



Kids Connection *Zoom in*



EVEREST~VBS

GLCC'S EPIC EXPEDITION

This past week here at GLCC was an epic Expedition adventure with our VBS~ EVEREST on June 22nd-26th. Our church went through a glacier sized transformation of mountain peaks, hiking paths, Outpost outfitters and glacier tunnels all created by our amazing decorating team.

The theme for the week was to "HOLD ON". The children learned that God has the Power to Provide, Comfort, Heal, Forgive, and to Love us forever. What a thrill to hear over to 400 children shout out that they will "HOLD ON" to those truths.

We had 215 volunteers who served behind the scenes and during the week to make this VBS possible. It took 115 engaged and empowered crew leaders and assistants to lead the 52 elementary crews and 21 preschool crews.

Our station leaders and their teams covered Registration, Glacier Games, Bible Expeditions, Imagination Station, Preschool Peak Crafts, 3's program, Mountaintop Treats (serving over 4000 snacks!), and KidVid Cinema. All did a great job sharing important Biblical truths to the children coming through their stations.

We even had nursery and staff child care available so that the volunteers could participate in our morning devotions, staff meetings, and other activities throughout the day.

The Base Camp Sing & Play team with Alishia Carpenelli (Patrekka), Katie Sue Ransom (Yodelay) and the incredible "Hewho" (Matt Patti) led the opening and closing sessions with songs, skits, and even surprise illustrations of smashing a huge ice block kept us all engaged.

Beginning Wednesday, we announced our Celebration Challenge to the crews to help raise money for the Tanalian Bible Camp (TBC) in Port Alsworth, Alaska. This camp reaches out to children from the ages of 8-17 years old from 23 villages in southwestern Alaska. The only way these children can get to camp is by small aircraft, and our desire was to raise funds to bring the kids to camp to hear God's Word, know the loving grace of Jesus, and have a hope for their future.

Tammy Wood (CM Director) had met with the camp Director, Mark McGee, this past May while on an Outpost Ministries Mission Trip to Alaska and found out more about the children the camp is reaching. She found out that most of the children attending have not heard about Jesus or experienced the love of Jesus in their lives. We want to give the children that opportunity to impact their lives for Christ.

Our Kids here love to give to other kids by reaching out in a Kid-to-Kid mission focus. Our children gave generously! The \$3400 that they contributed will get 7 children to camp this year! It will cover the cost of the fuel for the planes and the camp cost!

The Adventure doesn't stop there...On Thursday and Friday the salvation message was shared with all 400+ children. They were asked to let the crew leaders know if they would like to talk with someone about accepting Jesus as their Savior.

Close to 70 children met with the leaders and many accepted Christ as their personal Lord and Savior!



CONNECTING KIDS WITH CHRIST THROUGH DISCIPLESHIP AND FELLOWSHIP, WHILE TEACHING THEM TO BECOME DEVOTED FOLLOWERS OF GOD WHO REACH OTHERS THROUGH SERVING HIM

Upcoming Events

July - Family Worship

- All month Elementary children for the 10am service will accompany their parents for worship, then be dismissed to their teachers and escorted to class.
- 19th - 10am - 5th Grade Bridging the Gap with Jamie Brandon (Youth Ministry Director)

August - Recruitment Month

NO 10:00am Sunday School this month.

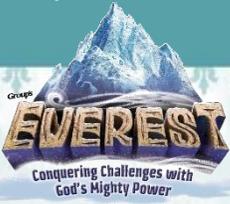
11:30 Junior Church as usual.

- 9th - Children's Ministry Sunday!
- 11th - 6:30pm- CM Leadership Team Meeting
- 13th - 5th Grade- Kings Dominion Trip
- 16th - 11:30am - ROCK ON- CM Equipping with break-out team meetings
- 30th - 11:30am - ROCK ON- CM Equipping with break-out team meetings

September-Promotion!

- 6th - Church Family Praise & Picnic- 10am
- 13th - New CM Season begins with Class & Grade Promotions
- 20th - 6:00pm -Sunday Evening CM- IGNITE begins.





Thank you!

