

*CAMP REPORT • CELEBRATION •  
MESSAGE NOTES • AUGUST 2023*









# *All Good Camps Rise and Fall on Great Leaders!*

*Urban Kids Camp - Big Bear  
Adventure had Great Deans, Camp  
Counselors and Camp Staff*

*What an Incredible Team they all  
were. As they say "Team Work  
Makes the Dream Work!" They all  
showed amazing Tenacity,  
Resilience, Resolve, Problem  
Solving Skills, Patience, Tireless  
Endurance & Faith!*

*I can't tell you how THANKFUL I  
am to all of them and to GOD for  
sending them to Serve!*

*Pastor Garth Gilliam*

Lead Dean/Executive Director  
*Urban Kids Camp Ministries*



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# UKC 2023



***The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust - Psalm 18:2***

**Theme Outline:**

**"AIR • SEA • LAND"**

**GOD Works Through Air, Sea & Land to Help Us, Strengthen Us & Deliver Us**

## **GOAL OF THIS RETREAT:**

**At this Retreat we will worship & study selected passages from Psalm 18 and understand GOD's Mastery Over "AIR, SEA & LAND" and His Promises of Help & Strength to those who call on LORD & keep His Word**



*#1) What Goal, Worry, Need, Fear, Stress, Trouble  
Do you need GOD's Help About? We Invite You to Go  
to the Mountain and Find Answers, Help & Strength*

SESSION #1 • Thurs PM • 7/20  
"CAMPER CARD"  
*Air • Sea • Land*

*"Look to the Hills for the LORD's Help"*

KEY BIBLE TEXTS

1 I will love You, O Lord, my strength. 2 The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust *Ps 18:1-2*

"1 I lift up my eyes to the mountains – where does my help come from? 2 My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven & earth" *Ps 121:1-2*

"I cried out to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy mountain." *Ps 3:4*

● Journal Topic: When you ride the Ski Lift Chair tomorrow at Bear Mountain Resort you can see all of Big Bear Mountain. Journal what feeling of GOD's majesty and power do you think it will give you? Also write down what Goal, Worry, Need, Fear, Stress, Trouble you are seeking GOD's help about while we retreat & worship on this mountain.

● Prayer: Lord, as we gather atop this beautiful mountain and see all that you have created, help us to remember the full magnitude of your power displayed in the air, sea & earth. Bless us with strength and faith only you, "The Lion of Judah, can bestow upon us, and give us peace of mind knowing that no matter how big the challenges we face may seem, you are in total control. Amen.

REMINDER  
TOKENS FOR  
YOUR KEYCHAIN:





*Our Campers Went to Big Bear Mountain to Seek  
GOD! ... and Found Him through his Creation,  
Grandeur, Fellowship, Nature, Friendships & His  
Word!*





*#2) Do u believe that GOD can get u safely to your destination, even when attacked or trapped by life? We Invite You to Go into the Air with our Campers & Discover GOD will mount up on Angel wings to keep you from falling, and will carry & protect you and give you wings to fly like an eagle drone!*

SESSION #2 • Fri AM • 7/20  
"CAMPER CARD"

*Air • Sea • Land*

*"GOD Has Winged Deliverers & Defenders"*

KEY BIBLE TEXTS

"9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down With darkness under His feet.10 And He rode upon a cherub, and flew; He flew upon the wings of the wind ...14 He sent out His arrows and scattered the foe, Lightnings in abundance, and He vanquished them." Ps 18:9-10,14

"Are not all the angels ministering spirits sent out [by God] to serve (accompany, protect) those who will inherit salvation? [Of course they are!]" He 1:14

"Those who trust in(hope in,wait on) the LORD will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles" Is 40:31

● Journal/Discussion Topic: When traveling on an airplane you put your trust in the pilot to get you safely to your destination. God can be seen as the pilot of our lives, however sometimes it can be hard to trust him to get you through the storms of life. Why do you think having this trust in God is hard at times? Also think about times where you have put your trust in God and he has helped you through. How can you take these past experiences and help grow your own faith in Him to be your wings?

