



Fall 2017



Who Owns Camp Copass?

By - Brad Springer, Camp Manager

As the manager of Camp Copass, this is probably the most popular question I am asked.

In answer to the question, the simple reply is YOU DO! By being part of a Southern Baptist Church in good standing with either the Denton, Cooke, Palo Pinto, or Harvest Baptist Association, then you have part ownership in the camp!

For over 70 years, Camp Copass has been governed by a Board of Directors of approximately 24 people. The board is comprised of 12 members from our 4 supporting associations: Denton, Cooke, Palo Pinto, and Harvest. Each association elects 3 members to serve on the board for a 3 year term. The Executive Director of each association is on the board as well as some members who are voted on by the board and serve in an At-Large capacity. Ours is a policy making board and the staff is in charge of implementing their decisions during the day-to-day operations of the camp.



God At Work In 2017

SALVATIONS	375
REDEDICATIONS	111
CALL TO MISSIONS	24
QUESTIONS	56
TOTAL DECISIONS	566

The 2017 Board of Directors for Camp Copass is listed below:

Ronnie Conyers – President
Cooke Association

David Lee – Vice President
Palo Pinto Association

Ferel Gage – Executive Director of Palo Pinto Association

Gerry Lewis – Executive Director of Harvest Baptist Association

Morgan Malone – Executive Director of Denton Baptist Association

Gary Demmitt – Harvest Association

Therol DuBois – Harvest Association

Lela Goen – Palo Pinto Association

Eddie Gray – Palo Pinto Association

Brian Holt – Denton Association

Glen Kersey – Cooke Association

David Smith – Denton Association

Becky Winn – Harvest Association

Lanita Angel-Morris – At-Large

Mark Chew – At-Large

Bob Hagemann – At-Large

Sonny Snow – At-Large

Brad Springer – Camp Manager

Please pray for our Board of Directors and for each of us at Camp Copass as we represent YOU, the owners of Camp Copass!

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The Camp Store

By - Angela Smith

On Independence Day 2017 we welcomed many guests to Camp Copass as we officially dedicated our new Camp Store as a place that exists for the work of The Lord.

Everything we do at Camp Copass is for His glory and the Camp Store is a continuation of that mission.

Thank you to our generous group of Camp Store volunteers who served so faithfully for many weeks: Sharon Murphy, Bonnie Wiggs, Debbie Leslie, Mary Tickner, Becky Knight, Renee Deaton, Paula House and Susan McClanahan alongside our camp store associate, Katie Rogers and camp store manager, Angie Smith.

A constant flow of energetic young people walked into our store this summer. They kept us laughing. One young preteen exclaimed, "I want to spend all of my money now!" They enjoyed shopping for gifts for their loved ones and themselves. They

found refreshment in our ice cream, drinks and snacks. We were witness to The Lord moving in the hearts of children learning how to tithe. Some younger campers asked for help calculating how much to give to missions, others shared their money with their friends and many helped other campers who were in need.

It was a joy to hear adults express gratefulness for the many convenience items which made their stay at camp smoother. Counselors enjoyed having a place to go for a moment to take a short break. They thanked us for the thrill of the large selection of gift items we have been able to offer with the added space.

It was an incredible summer. We are humbled at the way The Lord has blessed our camp with the Camp Store and the success it brought for summer 2017.

God is Not Finished with You Yet

By - Susan Conyers

Four weeks at Camp Copass in July has often made me feel like I might be ready for something a little easier, but I wouldn't have it any other way. Camp Copass is truly my favorite place on earth!

Volunteering every summer to help make camp happen gives me the fuel I need to make it through the next school year.

Plus, it helps me keep a promise I made to God at a GA camp forty-something years ago. While I became

a pastor's wife and a teacher, I am sure that I had no idea that the "special service" I surrendered for might also be counting t-shirts and lanyards for 800 pre-teens. These kids make me laugh, cry and praise God that I get the privilege to see Him working in their lives.

I get hot, tired and sometimes I have to go to the room and take a nap, but I never want to retire from serving God. God can use every one of us if we are open and available. He's still working on me and I never want Him to be finished with me! I can't wait until next summer!



Special Offering

For the last four years we have been sharing with our campers about our mission to Guatemala, and our desire to share the camping ministry that we do here with the children of Rio Dolce. The campers have been so interested in every detail. They cheer during the videos that we bring back each year to show the progress that their donations have helped make. Brad loves to call them all “senders”.

