

BOISE COUNTY

Mountain Kids Day Camp A Blessing For Idaho City

IDAHO CITY--Mountain Kids Day Camp had another great week of camp this year. You'll no doubt see many kids walking around town proudly displaying their bright green camp t-shirts. There were 77 kids and about 130 volunteers learning about God's love and having lots of fun at Camp Ivydale all last week. Of the 130 volunteers, 64 were counselors, and most of those were local teens who volunteered their time to make a difference in the life of Idaho City kids. Campers are ages 6 - 11, and they were "lavished with love for a week."

supervised woodworking and helped kids make birdhouses and CD cases. Sue MacFarlane led a huge contingent of volunteers who did arts and crafts with the kids. Rhonda Jameson led early morning games; Krista Young led mid-morning games. Kendra and Taylor Lanham helped kids make pots on two pottery wheels - a great experience for the campers! Jeanne Bronson assisted campers by helping them make rope using an antique machine. Jon Long and Gilda Lewis were excellent photographers. Ron Shell and Lonnie McDonough



A BIG thank you to the VFW Post 142 for the new archery equipment! Pictured with campers, Jennifer Alban (Director) & Cyndi Jones (Post 142)

Kuna Church of the Nazarene to both entertain and creatively instruct everyone. The theme was, "Building your Life on God". They performed skits, and included many teen counselors as performers in the skits. One big highlight of the week was the baptism of 13 counselors and campers on the last day; many parents and relatives attended, and the audience was very enthusiastic as they gathered around the swimming pool to watch.

Jennifer Alban, Executive Director of The Isaiah Foundation, the non-profit which runs the camp, said, "I really appreciate the support of the parents and community people who have contributed both their time and financial support to make camp happen. This is a huge team effort, and we do it for God and for our local kids." Jennifer would also appreciate everyone publicizing, attending, and helping out with the fundraising "Closer to Heaven - Tour of Mountain Homes" on Saturday, September 9, 10-4. Business and individual



Fun, energetic and inspiring songs rang out in unison for the parents of the campers on family night. Photos by E. Capson

Campers enjoyed many activities such as archery, pottery, exploring electricity, woodworking, swimming, making sock puppets, and bead creatures. They painted, they glued, they made rope and created wonderful weavings. A new spin art machine made by local resident Floyd Hope was a huge hit with everyone - those pictures turned out beautifully, and each was unique. Krista Young showed the kids how to make gorgeous window clings which look similar to stained glass.

Many local Idaho City area folks helped out as volunteers this year. Local adult counselors included Ray Eklund, Ashley Pecora, Chris Heacock, Teri Jo Adams, Stacey Hofer, and Marilyn Dougherty. Jim Bronson and his grandson, Orrin Axley,



Special thanks to Dead-On Archery for a significant discount.

enthusiastically coached archery, using the brand new beautiful equipment made possible by



Kevin helps campers with making paracord bracelets.

a \$1000 grant from the VFW. Michelle Audette came each afternoon to instruct swimming, and Bob Messer was the pool manager. Local teen, Luke Woods, was our lifeguard. Barbi

Nash was the official "bead lady" along with Anneke Brown. Tara Higgins, Pat Thornton and Vicki Krempa assisted campers with making interesting sock puppets and sock creatures which required some basic sewing techniques. Gayle Strack and Barbara Pittenger helped the campers make beautiful, colorful weavings out of yarn. Cindy Jones and Heather Cooper took charge of spin art and didn't mind being covered in paint! Neva Gardner, Christy Rousset, Vickey White, Carol Jensen, Pamela Dougherty helped kids paint, make mosaics and do quilling. It was certainly a team effort!

The kitchen crew led by Lynn Murdoch, assisted by Ida Heacock and Hailey McDonough made sure the campers had plenty of snacks all week. Kathy Quarles and Candie Ortiz spent hours making most of the delicious food for the Family Dinner Thursday night. Becky Gilbert provided lots of yummy ice cream for treats on Friday.

Lisa Kindelberger and Vanessa Gardner led the fun music each day, which included lots of actions. Mark Veristain answered "God Questions" and assisted with a baptism of 13 people on Friday. Lynn Kuwahara came on Monday to do a booth on Bee Keeping, and all were able to enjoy samples of honey in a honeycomb. Kevin Lorenson and Bonnie Beaubaire helped

the campers make paracord bracelets, which were very popular! Gilda Lewis helped out each day by being one of the Junior Counselor Coordinators, which took lots of hard work and energy. Many parents helped with set up and clean up and provided food for snacks - the whole community came together so our local kids could have a terrific, memorable week of camp free of charge to their parents. All camp staff are volunteers - no one gets paid.

The M K D C Leadership Team is made up of Jennifer Alban, Sandy Messer, Marilyn Eklund and Mindi Grant. They have been meeting regularly since February to plan and organize all the aspects and



A bullseye for Seth!



Damien drips paint onto his spin art project.

details of Mountain Kids Day Camp. The speakers were a team made up of a pastor and lay people who came each day from

allow everyone to attend camp at no charge. If you'd like to help, please contact her at: albanpsych@yahoo.com.

Donations of any amount are always appreciated, as The Isaiah Foundation is funded only by donations and fundraisers. Donations to help fund camp next year can be sent to: The Isaiah Foundation, P.O. Box 777, Idaho City, ID 83631.