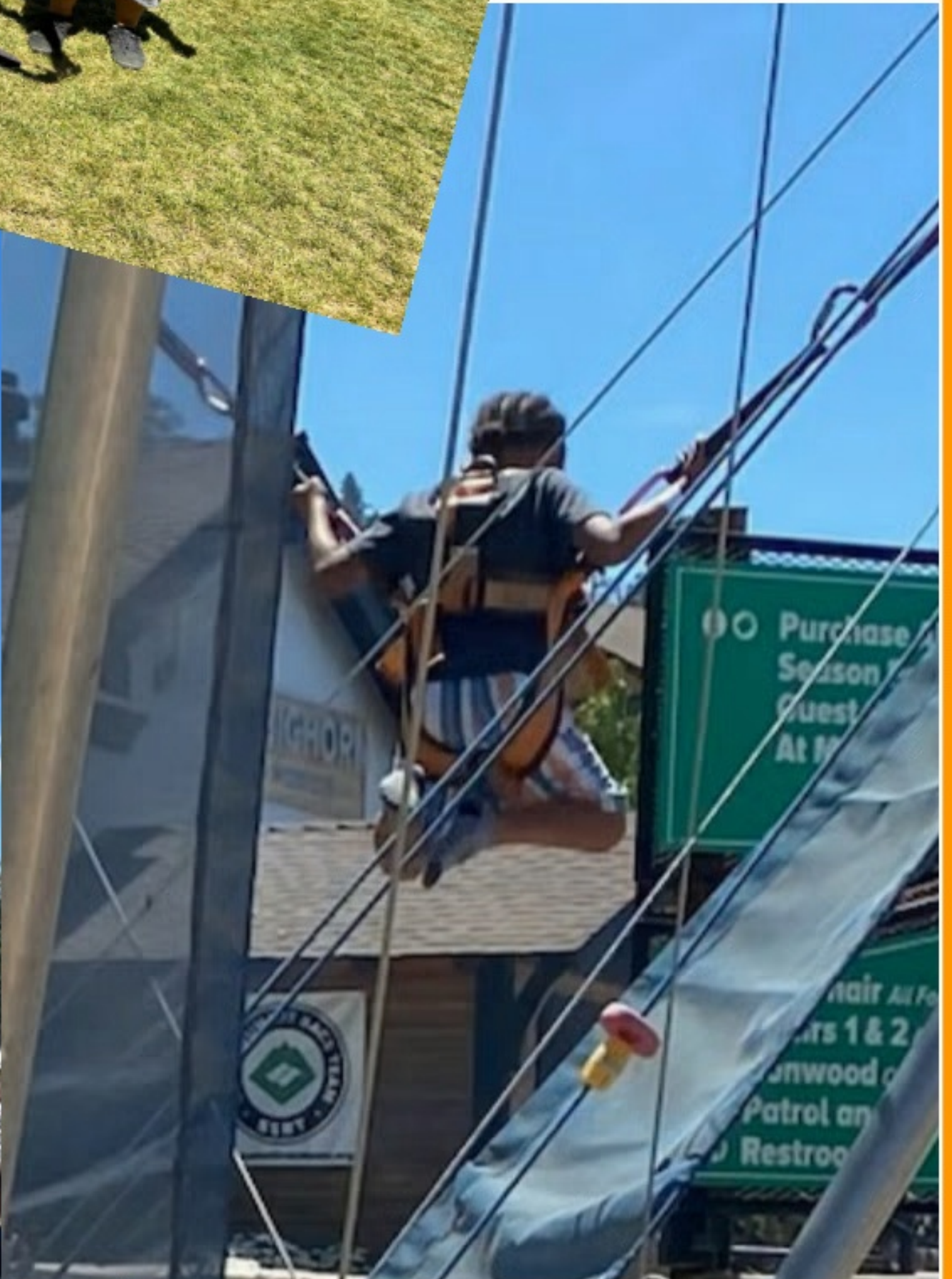
● Prayer: Lord, allow us to lean on you for support and understand we do not have to be the pilot of our lives at all times. Help us to remember that we have You to take the reins when our visibility is low and turbulence appears. Help guide us on our different journeys and allow us to grow in faith, giving us stability and the confidence you will help us arrive at the correct destination on Your timing. Amen.

