miss!



**Heritage Quest** is a father/son 3-day, 2-night retreat helping fathers connect with and teach their sons! The sessions revolve around giving fathers the tools they need to pass on their family heritage as well as impart biblical wisdom to their sons. Opportunities to bond through conversation and many activities abound! (fathers and 12+ aged sons)

## SPRING: No camps available due to muddy roads!

During this time we prep for summer camps, travel to churches presenting camp, maintain buildings and vehicles, and occasionally, serve together with work teams.

## SUMMER:

**Junior Camp** at Red Cliff Bible Camp is for kids who have finished 3rd grade up to the age of 12. This



camp explores good, clean fun, and the beauty of God's Word in a fun-filled, gospel-centered 6-day adventure! Counselors build relationships with campers through exciting games, awesome challenges, crazy skits, amazing meals, and meaningful time together in God's Word. Camp staff and speakers assist the campers in developing kids' curious minds with real-life applications from God's Word. Junior Camp highlights include hiking, archery, rifle range, team-building challenges, crafts, horseback riding, game times, and more!



**Family Camp** - Join us for one of Red Cliff's highlights, *Camp Meeting!* This unique half-week family camp invites all ages to come together for adventure, fellowship, preaching, fun, and, one of the favorites, singing on the mountaintop! Services scheduled throughout the day provide encouraging challenges from God's Word. *Camp Meeting* offers games and adventures designed for all ages. Staff-guided activities include hiking, rappelling, zipline, archery, rifle range, and more! Join us for as many days & services as you are able!



**Teen Camp** is a week-long camp for teens ages 13-19. Teen camp provides an awesome, gospel-centered camp experience geared toward building friendships, diving into God's Word, enjoying God's creation, and exploring new adventures! Teen campers gain a deeper knowledge of the Bible, and counselors help with real-life problems and biblical application. Free time allows teen campers to participate in safe and exciting activities, hang out with friends, and enjoy treats from the camp stores: Grubstake or Higher Grounds. Teen Camp highlights include ziplining, rappelling, hiking, canoeing, horseback riding, cabin adventures, competitive games, and more!

**Ladies' Summit Trails** - We offer a trip for ladies who want to go on an outdoor adventure, but who enjoy a base camp with delicious breakfasts and dinners, and a comfy cabin for sleeping! Each day campers will be led on guided hikes or a canoe outing stopping for time in God's Word while marveling at His creation! (ages 13+)



**Summit Trails** progressive backpacking trips include a 6-day, 5-night trip into the beautiful Wyoming mountains for men and women in good physical condition. These guided hiking and camping trips include Bible study, food for meals, tents for lodging, and all permits necessary for backpacking into the wilderness. (ages 13+)

**FALL:**

**Creation-Science Camp** is a 2-day, 1-night event designed for 1st-8th grade students. Focused around a different aspect of God's creative genius each year, campers are exposed to true science through many intriguing sessions that challenge the campers spiritually and mentally. Couple that with games, activity stations, and great meals for a memorable time at Red Cliff! (Three different age-divided tracks are offered: 1st-2nd, 3rd-5th, and 6th-8th grades.)



**Ladies' Retreat** is a 3-day, 2-night retreat full of adventure or full of rest - whichever you desire! During your stay, daytime activities include riding the zipline, rappelling, hiking, crafting, and many other activities. Best of all, sweet fellowship and challenging sessions from God's Word focus on encouraging and equipping ladies in their personal walk with God.

**Mother - Daughter Retreat:** a unique 3-day, 2-night retreat offered for moms their mothers, and their girls (infants and up) providing time to build relationships, make memories, and grow together in Christ.



## PARTNERING WITH CHURCHES

It is with great thanksgiving to God and His people that we kick off the 2025 camping season! Many campers have signed up, many volunteers have promised to help, and several churches are allowing us the privilege of serving them through camp! With a particular burden for sharing in gospel ministry, our resident staff has begun a study in *Together for the Gospel*. As we explore the facets of the gospel of Jesus Christ for the unsaved and saved alike, we hope to witness with greater boldness and buy up the time God has given us to reach souls for Him! Through the platform of camp we want to reinforce the message that our churches are proclaiming, “Jesus came to seek and save the lost!” “Jesus died for sinners!” “God’s grace is amazing!!” Thank you for praying for camp events as they occur. God’s Spirit will work in hearts if we will ask Him!

*“...that ye stand fast in one spirit, and one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel” Phil. 1:27b*

## RED CLIFF BIBLE CAMP’S OUTREACH

“The more *here*, the more *hear*!” **Send us campers!** We desire to expand our outreach to more churches and to see more campers attend camp! (nearly 700 attended in 2024) Planning and funding are key components to getting kids and adults to Red Cliff where our “blowtorch” emphasis on preaching, teaching, counseling, and Scripture memory, combined with fun and food, make camp a powerful tool in a church’s “toolbox.” **May God be glorified** as we minister together!

