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News From the Expeditions Unlimited Adventure Centre



Prayer Requests

- We have a full summer! Please pray that it will stay that way.
- Please pray that God will continue to provide financially for camp as well as for our staff.
- This was a hard year for everyone. Please pray for the students that had their lives turned upside down.
- Please pray that our staff will have the energy to persevere through another crazy summer.
- Pray for the families of our full-time staff. Summer can be stretching for spouses and children.

Praises

- Praise God that summer is going to happen this year!
- Praise God that we were able to stay open through this pandemic. God moved in mighty ways.
- Praise God for all those who give so generously to God's work through Expeditions.

Note from the Director

So much of life is about making daily choices. Small choices add up quickly and can play a massive role in the direction of our lives. As believers we need to be constantly choosing to **keep the faith** in whatever circumstance we find ourselves in. Just like we choose to follow Christ and read his word we need to choose to **keep the faith**. In order to keep our cup filled to overflowing we need to choose to **keep the faith**. As we daily strive to put on the armor of God and be strong in the lord and His mighty power we need to **keep the faith**. When we look around us at the wind and the waves in our lives we need to choose to **keep the faith**.

Our prayer this summer is that our staff will strive to: *Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be Strong. (1 Corinthians 16:13)* We've all known people who give in at the first sign of trouble and turn away from the Lord when things get tough. Life will always be full of trials. We have all had opportunities and reasons to give up and walk away from the Lord. Don't let the circumstances of your life shake your faith! Stand firm and keep striving towards the Lord and above all, **KEEP THE FAITH!**

Summer

We are so excited to launch into a summer that looks much more normal than last year! We have a huge number of groups booked and have even had to start a wait list. After a year of isolation, the need for summer camp and the community that it brings is greater than ever. Please be praying for these students who have had so much taken away from them this past year. We are eager to partner with such a large number of churches and offer a place of fellowship, community, teaching, and adventure. We know that things will continue to look different than years before, but we are excited to serve students however we can and do our small part in advancing the Kingdom of God!

Guiding Staff

Conner Grove-Fisher: I have spent this last year working with the Expeditions Compass students and am excited to transition back into guiding! Summer is a whole new kind of crazy and I can't wait to see what happens!

Jill Dahlman: After spending a year leading the Expeditions Compass gap year program I am ready to jump back into guiding. It's been a great year and I am excited to take what I've learned and apply it to our summer ministry!

Ana Arciniega: Summer is always a highlight for me. I can't wait to meet our new staff and begin working with students once again. After a year of COVID I am eager to get things back to normal!

Anna Whitchurch: This will be my second summer guiding trips at Expeditions. I was full time this past year and can't wait to jump back into the business of summer ministry.

Michael Vargas: This will be my fourth summer guiding at Expeditions. During the school year I assist teach at Lake Forest High School, and am in school to be a Special Ed teacher. I love the outdoors, adventure, and meeting new people!

Alex Brannen: I'm from Morris, IL, and I will be entering my senior year at Calvin University studying electrical & computer engineering. This will be my third year guiding at Expeditions. I am so excited to see what God has in store this summer!

CJ Schrock: This fall I will be a junior at Iowa State University, majoring in Mechanical Engineering and Spanish. In my free time you can catch me running, climbing or scheming shenanigans. I'm a huge believer in the mentality that some of the best things you'll do in life happen outside of your comfort zone. Seek discomfort!

Jeff Fillmore: I am stoked to be guiding for my third year! I've been attending Delta College in Midland, Michigan for the last two years and am looking forward to what God has next.

2021 Summer Staff

Interns

Willow Bishop: I'm from Illinois and will be going to school at Ball State University in Muncie, IN starting in the fall. This is my first summer guiding with Expeditions and I can't wait to see what the year brings!

Parker Ferry: I am from Minooka, IL and just graduated from high school. This upcoming fall I will be attending a local junior college to get my associates degree. This is my first summer with Expeditions and I am very excited to see what God has in store for me!

Ben Schrock: I just graduated high-school and will be going to Des Moines Area Community College to study Advanced Manufacturing. I love snowboarding, longboarding, cars, and doing crazy things! I'm excited to a part of Expeditions this summer.