REMINDER  
TOKENS FOR  
YOUR KEYCHAIN:





*Our Campers Went into the Air in Sky Chairs, Hung in the air while rock climbing by strong ropes, Flew Drones and Trampolined in the air with bungee cords to keep them safe and Discovered that GOD will save us and help us through similar, but greater means than these !*





*#3) Do u know that GOD specializes in bringing us help when life brings us troubles? When we are doing our best to be faithful, regularly worship, always trying to do right & stay devoted to His Word; have confidence that a Divine Deliverer is near & will still the troubled & raging waters of life!*

## SESSION #3 • Fri PM • 7/21 "CAMPER CARD"

*Air • Sea • Land*

*"GOD is A Very Present Help in Trouble"*

### KEY BIBLE TEXTS

" 4 ... the floods of ungodliness made me afraid. ...15 Then the channels of the sea were seen, The foundations of the world were uncovered, At Your rebuke, O Lord ...16 He sent from above, He took me; He drew me out of many waters. 17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, From those who hated me, For they were too strong for me." Ps 18:4,15-17

1 God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. 2 ... we will not fear when ... the mountains crumble into the sea. 3 Let the oceans roar ... waters surge! Ps 46:1-3

"37 But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water ... 39 When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. 40 Then he asked them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" Mk 4:37-40

● Journal/Discussion Topic: Water is vital to life on earth and the ocean is home to many beautiful creatures. However, the deep sea can be one of the most dangerous places when you lose your sense of direction. Who in your life has been that compass for you when you have lost your way amongst the harsh waves life brings? What allowed you to put your trust in them? Think of at least one specific person that may be going the wrong direction in life, who you can be a compass. How can you help point them to put their trust in Christ so that He may lead them thru the seas.

● Prayer: Lord, be an anchor for us to put our stability in when waves get rough and the winds stir. Our faith may waver at times but help us to remain patient and trust that when we reach our hand out of the comfort of our boats, You will be there to lead us so that we have the assurance to walk fearlessly. Amen.

REMINDER TOKENS  
FOR YOUR KEYCHAIN:





*Our Campers took Kayaks into the Big Bear Lake (sea) and Fished in the same water and learned to trust GOD even when your nets are empty and that the LORD is both a life preserver and will give you buoyancy to skim across the troubled waters of life and still find joy!*





*#4) Did u know that GOD can give you spcl strength to out-maneuver, leap over, out last or stand firmly against the enemies of your life? When we journey over and through the land following GOD's will & purpose for our lives, GOD Grace & power will enable us to run through a troop of resistance!*

SESSION #4 • Sat AM • 7/22  
"CAMPER CARD"  
*Air • Sea • Land*

*"GOD Gives Strength For Life Challenges"*

KEY BIBLE TEXTS

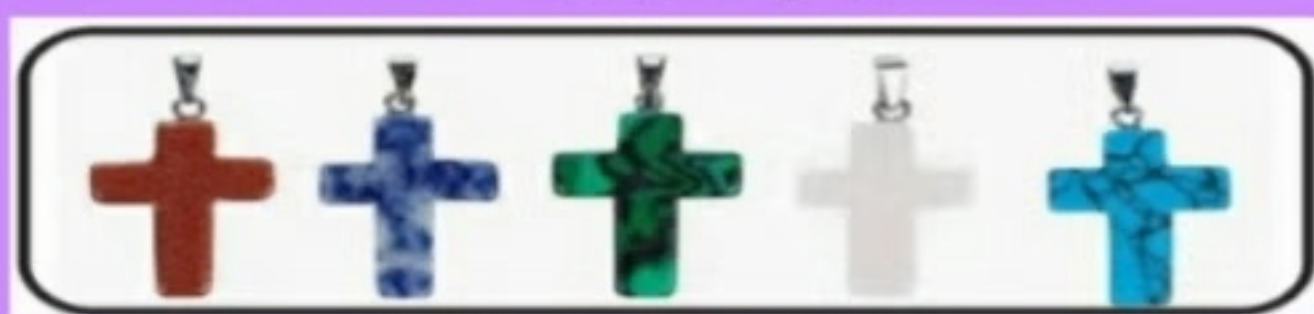
"29 For by You I can run against a troop [or barrier], By my God I can leap over a wall. 30 As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the Lord is proven; He is a shield to all who trust in Him. 31 ... And who is a rock, except our God? 32 It is God who arms me with strength ... 33 He makes my feet like the feet of deer, And sets me on my high places. 34 He teaches my hands to make war, So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze. 35 You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; Your right hand has held me up, Your gentleness has made me great. 36 You enlarged my path under me, So my feet did not slip." Ps 18:29-36