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## NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS

Want a weekend of fellowship and hard work? Want to help us fulfill our mission to see people saved and encouraged in obedience to Christ? Perhaps God will direct you our way to help in an area of service at one of our winter camps. We need hospitality workers to help with cleaning, cooks and assistants, dishwashers, shuttlers, and many others to fill in the gaps that our staff can’t cover. Be a part of the TEAM by volunteering at a winter retreat!

**Please pray for our 2025 Camp Staff!**



*2024 Summer Staff*

## Winter Camp Speakers



**Pastor Todd Sivnksty** has served full-time in Christian camp ministry, youth pastorate, itinerant evangelism, and for the past 7 years, as pastor of Berean Baptist Church in Lilburn, GA. Todd and his wife, Krista, have a married son, a daughter, and a grandson.

**Pastor Ron Perry** after



running from the Lord for many years, Pastor Ron was saved at age 18. In the years following his salvation, God used several godly men and a solid, Bible-preaching church to help disciple him and prepare him for ministry. After finishing an undergrad degree in pastoral studies and a master's degree in counseling, he and his wife Beneth moved to southern California to minister at Ironwood Christian Camp in Newberry Springs. Soon after arriving there, he felt the burden to plant a church in the small rural community surrounding the camp. For the next 8 years, God graciously allowed him to be a bi-vocational pastor working both at Ironwood and Faith Baptist Church of Cherokee Road. During the summer of 2009, Faith Baptist Church of Folsom officially called Pastor Ron to come and serve as their senior pastor. He and Beneth love the area and the people of the greater Sacramento area and consider it a great privilege to be serving the Lord in this area. Pastor Ron's favorite aspects of ministry are the preaching of God's Word and the one-on-one shepherding of God's people. He loves counseling and caring for God's flock. In addition to pastoring, Pastor Ron enjoys serving as a police chaplain for his local police department, speaking at camps, and leading Rest Ministries, a ministry designed to encourage pastors and their wives. In his free time, he enjoys being outdoors, exploring northern California with his family, watching college football, reading Louis L'Amour westerns, weightlifting, and bike riding. Pastor Ron and Beneth have two daughters. Jessica and her husband Blake Sorgea live in Folsom, and Mackenzie is currently in college working on a degree in education.





**Willie Partin** is the Director of Camp Relations for The Wilds and has been on staff in some capacity since 1997. Teens and adults alike appreciate and respond to his great sense of humor and practical teaching from God's Word. Willie is actively pursuing advanced training in counseling. He is a key component of our summer staff recruitment and represents the North Carolina campsite in churches and schools during the non-summer months. Willie and his wife, Sarah, have four children.



**Allen Cover** I was blessed to grow up in a Christian home in Houston, Texas. God was gracious by allowing me to grow up with Godly parents who faithfully took our family to church and taught us God's Word from an early age. I accepted Christ as my personal savior at an early age and for that I am extremely thankful! God began building a desire in my heart to serve Him specifically in camp ministry as I grew into my teen years. In college I had the opportunity to major in Camp Ministries, and God used that time to grow and shape my thinking toward ministry. Most importantly, my wife Laura and I met during college and were married shortly after graduation. God has blessed us with our four children, and we currently serve Him at Pioneer Bible Camp in Eden, UT. I have the privilege of serving as the Program Director at PBC. It has been wonderful to get to be a small part of what God is doing in this part of UT, and we look forward to what God has for us in the days ahead!





**WINTER CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

<u>Camps</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Speakers</u>
Couple's Retreat	February 13 - 15, 2025	Willie & Sarah Partin
Men's Retreat	February 27 - March 01, 2025	Pastor Ron Perry
Snow Blowout (Teen Camp)	March 06 - March 08, 2025	Pastor Todd Sivnksty
Heritage Quest (Father/Son Camp)	March 13 - March 15, 2025	Allen Cover

**COME TO RED CLIFF!**

Visit our website at [redcliffcamp.org](http://redcliffcamp.org) for more information or  
registering at [registration@redcliffcamp.org](mailto:registration@redcliffcamp.org)

If you would like to come to camp to volunteer,  
contact us at [redcliffcamp@gmail.com](mailto:redcliffcamp@gmail.com)

**Pray for our 2025 Summer Staff, Volunteers, and Campers!**



**Loftus' Lifelines**

*“The LORD reigneth; let the earth rejoice... Righteousness and judgment are the habitation of His throne. The heavens declare His righteousness, and all the people see His glory.” (Psalm 97:1a, 2b, 6)*

As we enter into the New Year that God has granted, we give glory to God for the gift of life, for the blessing of freedom to worship and to witness of the glories of Jesus, and for the privilege of serving in camp ministry at Red

Cliff Bible Camp! As a couple we are more committed this year to sharing and living the Gospel, to more time in prayer beseeching God for His wisdom and strength (Col. 1:9-11), and to more time investing in others for the sake of God's kingdom!

