

Campfire Stories

I know it seems crazy, but part of living in Texas is knowing if there is a burn ban in effect for your county even at this time of year! There are very good reasons to have a burn ban but I must say, I prefer it when they are lifted. At camp, fires are used for removal, cooking, sharing, and worship. Over 2,000 years ago, having a campfire meant life, as it was used for cooking and protection but also having warmth on a cold night. Can you imagine what that campfire was like with Joseph, Mary and their new bundle of Joy! Talk about a fire that provides life, this was the one where Life was there in the flesh and He would provide eternal life for the human race! As Jesus grew up and entered His time of ministry, the time around a campfire with His disciples had to be filled with fun, forgiveness, challenge, encouragement and worship. Think about Peter who experienced his most life-changing moments around a campfire. He denied Christ around a fire but also experienced forgiveness, restoration and encouragement around a campfire. **“He (Peter) said, ‘Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.’ Jesus said, ‘Feed My sheep.’” John 21:17b**

What is your campfire story? You may be one that has shared how God has worked in your life or a challenge that He has led you through or maybe you asked Christ to become your Lord & Savior around a campfire at Camp Peniel. Maybe you were a counselor and heard one of your campers share a life-changing moment that happened at camp. Whatever the circumstances, the Lord uses those special moments when campers are around a campfire at camp to transform lives! Those campfire moments continue to happen at Peniel. Here is what one camper shared, “After dinner we would have a campfire and talk about what Christ has done for us that day, and right before bed we have devotional time. Camp Peniel has changed the way I see Christ and if you were to go, I am sure it will do the same for



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Thank you so much for your incredible prayers and financial support that allow these campfire stories to take place at Camp Peniel! Our desire is for these life-changing stories around the campfire to continue. I'm wondering if you would prayerfully consider partnering with us in two ways at the end of an eventful 2020. First, if your financial situation would allow you to provide a financial gift during this time, we would be so grateful as you will be helping campers experience the Lord "face to face" at camp around future campfires at Peniel.

We will do our level best to steward your gift for God's honor and glory as the next generation is pointed to Him. Secondly, if you could reflect on your Camp Peniel campfire story and share that with us how the Lord worked in your life at Peniel that would be wonderful! Feel free to send your story to brian@camppeniel.org.

We have experienced an incredible amount of change and uncertainty during 2020 but we have also been the recipients of His faithful blessings every step of the way. On behalf of the Andersons and all of us serving here at Camp Peniel, our hope is that you and your loved ones have a Merry Christmas, and thank you so much for blessing this ministry and the many lives that cross the cattle guard!

Fixed on the Cross,

Brian Anderson – 1 Cor. 15:58
Executive Director



CAMP PENIEL

Christmas Fun Day

DECEMBER 12

Come out to camp for a day of fun and games!

1pm-7pm

- zip line
- rock wall
- food
- pony rides

AND MUCH MORE

"Oh Come let us adore Him"



Everything is FREE

FINANCIAL FACTS

You have blessed us again! Thank you for your increased support in these difficult times. Year to date you have increased your gifts by \$92,429 helping to offset our loss of \$465,363 in overall income. We have cut our expenses by \$329,146 and have had to make significant draws from our reserves to meet all of our obligations including payroll. Aside from some staff turnover, we are still all here.

Thanks to good planning over the last 30 years, with some serious ups and downs, we have retired all debt and set aside funds for difficult times such as these. You have been a major part in that achievement and now we see the fruit of these efforts as we continue to offer at least some ministry opportunities, although at a reduced level. Hopefully these restrictions will diminish as herd immunization takes place through actual cases recovering and there are large scale vaccinations. Perhaps the summer of 2021 will have full programs with many attenders.

Please continue to give and pray... and come if you can. As I end my monthly reports to the board and staff: "Thank goodness that GOD IS ABLE and WE ARE ON HIS TEAM."