"But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength ... They shall run & not b weary, They shall walk & not faint" Is 40:31

● Journal/Discussion Topic: Our world is filled with uncertainty and conflict. When these aspects of life become overwhelming it is important to have someone or something to lean on, and God is the greatest stronghold to lean upon. God is our Rock, however it can be hard for us to put our faith in something that cannot be seen. For this reason God gave us his word to lean upon as well. Write about a favorite Bible verse you learned at camp that can help you during hard times. Write why it is your favorite and describe the feelings this verse gives you in your heart.

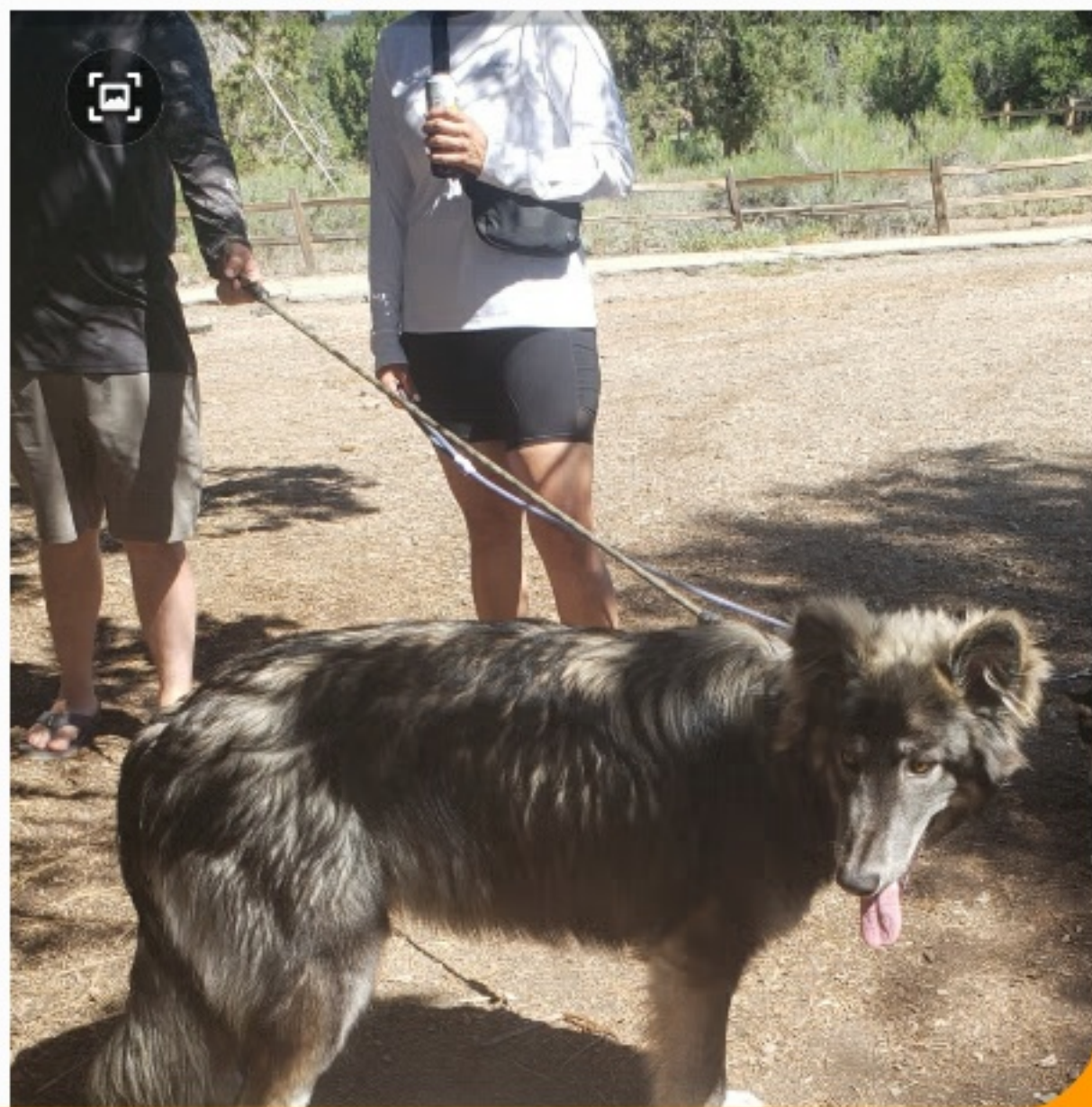
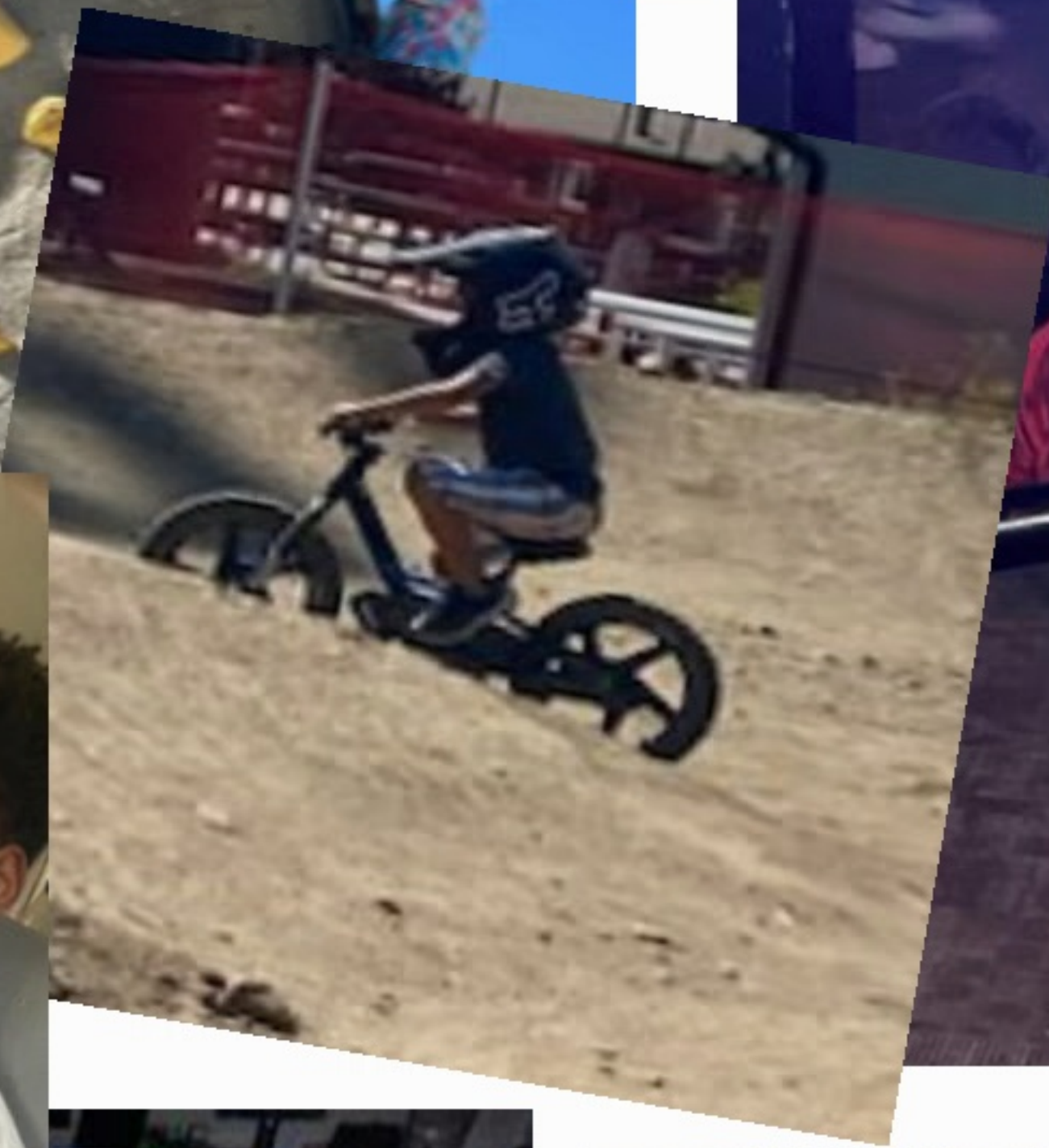
● Prayer: Lord, when our problems seem too cumbersome to bear, weighing us down, be the rock we can lean upon. Give us the strength to let go of our own pride, and admit that we cannot face all of the trials of this world alone. Instead, we give you the power to work in our lives amidst the turmoil we face daily as we trust in your promises of protection and victory. Amen.