**Testing at the Starting Gate**

As January rolled in, so did a 12-day head and chest cold for Dean (He was overdue for it since he had no sickness all fall or during Christmas!), severe neck and shoulder pain for Lorie (not new, just more), a failed new appliance or two (oven and dishwasher), and water damage to the kitchen flooring (at least we have a house)! We have thanked God for these trials knowing He is at work to glorify Himself and grow us! (James 1:2-4)

**Jumping into the Saddle**

Catching our breath from the busy Christmas season and our season of trials, Lord-willing, we will head into Winter Camps trusting God to help us! It is *“not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit saith the LORD of Hosts”* (Zechariah 4:6b). Would you please pray for us, for our team, our volunteers, our speakers, and of course, for our campers? We desire spiritual impact in the lives of all, and only God Almighty can do that!

Though our official winter camp season normally begins in February, the Lord gave us the privilege of hosting a custom men's retreat from January 16-18. Several volunteers came to help with shuttling, cooking, shoveling, and various other jobs, which not only lightened the work load, but encouraged the spirits of all of us on the Red Cliff team. We praise God for the joyful time and for the strength and safety He gave us!

**On the Home Stretch**

After a wonderful Christmas holiday with all of our children, grandchildren, and some extended family, we exalt God's name for His saving grace, His mercies, and His perpetual kindnesses shown to us all! May we all continue to grow in grace! May God grant us many opportunities to invest in each other in prayer and acts of service! May we live the Word, and walk the walk, and cherish the moments!

Thanks for your faithful friendship, prayers, and support, Dean and Lorie Loftus



## MacGills' Meanderings



Dear Prayer Warriors & Faithful Supporters,  
 “Precious memories...how they ever flood the soul...”  
 Interlaced throughout all of the memories is the reminder that God was (and is) in it all! How thankful that He guides and leads and blesses and provides/supplies in every situation for His children!

In the early years of Camp history, the “kitchen” was a tent on the edge of the meadow, and the “dining hall” was an army tent just into the open space there. Early Camp cooks were often Sally Nichols (Finney) and Beulah Springstead. Jim and Anita Braden came along -side to help with the various Camp needs. As the Camp grew, the need also grew for a permanent building to meet needs. Plans were made for a lodge. (Jack Hegardt drew the original plans on a paper napkin at a restaurant.) The ground was prepared, and shortly before cement was to come up for the foundation, a visiting contractor (Mr. Silvers) came up. He asked Phil and Dick, “Have you ever done this before?” “Nooooo...”. So Mr. Silvers and his crew came back with their knowledge and blessed with the work. There were SO MANY people who blessed with their time and expertise and money and prayers and wise advice. We continue to thank the Lord for His willing servants being His hands and feet over the years.

Electricity was needed around that time. “Operation Live Wire” took place, and again God provided through many willing people. Something as simple as a light switch is a great blessing when it hadn’t been available earlier! One special memory is that when Phil and Dick were putting the roof on the lodge, a big storm began looming over the campground. Urgent prayer was made for the Lord to hold back the moisture. God graciously directed the storm AROUND the lodge and completion of the roof was made. Thank God!!

In recent history, Dick has had changes made to his cancer-fighting medications. Please pray with us that his blood work would continue to be where it needs to be, and that our Great Physician would bless with recovery from some of the negative side effects those meds have been causing.

We want to thank each of you who continue to faithfully support us financially and/or through your prayers. We also want to thank each one who has blessed in the past. Your sacrificial “help” means so much, and we thank the Lord for you!

Because of Calvary,  
 Dick & Deirdre MacGill





*"O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever." Psalm 136:1*

Thank you for praying for our family. Since our last newsletter much has been done at camp, many things have happened at home, and God refreshed us in the end.

When fall camps were done and winter started, David continued to go up to camp to work on equipment or buildings. Wixi and the kids began school and the planning for fall and Christmas Bible tracts.

We contacted one of our supporting churches in Indiana so we could stop and report in their church on our way to go spend Christmas with David's mom. We planned to stop and meet two of our supporters and had it all planned, when our daughter had her first seizure at home (All this to say that our God is so faithful to orchestrate details right before our eyes). This happened two weeks before we were planning to leave driving all the way to Knox, IN to the church and then to Greenville, NC to be with mom for two weeks. We prayed and called Anah's doctor, and they so kindly sent her medication again the next day, and opened an appointment for us to see her new doctor the next week! Her new neurologist encouraged us to keep our travel plans assuring us that if we had any problem, we could call her, and she would adjust her medication or help us with any questions. We can report she has been seizure and migraine free for almost 2 months. Praise God!