Grace Poortenga: I'm from Grand Rapids, Michigan and graduated high school this past year. I'm planning on going to college next year, and I'm super excited to be able to spend the summer meeting new people and celebrating God's creation!

Allison Bayer: I am from Helena, Montana. I am currently working as a barista and college campus missionary. My heart is to pursue Jesus through His creation and I'm very excited to do that this summer at Expeditions!

Lily Van Wyk: This fall I will be going to Grand Canyon University to major in marketing and minor in Christian studies with an emphasis in youth ministry. This is my first year guiding at Expeditions. I'm super excited to be a part of an amazing team!

Eddie Swilfinger: I hope to live a simple life growing in knowledge, strength, and character. My hopes for the future are that God continues to provide me with opportunities to serve Him. I trust that God will give me good ways to continue to use the experiences I have had for His glory! I am excited to be a part of Expeditions this summer and do just that!

Conner Mifflin: I'm from Kenosha, Wisconsin. Currently I'm going to school to be a Fire Fighter EMT. This is my second year at Expeditions and I'm so excited to get more experience in outdoor ministry. God has given me a passion for the outdoors and working in ministry, and I am so grateful that God has blessed me with the opportunity to work with Expeditions Unlimited.

Rachel Wilkosz: I am a barista/baker for Bella Vita cafe. I enjoy drawing and stories. I hope to create my own graphic novels someday. This will be my second summer as a guide at Expeditions!

Miranda Sharp: This is my third summer at Expeditions and I just recently graduated with a degree in Psychology, Religion, and Spanish. There is nothing I am more excited about than being at Expeditions this summer and seeing what the Lord has prepared for us.

Taya Love: I will be a senior in college this fall studying Nonprofit Leadership with an emphasis in Outdoor Recreation. I am SUPER excited to see God continue to work in BIG ways this summer, changing hearts and fixing our eyes on Him!

Sabrina Tran: Over the years, I have been traveling and sharing my passion for the Lord and for people. I am so giddy to be doing exactly that here at Expeditions. My journey here started as a Sherpa in 2015, returning in 2020 as Sherpa RA and I am looking forward to guiding this summer.

Jake Mayfield: I'm from the Chicagoland area and just completed the Expeditions Compass program. I am super excited for a second summer at EUAC. I enjoy anything outdoors, sports, & serving the Lord.

Micah McFadden: I'm from Minooka, IL and will be going into my junior year at Huntington University in Indiana majoring in Film Production. This will be my second year on staff at Expeditions. I grew up coming here on many youth retreats and love everything about it. I cannot wait to see what God does this summer.

Sherpa Resident Assistants

Kayla Traxler: I live in West Bend attending Moraine Park Technical College for my AAS in graphic design. I grew up here in Baraboo and was blessed to be a Sherpa student in 2016. Passionate about life-on-life ministry, I am excitedly returning to be a Sherpa RA. I am ecstatic to be a humble part of what God does at camp this summer!

Caleb Logan: I attended the Compass gap year program this past year, but this is my first time working at Expeditions. I didn't expect to get a job like this, but I'm looking forward to what God is going to show me through this opportunity.

Sherpa Director

Elaine VanderHart: I spend my time at Expeditions with the Compass gap year students during the year and the Sherpas in the summer! I love the way God uses Expeditions to move students to a place where they want to look to Him!

Kitchen Staff

The Dahlman Family: Some of our family will be returning for another summer as head cooks. We won't be able to be around as much as previous summers, but are excited to be involved as much as possible.

Maintenance/Head Guide

Zach Campbell: Each summer I get a break from working maintenance and serve as a guide. I love the variety of my job and am excited for another summer! I live at the camp with my wife, Kyrsten and our sons Zane and Griffin.

Equipment Manager

Spencer Cone: I manage all the gear and make sure things stay in working order! After our fire last year I have brand new gear to take care of and I am excited about that! I live at camp with my wife Bri and our children Eli and Shiloh.

