



This summer was a successful summer of ministry overall. We had 1186 kids for summer camp and 76 dedicated their lives to Christ. One of the biggest blessings to me this summer was having a 1st year student, Elizabeth, working part time with me in the office. Her help and friendship was a huge encouragement this summer and I very much enjoyed having someone to work with me and take off some of the workload involved in my job during summer camp. This summer was probably the most challenging I've had here as well. usually, during summer camp, I find myself filled with energy, enthusiasm, and joy in serving that carries me through the season. This summer however, was HARD, none of these things came naturally and I was reminded that life is not about me, but about the Lord. Service should not be offered only when you feel like it, but also, maybe especially, when you don't. He was so gracious in reminding me consistently of his grace and love and that I am here to serve him, not just the people around me. Despite the difficulties that this summer contained for me personally, I have been reminded of God's perfect plan and timing and have been learning to be grateful for the opportunities afforded me to grow closer to him.

Our 2023-24 school year graduated mid August and the graduated students have been settling in in their new jobs, homes, or circumstances. 8 students stayed on as 2nd years and 18 1st years arrived this past Friday. I am looking forward to getting to know them and seeing the Lord challenge and grow them this year. I pray that the Lord will use me to push them closer to him and help me to have a genuine care and love for each of them. I am advising with the Chundrleks again this year and we have 2 girls, a 1st and a 2nd year in our advisor group.

Continue to keep the Ranch in your prayers, that we will have a successful retreat season and school year and for me, that the Lord will continue to draw me closer to him and guide my steps to be as effective in ministry as possible.

God Bless,

Caitrin Allen



Me, Elizabeth, and one of the staff kids in our summer registration dresses



My 2023-24 Advisor group at Grad