

Youth and College-Age Summer Recap!

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR KELSEY

We engaged with a total of 55 young people this summer across our Intern, Fellow and CIT programs!

"I just didn't see a reason to not keep coming back"

-Oliver, College-Age Intern

COLLEGE-AGE INTERNS

We had 22 college aged interns this summer! Our interns:

- Wrote curriculum, taught our camp workshops, tested camp science experiments, worked with our friends at ECHO, and one even wrote a book about the program!
- Visited the Museum of the American Indian in DC
- Gathered daily for devotions. They read through 4 of Paul's letters together. Look for their thoughts on Philippians coming soon!
- Attended weekly faith formation where they heard vocational stories from church members.
- Celebrated the end of the summer with a Murder Mystery and superlatives dinner party!

"I'm so happy that [my teen] has found a home at Abiding Presence. Your youth program is unlike any we've seen before. We feel very blessed to have found you!"

-Jan, Abiding Fellow Parent

SUMMER ABIDING FELLOWS

We had 14 rising 10th-12th grade Summer Abiding Fellows! Our fellows:

- Served as camp cabin leaders, mentored our CITs, and launched a laundry detergent drive for ECHO.
- Visited the Museum of American History in DC
- Gathered daily for devotions and weekly for faith formation. Throughout the summer they read through 3 of Paul's letters together!
- Attended "Adulting 101" every week. They learned about car maintenance, personal finance, higher education, grocery budgeting, and riding the Metro!

"It was great to reconnect with people after COVID and get to talk to and hang out with them again!"

-Ben, Summer Abiding Fellow



CIT EXPERIENCE

We had **23** rising 7th-9th graders join us for a week as Counselors in Training!

Our CITs:

- Served as assistant camp cabin leaders.
- Helped prep for camp activities.
- Led closing activities in their cabins.
- Gathered daily for devotions.
- Saw what it's like to spend a summer at Abiding Presence!



AMAZING RACE CAMP

July 10-14th at Burke Lake Park

This year, **13** rising 7th-9th graders joined us for Amazing Race Camp! They raced around Burke Lake Park for a week deciphering clues, solving puzzles, working together on obstacles and learning about the journey that Moses and the Israelites took to get from Egypt to the Promised Land.



COMING SOON!

- OUR FALL SCHEDULE
- 10-12TH GRADERS BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR THE FALL ABIDING FELLOWS SIGN UP!
- PARENTS: PLEASE SEND ME YOUR COLLEGE-AGE STUDENT'S MAILING ADDRESS!



A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT TO DO FAITH FORMATION AND ADULTING 101 WITH OUR STUDENTS!

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