



WHY WE NEED CAMP PADDY RUN... LETTERS OF FAITHFUL WITNESS

Camp Paddy Run is a safe place. Since the very first day of going, I knew it would be like my second home and it has been. So many good things come out of camp. The number one good thing and the best one is, I excepted The Lord as my savior. Ever since then my life has changed. Yes, I still have many daily struggles, but I always know I have another family waiting for me. Shout out to leaders though- They are amazing!! The things they do for each and everyone of the kids that go to camp is amazing. They bring everyone closer to The Lord with the many activities and songs they do.

If I didn't have camp to look forward to, I don't know where I would be today. My life is a difficult point and when I think of camp I know things will be better. From the 'warm fuzzies', to the retreats we do yearly, Camp Paddy Run is just a safe place for everyone. Ask any of the 'oldies'- we will tell you that it's amazing and all the counselors that make it happen are a true gift from God!

Leigha



Camp Paddy Run means the world to me. I started going to Paddy Run in 2009 and i haven't missed a single camp event ever since! Camp is a great place for all ages. Whether you are a young child, or even an elder, there is no doubt that you will enjoy Camp Paddy Run. At camp we don't just have fun, but we grow so much closer to the Lord. I have seen so many people come to Christ at CPR. Camp has also helped me grow so much closer to God. I love the Camp to death. My most memorable moments in my life are at that camp. The people at camp are not friends- they are family. There is nothing that I would not do for CPR. I love it so much.

Dean





Camp Paddy Run is more than just a great christian camp. I wish it was more than just one week out of the month of June because there is so many great sights to see and experiences to have with all the many children and adults who attend camp. We all learn from each other through teaching and fun and games. These people are my family and that's why camp should always be what it is. I grew up going to camp and have had so many great memories.

Allen



Camp Paddy Run means more to me than anything else. I have grown up with this camp being a huge part of me since I was born. No matter what is going on in my life, when I come to camp I feel relaxed and at peace. It is the most beautiful, life-touching place anyone could ever experience.

I have made life time friends from this camp that I will never forget. Without them i wouldn't be the person I am today. My mom, Lori, and Amy have been the best counselors we could have asked for. This place has made my walk with the Lord a fun and exciting experience. Some of the most memorable moments I have regarding my walk with the Lord have taken place at Camp Paddy Run. I know for a fact, without this place my faith would be no where near as strong as it is today.

Addy



For me, Camp Paddy Run's beauty has helped me grow in the Lord. I never get tired of seeing all the amazing scenery: the calm, peaceful Paddy's Run, the wide open field, the perfectly tall trees, and those spectacular mountains that surround the gorgeous area. You can just feel all of the trees and mountains standing high and praising our infinitely awesome God. Whenever I'm at Paddy Run, God's huge creation that I'm privileged to see always reminds me of the Lord's great love for me. Camp Paddy Run and its breath-taking scenery will always be in my heart and memories.

Jason



I have been a youth director for some time now, and several years ago, my good friend Lori Orndorff shared very excitedly her work as an outdoor ministries leader with young people. She convinced me whole heartedly that I needed to schedule a weekend retreat with my youth. Our first retreat weekend was FILLED with youth directed activities to grow the faith of young people. In fact, I came away from that first experience not knowing how to adequately describe what it feels like to witness young people actively engage in their faith for the purpose of claiming Christ for themselves and their world around them.

To me, we adult leaders have just a short time to cause faith to stick to our young people, before they are off on their own; experiencing life without the safe haven of retreats, church, and comfortable homes. I consider it to be a responsibility to do all I can to make the idea of "sticky faith" a reality. We have not missed a single year of Camp Paddy Run since we discovered it. I brought about 8 youth my first trip three years ago and our recent weekend retreat saw 18 youth attend. That is growth in the Kingdom of God, so when I consider 'Why we need Camp Paddy Run' I look to growing God's Kingdom, as our reason to keep offering this ministry. Camp Paddy Run and the leaders of this outdoor ministry (Amy Tubbs, and Lori Orndorff) are a blessing. We do not leave a weekend retreat without hearts full of joy, and without a growing appreciation of God's beautiful Creation.

Tianna



Camp Paddy Run for me is a home away from home and in some ways I've grown up there. I've gone there all through grade school and I have been fortunate to keep coming back as a counselor. Being the co-leader of recreation time at the Parish Day Camp as helped me to come out of my shell and grow into a better person.

John





Is there a better newsletter than one that contains LETTERS proclaiming God's good NEWS?! (I just love a fun play on words!)

But in all seriousness, as we celebrate our 50th year of Camp Paddy Run, it's not the past we should focus on— but the here and now. We make the mistake of thinking our young ones are the *future* of God's church. But they are also the present! Everyday I am encouraged by these young adults— who I've watched grow up here at Paddy Run— and become active witnesses to their faith and lead their peers on a walk with the Lord.

Thanks for reading!

From the first minute I entered the gate of Camp Paddy Run in 1995 to present day, I've been astonished how 350+ acres of God's land changed my life.

When I pulled into the camp for the first time the summer of 1995 the first person I saw was the maintenance man (James Orndorff) mowing the field. I married that man and we now have a beautiful 16 yr old daughter. I then met Amy Tubbs, who has been a life-long, true friend for almost 19 years. But personal reasons aside. Camp Paddy Run is the reason I now walk with the Lord. I'm a follower of Jesus!

I've been blessed to now manage the camp with Amy and in doing so have come to have some of the most spiritual moments of my life. I came to understand that being a 'fan' of God and a 'follower' of God are two separate things. I have met so many people (adults and kids) at the camp that have filled my heart to the brim with love, God's love! So many times I have people ask "You run this camp and you don't get paid?" My answers is always the same. I get paid in blessings. I get paid when a young person comes through those gates and when they are leaving tell me, "I didn't really believe in this 'God stuff', but coming here makes me want to know more." Or when a parent who has lost a child finds out their child accepted Christ at Camp Paddy Run and comes to us to learn more about God. Or simply sitting in the field on my camp chair and watching the kids laugh and play and then sit around and talk about how much they love each other and are so happy they can all walk with the Lord together. That is my paycheck!

Camp Paddy Run is not the most modern of camps. Camp Paddy Run is not the newest of camps. But at Camp Paddy Run, you will come and find something that you will not find at other camps, you will find FAMILY! A family that loves you, loves the Lord Jesus Christ, and loves to laugh, play games, and sing our praises! Camp Paddy Run is blessed and we are blessed to have this beautiful land that God created!