

Greetings from arctic northern Iowa!

Can you believe this winter so far? I was thinking that this is the coldest winter ever, but the stats tell us there were colder years in the past. I can only imagine. I know that you are all probably tired of hearing about anything cold, weather or otherwise, so let's **WARM** your heart with these testimonies from camp:

Quotes From Youth Camps:

Question - Tell us all the ways your relationship with Jesus grew this week

"I was able to more clearly see the concept and importance of abiding. I also am learning to let go of some desires I hold onto periodically."

"I felt like He was trying to convey to me that I would be alright, and it was okay and safe to trust in Him completely. I think I'll talk to Him more because of this week, and it will stay with me for the rest of my life."

"I realized what was holding me back from a real relationship with him and some ways to overcome them"

"I feel a call to be a youth minister"

God is truly moving in our teen campers.

And what about the excitement behind Family Retreat? We made the decision to change things up with the schedule and focus on family and leadership development. We had improved attendance at our evening sessions and our campground was nearly full! This year we are looking to add a Family Fair Day. What a great way to spend some quality time with your family and friends. I hope you all will join us in July.

We are excited about the future of Cedar Springs. We have new guests who have scheduled return events; we have an exciting theme and promotional materials that are ready and out. We are making several changes to our coming events that we expect will create more interest in our camps. Our goal is to leverage this great camp to create excitement and draw more business in 2019 and beyond.

We are seeing a season of momentum through God's blessings. Will you help us to continue that? We are coming to the close of our fiscal year. During this time each year we find it difficult to meet the growing needs of our camping ministry. If each supporter would help us with a personal donation we can continue the momentum that will take us into summer 2019 and meet our shortfall of \$11,000. Can you help us and give to the drive? Remember, every dollar helps create excitement and springboards us towards another great year of camp.

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