REMINDER TOKENS  
FOR YOUR KEYCHAIN:





*Our Campers overcame rock walls, biked over rough terrain, encounter & petted wolves & demonstrated laser tag skills that reminded them that GOD will give strength & skills that will take them over, around, through or even under any obstacle that keeps them from reaching their goals or trusting their GOD is greater than all.*





*#5) King David & Ps. 18 shows us that if we practice mercy, humility, sincerity & eschew strife & trouble making in our lives we can expect GOD to demonstrate His Mastery over All the Elements (Air•Sea•Land) in our lives and help us to be overcomers and lift us above the troubles & enemies of life!*

**KEY BIBLE TEXT**

**Psalm 18:25-27; 46**

25 With the merciful You will show Yourself merciful;  
With a blameless man You will show Yourself blameless;  
26 With the pure You will show Yourself pure;  
And with the devious You will show Yourself shrewd.  
27 For You will save the humble people,  
But will bring down haughty looks...  
46 The Lord lives! Blessed be my Rock!  
Let the God of my salvation be exalted.

**SESSION #5 • Sat PM • 7/22**  
**"C A M P E R C A R D"**  
**SMALL GROUP PRESENTATIONS**  
**Air • Sea • Land**

For our closing session we encourage Each Small Group/Team to create a 5-10 minute Presentation that highlights the key or important things you learned or were strengthened from your camp experience encompassing our theme of GOD working through "Air, Sea & Land" to help us, strengthen us and deliver us.

You can be as creative as you want. Consider using any, all or none of these options for your presentation:

- A Skit, A play, A Musical, A Dance
- A Song or Rap or Hip Hop
- Poetry or Spoken Word
- A Video or Tik Tok or Short Film
- A Podcast, A powerpoint
- Art, Sculpture, Painting
- A Church Service (songs, prayer, message, etc.)
- Or Any Combination of the Above



# UKC Small Groups - The Heart of Camp!

## ***Ocean Explorers***

Andrew Hutchinson  
Nelly Dent  
Alexander Hutchinson  
Donte Murray  
Sofia Dounn  
Yaya Masiya

### **Team Leaders:**

Arthur Hutchinson  
Lyapa Masiya  
Heaven Watson

## ***Nature Navigators***

Ishmiel Brown  
Le'Asia Oneal  
Jermaine Fuentes  
Samantha Galang  
Demarcus Newman  
Angel Galang

### **Team Leaders:**

Guy Reid  
Edgar Cambron  
Janya Griffin

## ***Skyward Adventurers***

Jeremiah Parke-Drum  
Joseph Galang  
Promise Watson  
Vanessa Cobian  
Sarah Miranda  
Abram Springs

### **Team Leaders:**

Howard Dounn  
Jylin Aguirre  
Myangell Moss

## ***Earth Rangers***

Jacob Watson  
Eden Wilson  
Brianna Duncan  
Latai Paongo  
Zyo Cervantes  
Allen Watson

### **Team Leaders:**

Deeanna Duncans  
Micah Porter  
Miracle Coleman

## ***Coastal Crusaders***

Kingston Fitz  
J'Naya Bethea-Settle  
Alyssa Hutchinson  
Mazy Masiya  
Antonio Knight  
Sterling Fields

### **Team Leaders:**

Monica Holmes  
BreeAnna Duncans  
Nehemiah Gilliam

## ***Airborne Voyagers***

Lincoln McGhann  
Vainiaku Paongo  
Sydney Porter  
Amara Small  
Delaney Porter  
Jordyn Griffin

### **Team Leaders:**

Jeffrey Holmes  
Brooklyn Duncans  
RJ Porter



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