Dining Hall/Higher Ground

Morgan Strokosch: I have been working and living at Expeditions for the past several years. I cook, manage the dining hall, and take care of Higher Ground. I love the variety of my job and am excited to start getting groups here again!

Chaplin

Kelly Bryant: I work so many jobs at camp that my title changes each season! This summer I will be working maintenance, landscaping, and as a spiritual mentor for the guides and interns.

Fleet Manager

Andrew Nachtigal: I came on full time with Expeditions a couple weeks ago and am excited to use my talents to serve this ministry! I have served as a Sherpa, worked on the maintenance crew, and am excited to join the full time family of Expeditions.

Support Staff

Jaciela Barajas and Brant Wruck: We are both recent graduates of the 2020-2021 Compass program and will be sticking around this summer to serve with the landscaping crew. We are looking forward to working hard to serve this ministry however we can.

Jacob Dahlman: I will be back for another summer of mowing and maintaining camp. I am excited to spend another season serving a place that has been such a huge part of my life!

Executive Administrator

Lynn Higgins: I still do a lot of the behind the scenes work that helps Expeditions function. My roles include managing the kitchen, menu planning, finances, and paperwork. When I'm not serving at Expeditions, one of my favorite things is spending time with my grandchildren.

Associate Director

Steve Voss (Skooba): My wife Erin and I have 4 kids (Isaiah, Grace, Joshua, and Samuel). We love living and serving at camp. While it was nice to have last summer off, we can't wait to get back into the craziness of ministry.

Director

Steve Higgins: My biggest role continues to be visionary for the ministry and heading up the training of the guides. I still enjoy guiding a trip here and there. I have a passion for students, the outdoors, and the Lord. I am excited about the direction God is taking this ministry and for what summer holds for me and all our staff!



Sherpas

We have another great crew of high school students who will be serving alongside us all summer long. We would not be able to operate without their hard work and servant hearts!

Amelia Swenarski

Shelby Schrock

Eliana Hartian

Jacob Burgess

Samuel Baumgartner

Ferdinand Kraus

Jed Hoeg

Staff Update

Once again, we are in the process of turning over some staff members. Although we are excited for the new additions to our Expeditions family, it is always hard to say goodbye to people that we care about.

Lisa Grane – Lisa was a graduate of the Compass Program a few years ago and joined our full time staff the following fall. The past two years she has filled a much needed role of cabin cleaning and group hosting. She is moving back home with her family in Illinois and will pursue different ministry opportunities.

Sabrina Tran – Sabrina is very familiar with Expeditions. She was a Sherpa the summer of 2015 and moved in with Josh and Johanna shortly after that. She worked as the Sherpa RA last summer and will be guiding for us this summer. She will join our full-time staff family this fall and take over Lisa's housekeeping and hosting duties. We are excited to continue having her as part of the family!

Andrew Nachtigal: Andrew worked as a Sherpa for us in 2015 and helped the summer maintenance crew the following year. After that he moved on from Expeditions and started a career as a diesel mechanic. We recently approached Andrew about joining our full time staff as a sort of jack of all trades. He has joined our ranks and will head up the automotive maintenance department as well as assist with construction and landscaping needs. We are excited to have him on board!

Brant Wruck: Brant is a graduate of this years Compass program and will be staying on full time this fall. We have a lot of construction projects in mind and we are excited for the extra hands!

Jake Mayfield: Jake is another graduate of this year's compass program and will be working his second summer for us as a guide. He will be staying on full time in the fall and will be helping with construction projects as well as hosting groups on the weekends.



2021 Work Weekend

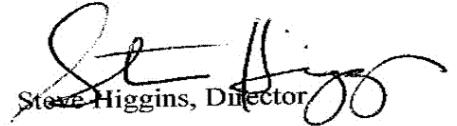
Mark your calendars for September 17-18, 2021. Each year we have a lot of fun and get a ton of work done! Invite your friends and come work with us for a couple of days. Projects are TBD. Please RSVP at info@expeditionsunlimited.com if you plan on attending.

2021 Staff Verse

Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be Courageous.

Be Strong.

-1 Corinthians 16:13



Steve Higgins, Director

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