We praise God that David was able to finish the Speaker's room desk/small hanging closet before we left, and, with the help of friends, got the snowmachines ready for winter camps, and found something he needed to fix on the snowcat which he and a friend got done last week. Praise God.

God truly helped us in so many ways. David's preaching in Knox, IN on Christmas Sunday was on "God uses the ordinary to do the extraordinary." He spoke of the ordinary (Ruth, David, Joseph, Mary, taxes, Bethlehem) and finished with the extraordinary, Jesus! "He shall save his people from their sins." (Matt. 1:21b)

We are an ordinary family with needs, yet God continues to use our family and give us the tools to serve Him.

We are thankful that we were able to spend time with David's family and meet with a few friends and supporters. It truly was an encouraging and refreshing time! We continue to ask

God to help us serve well, and that we will not be afraid or worry because we can trust Him in all things. God bless you! David, Wixi, Anah Grace, Leonard & Joseph Heyboer. Thank you for praying!



# Summer/Fall Camps



## Summer Camps 2025

### Camps

### Dates

### Speakers

Junior 1

June 23 - 28, 2025

Bob Loggans

Family Camp

July 02 - 05, 2025

Ron Perry

Teen 1

July 07 - 12, 2025

TBA

Teen 2

July 14 - 19, 2025

David Anderson

Junior 2

July 21 - 26, 2025

Matt Murphree

## Fall Camps 2025

### Camps

### Dates

### Speakers

Summit Trails Unlimited

August 03 - 08, 2025

Ben Shumate

Ladies' Summit Trails

August 03 - 06, 2025

Ruth Feldman

Creation-Science Camp

September 05 - 06, 2025

Jon & Audrey Moore

Ladies' Retreat

September 11 - 13, 2025

Faith Taylor

Mother-Daughter Retreat

September 18 - 20, 2025

Rebecca Brock

**Pray for our Staff, 2025 Summer Staff, Campers, and Volunteers!**

God's people need an outlet for giving! We offer these ideas so that if burdened by God to participate and help us, you can see what we need. Feel free to email or call with questions on the items listed under Needs!

## Blessings!

- 20qt. Bowl for commercial mixer
- Rolling flour/sugar bins for kitchen
- Two stainless 9x13 cake pans with lids!
- Volunteer labor for work on sleds, snowmachines, and snowcat!
- Curtis Coffee Warmer

## Needs!

### General:

- A 6-8 ton farm wagon running gear
- Funds to replace the existing 1998 camp truck

### Kitchen:

- Funds for 6 additional floor mats
- Cutting boards - red, green, yellow (4 of each)
- Cotton Dish cloths (not microfiber)
- Portion Control Serving Spoons
- 2 Coffee Urns (Curtis 1.5 gl. each)

### Hospitality:

- Cotton cleaning rags
- BISSELL 2252 CleanView Swivel Upright Bagless Vacuum
- 10 White Cotton blend queen and twin sets with deep pockets
- 4 mop handles with mop heads and 1 commercial mop bucket
- Curtains for cabins L 63" W 80" (blackout)
- 12 Fabric Shower Curtains - *River Dream (Navy Blue)* 71x74 (no hooks)

### Program:

- 6 Ruger American .22 rifles or money to purchase
- Thirty plastic 5 gallon buckets
- Snow Tube Covers (Tube Pro) Contact us if you are interested in helping.
- New Camp display package for promotion/advertisement



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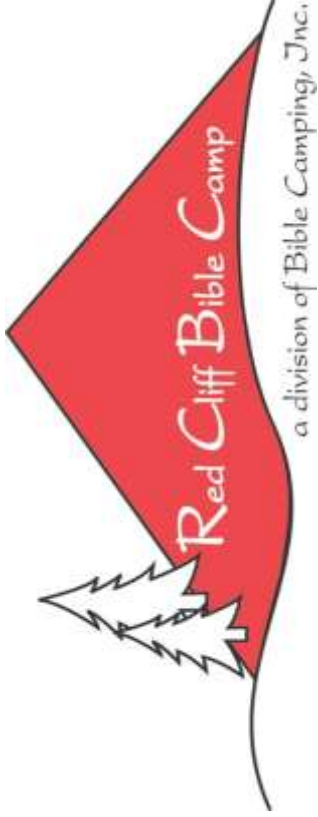
“For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him.”

II Chronicles 16:9a

## Our Mission

*Red Cliff Bible Camp is a missions-based ministry existing to lovingly confront each camper with his or her need of a personal relationship with Jesus Christ in salvation and to encourage each one to a life of obedience and service to Him in the church for His glory.*

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