

CLARION

FALL/WINTER EDITION 2017

WWW.CEDARS.ORG

DECEMBER 2017



IN OVER YOUR HEAD?

The staff at Covenant Cedars Bible Camp recently had the privilege of attending the Camp and Conference Center Association's (CCCA) National Conference in beautiful Colorado Springs where we had the opportunity to gain a lot of professional knowledge. We were blessed by a message to camp leaders by Dr. Peter Reid, Torchbearers International, as he proclaimed and reminded us, "What is over our heads is under His feet."

As camp leaders, we often tend to feel overwhelmed by the tasks in front of us. Dr. Reid reminded us that the most important thing we have to offer to our position is our walk with Jesus. That means that occasionally we must remove ourselves from the crowd and remain available to the Father 24/7.

At least five times in scripture it tells of Jesus going off by himself to pray, and in one instance it states "as He was in the habit of doing." If Jesus needed that time, how much more do we? Our time in prayer is often a great reminder to us that no matter what the circumstances at hand, God is still on the throne! His Lordship in our life IS ENOUGH! The real question is, "Are we in love with the IDEA of Jesus as the Lord of our life?" or is He truly the LORD OF OUR LIFE?

A few additional quotes from Peter Reid: (for no extra charge)

1. "Discipleship is learning how to be rightly related to Jesus no matter what is happening around us."
2. "God does not show us anything new until our obedience is up to date."

We as camp staff deeply appreciate this time of the year that allows us to not only re-connect with our families, but also refresh and deepen our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as we prepare for a new year of camping ministry. The past year was such a testament of God's faithfulness and we want to express our deep appreciation for each one that partnered with us in carrying out the mission of Covenant Cedars Bible Camp. We firmly believe that God has His purposes here, we simply have an assignment to be obedient to carry out those purposes. We pray God's richest blessings to each of you!

-Daniel Buhr | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Derek Laffoon and Jessica Drogowski are the new Co-Directors of Resonate.

RESONATE WELCOMES NEW DIRECTORS

Please join us in welcoming Derek Laffoon and Jessica Drogowski to Covenant Cedars Bible Camp. Derek and Jessica have joined the Cedars team as the new co-directors of the Resonate Discipleship Experience and they are excited to be preparing for our next year of Resonate (which will begin the fall of 2018!).

Derek and Jessica met at Covenant Heights Camp in Colorado, where they previously served on staff, and are planning their wedding for 2018. After attending a discipleship program as a student himself, Derek served in several roles that allowed

him to oversee and pour into youth and young adults' development. Upon completing her undergraduate degree, Jessica began serving in camping ministry in a year-round capacity; through these positions she has increased her aptitude working with and her heart for teens and twenty-somethings. Derek and Jessica each have a passion for mentoring and discipling young adults (especially in the camp setting) and they consider it a privilege to partner with students who are seeking to become independent individuals, find direction for their lives and mission, and, most importantly,

grow in Christ. Derek and Jessica will also serve the summer staff in the area of spiritual direction. They will plan and lead summer staff bible studies, worship times, and provide encouragement to the summer staff.

Derek and Jessica both enjoy traveling, playing nerdy board games, training their dog, and drinking a great cup of chai tea. To contact Derek and Jessica, please email resonate@cedars.org; they would be delighted to hear from you or anyone you know who is interested in Resonate!

NEW DIRECTOR OF MINISTRIES

Braden and his wife Heidi came to CCBC from Michigan. They have been married for over 20 years and first met when they were introduced by a friend who knew they both loved summer camps. They have three sons Garreth, Marcus, and Jacob. The Wachtel family loves the outdoors and they all enjoy camping, kayaking, and hanging hammocks in new places.

Braden has been preparing for camping ministry all his life. He has always been involved with outdoor recreation in some way and loves sharing the message of God's love with children in an environment that showcases God's amazing handiwork. He gained experience at multiple summer camps, youth organizations, and youth ministries. He loves teaching new camp skills to children and seeing the ways that

camp can positively impact a child's life especially when it brings them closer to Jesus.

After working at a special education school for 14 years, Braden returned to school in 2013 and earned a BA in Christian Ministry Leadership from Spring Arbor University and a Masters in Christian Camp Administration from Grace College and Theological Seminary.

As Director of Ministries, Braden has been focusing his time on preparing for next summer's youth camp, updating the Outdoor Education program, and learning about the daily operation of Covenant Cedars. He is really excited for the 2018 Summer Youth Camp theme: UNDER PRESSURE. To contact Braden, you can email him at braden@cedars.org.



Braden Wachtel | DIRECTOR OF MINISTRIES



HIRING FOR SUMMER OF 2018

Covenant Cedars Bible Camp is now hiring Summer staff for 2018. Summer staff at CCBC is a summer of serving God by serving our guest. Summer starts in May with staff training and ends the first week in August. Summer staff serve in a variety of roles from washing dishes to leading games. These summer positions are currently available for applicants: lifeguard, tower facilitator, housekeeping, kitchen worker, and program team member. We prefer applicants to be at least high school graduates. If you are interested in applying, go to cedars.org to fill out an application.

Covenant Cedars is also in need of volunteer counselors for the summer of 2018. As a volunteer, you have the opportunity to help create an environment where campers can come quiet down, hear God speak, and make life changing decisions. Volunteer counselors must be 15 years of age to be a counselor for our youngest age group. If you would be interested in volunteering anywhere at camp, go to cedars.org and start the application process. Please contact us with any questions about being a CCBC staff member or volunteer. 402-757-3241 | info@cedars.org.



2018 SUMMER CAMP UNDER PRESSURE



We are pressured EVERY DAY. Pressured to look a certain way, to act a certain way, and even to believe a certain way. Music, movies, television, peers, school, and social media influence each of us on a daily basis. This leaves us questioning, “How does being UNDER PRESSURE affect our relationship with Jesus?”

UNDER PRESSURE is not the way to live. Our relationship with Jesus can be the greatest tool to relieve the pressure that we feel every day. His power and love give us the strength to fight back against negative influences and pressures that strive to draw us away from Him.



This summer, we’ll learn about how we can live for Jesus while addressing the influences and pressures of this world. We’ll discover what it really means to be a Christian even when surrounded by people and things that tell us to ignore Jesus and live for ourselves. Let’s push back against the daily pressures, break free from the influences of the world, and strengthen our relationship with Jesus!

Prepare yourself for Summer 2018:
UNDER PRESSURE!

2018 SUMMER CAMP DATES:

Pathfinder.....	June 16-17
Sr. High.....	June 17-22
Jr. High	June 24-29
Explorer	July 1-6
Trailblazer.....	July 8-11
Last Chance	August 6-8

Registration is now open online at cedars.org!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
FROM ALL OF US AT
COVENANT CEDARS
BIBLE CAMP!**