Art Hawkinson
Business Manager



*Merry Christmas
from our family to yours!*



Memorial & Honorary Gifts

"I am the resurrection and the life; he that believes in Me, though he die, yet shall he live." John 11:25

Gifts have been presented in memory of:

Nick Young	Ralph Linenberger
Jean T. Davis	Dorothy Masterson
Vivian Spear	Benjamin Bravenec
Sue (Sylvia) Deen	

Would you like to show a loved one special recognition? Or perhaps memorialize a life?

Life offers many different occasions to give an honorary or memorial gift to Camp Peniel. For example: marriages, births, graduations and many more.

To make a donation, simply mail your gift to:
Camp Peniel
397 Peniel Path
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Or visit our website camppeniel.org to donate online.

A card will be sent to the family member or person you are honoring, telling them that their loved one has been honored in this way.



The 2021-22 Arrows Internship Year is OPEN!!!

The mission of Peniel Arrows Internship is to develop within young adults (college and career) a deeper love for their Creator, a better awareness of His purpose for their lives as disciples, and a confidence that He will carry out His purpose as they submit to and love Him.

For more information, please email Bradley Traylor at bradley@camppeniel.org

SPRING Family Camps

February 12-14	Mother & Daughter Horse
March 5-7	Family Work Weekend
March 12-14	Family Camp
March 19-21	Mother & Daughter 1
March 26-28	50+ Weekend
March 26-28	Father & Son Cowboy
April 9-11	Mother & Daughter 2
April 16-18	Father & Son

Camp Peniel is a great place to spend the weekend with your family! Our Family Camps are packed with fun activities and great fellowship!

Banquet Update!

Our Annual Banquet is **January 30** at Camp Peniel!



Adventure School has been a blast this Fall and we are excited to continue this Spring. It gets the kids out of the house for the day and they can come play at camp!

If you or your family member or friend are interested in our Spring Camps or Adventure School visit our website!

www.camppeniell.org/weekends

www.camppeniell.org/adventure-school

Adventure School

WHO: Students grades 1st-8th involved with homeschool and/or online/virtual school

WHEN: Wednesdays, starting January 6th

TIME: 8:00 AM-3:30 PM

WHERE: Camp Peniel, 397 Peniel Path, Marble Falls, TX 78654

COST: \$40/student/full day or \$20/student/half day Multiple student discounts available

What's new in the Camp Peniel Program??

Hi everyone! I hope you are all doing well during this time. My hope and prayer is that God is making His presence known in your life daily. I have a couple of things that I would love for you to know about and also pray about with us. We have had an exciting and different fall here at Camp Peniel. We started a new program on Wednesdays called Adventure School. This is a time for students in 1st-8th grade to come out to camp for a day full of fun and adventure that also incorporates a couple of hours for students to work on school work. We will be concluding our fall semester on November 18th, but these camp days will be starting back up January 6th.

Please pray that God would continue to send campers, but more importantly that He would use us to glorify Him by making His gospel known to them. If you are interested in registering your child please visit our website. If you have any questions please let me know (grayson@camppeniell.org). Secondly, I am excited to announce that our Summer 2021 Staff Application process has been opened up for awhile now. If you or someone you know is interested in working this summer as either a Director or Counselor, please visit our website and click "Get Involved" at the top of the page. Please pray with me that God would send men and women of God that are eager to be used by Him for His glory in seeing lives changed by the gospel this summer. Thank you so much for all of your support and prayers!

Grayson Davis
Summer Program Director



Still Waters

If your pastor could use a get-away, Still Waters is a retreat opportunity that allows ministry workers a place to stay for a couple of days away from the bustle of their ministries. Any ministry worker who is in agreement with Camp Peniel's doctrinal statement is eligible to come alone for a time of study and prayer, or to bring their family for a time of renewal. Slots are available September through May.

We encourage you to email our weekend coordinator, Amanda Franks, or call (505)730-3094 about Camp Peniel's Still Waters program!