



Dear Friends of Camp Whitman,

This past summer **we welcomed 249 campers** to Camp Whitman. Many of our camp families have limited financial resources and receive scholarships from their home churches, but for some families a direct scholarship from Camp Whitman is their only opportunity for support.

This year we accepted each and every request for financial assistance that we received. These are families in sincere need of assistance and campers who benefit greatly from the loving and supportive community at Camp Whitman. Asking for support is never easy for a family. At Camp Whitman we seek to honor these requests as fully and compassionately as possible.

Below are just a few of the requests that we received this year, that we were compelled to support and that we believe you will as well.

"I am living below the poverty level and am a single mom with two children and do not receive any child support..."

"We have never requested any funding, this year her grandmother and great grandmother both had brain aneurysms, one passed and we covered all funeral expenses and we paid for the medicals of the other. Then, last November her father lost his job...."

"This student could really benefit from your summer camp, a very kind & thoughtful young man. He comes from a family who could not financially send him to camp. He is at risk in so many ways both socially & economically that I fear for what his future might be. A positive, time away might just be the thing that shows him how life can be if you truly work hard and want something bad enough. If there is any way to send him to camp with a scholarship would you please let me know...."

19 campers received assistance from Camp Whitman this past summer, for a **total of \$2,430**. Without the assistance of our generous donors to the campership fund, these campers would not have had the opportunity to attend camp. Please consider a gift to the **Camp Whitman Campership Fund** during this giving season to help ensure that any family, regardless of financial ability can allow their child a summer camp experience.

Sincerely,

Lea Kone, Camp Director

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