Our veteran and new Admin directors of 6 ladies have worked tirelessly for up to 6 months and were instrumental in organizing this wonderful outreach. Thank you Pam Benedict (VBS Co-Director), Dawn Maddox (Elementary and Co-Director), Patty Easley and Judy Dickerson (Preschool), Donna Lambert (Registration), and Jennifer Forzano (Supply). God gave you all the power to conquer any challenge!

The fact that you all were willing to devote your time, energy, and talent to reach out to kids with the good news of God's love makes you all ROCK-ON for His Kingdom.



Childrens Ministry Leadership Team

Children's Ministries Director

Tammy Wood

Nursery

Jennifer deFranco

Preschool

Patty Easley

Judy Dickerson

Buddy Ministry-Exceptional Kids

Lindsay Mack

Angela Schwarz

Preschool Junior Church

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Little Junior Church (K-1st)

Diana Rich

Junior Church (2nd-5th)

Jon Hall

Sunday School (Elementary)

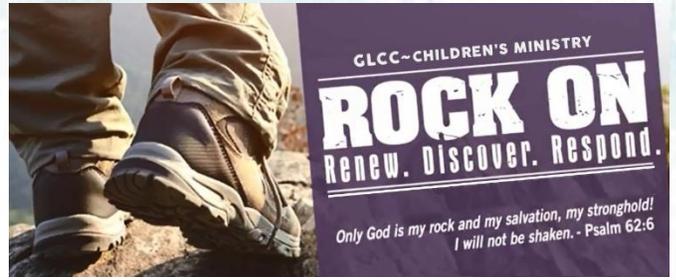
Terri Peer

IGNITE Sunday Evening Kids

Kate Voetberg

Welcome Station

Alexandra Briggs



ROCK ON~ CM Forum

for ALL Team Members.

August 16th & 30th – 11:30am -12:30pm

Come and Renew , Discover and Respond with each team member in their mission to minister to children with passion. We are ready to RENEW our mission to be and teach new disciples, DISCOVER and share God's Word using captivating methods in reaching children and RESPOND to His call to move forward as one body toward our Vision 2020.

ROCK ON~ with our Children's Ministry for 2015-2016!

Team leaders are ready to hear that you want to join us this new season beginning September 13th! Contact the leader of your ministry interest **TODAY**. Let's journey together for His Kingdom right here at GLCC and beyond.



GEARED UP Power Sunday

On Sunday, April 19, nearly 90 kids visited with Trekker Tom (Tom Gordy) at Trekker Tom's Outfitters, where the motto was, "If we don't have it, you don't need it! We supply all your outdoor adventure needs."

During the visit, a spelunker (Katy Sue Ransom), a hiker (Tammy Wood), and a rock climber (Justin Hamacher) came by the Outfitter to buy equipment for their upcoming adventures. Not only did Trekker Tom help them find the equipment they needed, but each also came away with something extra special. The spelunker bought a head lamp and learned that God's word is a lamp unto our feet and lights the path for all of life's adventures. The hiker bought a walking stick and learned how the Lord's rod and staff serve to comfort and protect us even during the most challenging times. And the rock climber bought a rope and learned how, like a rope of three strands, we are stronger when we are unified with other believers and invite God into our adventures.

The kids learned how God supplies all our "needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Phil 4:19) and that, just like at Trekker Tom's Outfitters, if God doesn't provide it, you don't need it.

Not only did the children learn these important truths as they journey through the mountains and paths of life, but they wanted other children to know those truths as well. They came Geared Up to give to Tanalian Bible Camp (TBC) by giving their saved up coins to help purchase Bibles for the campers this summer. They raised \$600 for 200 Bibles!

TBC reaches out to children from 8-17 years old who live in 23 villages in Southwestern Alaska.

Tammy Wood joined the Outpost Ministries Mission trip to Port Alsworth, Alaska, in May and presented the check to Mark McGee!



What you do Matters- Thank you for helping Kids love Jesus!

We are connecting kids to Christ here at GLCC in 9 Ministries! Do you know that the greatest IMPACT you can make in serving is with children? Our Teams need you to be engaged in our children's lives in all services. It takes a calling and commitment to change the world, one child at a time. Join us in making a HUGE difference in a child's life by being part of our Nursery, Preschool and Elementary Sunday School, Junior Church Classes- (Preschool, K-1st, 2nd-5th grade), Buddy Ministry, IGNITE or Welcome Station Greeters teams.