All the campers who have given money to this mission are absolutely senders in Jesus’ name. So let us share a great story with you... we had

a donor that offered to match every donation that was made by campers during the month of July this summer... see below the amazing response that was given. Every dollar will go towards Mission Guatamala 2018.

TREK I	\$832.76 x 2
TREK II	\$963.47 x 2
TREKIII	\$636.23 x 2
YOUTH	\$717.75 x 2
GA/RA	\$361.50
Camp Store Jug	\$686.00
Patio Café Jug	\$92.26
Total Raised	\$7,440.18

Summer Staff

Camp Copass has been blessed with another successful summer!

This year we hired 36 college students from all over North Texas to help make it happen. We also brought on Eric Stone, the son of missionaries that we partner with at our own Camp Rio Dulce in Guatemala. He worked hard beside our other staffers, doing a great job and getting a chance to learn how we do camp here at Camp Copass.

The summer staff served three meals a day for up to 900 campers. They cleaned the Dining Hall between meals, cleaned the dormitories every

Monday and Friday, and cleaned up the grounds every day. That’s a lot of cleaning! They were also responsible for facilitating the ropes course, our brand new Bazooka Ball course, and lifeguarding at the pool and canoes.

The 2017 staff was a close-knit group, working long hours in the Texas heat to make camp fun for the thousands of campers that came to this blessed property. Most importantly, their hard work helped to create an environment in which the still small voice of the Holy Spirit could be heard and allowed to move mightily in the lives of our guests. Thank you, 2017 Summer Staff for a great summer!



Camp Compass



Summer 2017



What a Rollercoaster...

By - Carla Besco

Seems like every year at this time, there is a sense of melancholy that engulfs all of us here at Camp Copass.

We are wrapping up another amazing summer that was full of so many different emotions. As we look back at our crazy fun-filled summer, our emotions were just like being on a rollercoaster! Hang on and let us take you on some of our ride.

First, you are in the starting gate loading up the camp for the first arrival! There is such a feeling of **elation** and **excitement** for everyone involved. New summer staff have arrived and old full time staff are so ready to get it going! The summer camp Rollercoaster kicks into gear and off we go!

As you climb that first hill, you are filled with such energy and stamina that you think there is nothing that can get you... oh wait, here we go down our first hill... arms still up in the air full of **excitement**... that feeling of **happiness**...

"Look what these sweet campers bring to camp, look at the numbers of campers who have found the Lord, the number of campers who have made new friends, the number of campers who have been away from home for the first time... the number of campers who have met their first love ☺ It literally makes you smile just thinking about what is going on around you.

Now fast forward a month and we are climbing our last hill of the summer... there it is, that feeling of "I think I can, I think I can!" **Tired!!** You want to give this week all of your excitement and stamina, super delicious food, dynamite worship and preaching, fun activities they will always remember, just like you have given all of the other weeks... you actually become the little engine that could. This is where we begin to really see what God can do... He works miracles through all of us, and we get a little weepy with our thoughts... then it is

Friday and you are waving another load of tired happy campers out the gate.

The last downhill loop around to the gate is in sight... there it is, the **BIG SIGH of relief!** That's the truth folks – it is a big sigh of relief that says we made it through another summer. Let's just look at a few statistics so you can get an idea of where that sigh comes from...

- Serving 15,022 fish sticks
- Cutting up 1170 watermelons and 450 cantaloupes
- Making 1000+ gallons of sweet tea
- Dispensing so many rolls of toilet paper, paper towels and bags of soap (too many to count)
- Hosting 4 different fireworks shows
- Painting more than 1000 faces and doing 1000 crazy hair-dos
- Changing air filters every other a week for every building (32 in the Dining Hall alone!)
- 3000 whistles blown at the pool
- Countless knuckles bandaged from GAGA ball (campers call them war wounds)
- Over 1000 beads used to make bracelets with an Anchor to remember our Theme (Hebrews 6:19)

As we pull into the unloading gate, here come the emotions of **sadness** and **thanksgiving!** We are so sad that it is coming to an end... but beyond thankful that we got to spend our summer watching over 5000 campers come through our gates, hearing the gospel presented by 12 different camp pastors, singing praises with 9 different worship bands and witnessing the amazing power of our Lord and Savior!

What an awesome God we serve! He turns our sadness in JOY! So now on to planning for next year... let our favorite rollercoaster ride begin. ☺

Camp Copass Summer 2018

"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made" Psalms 139:14

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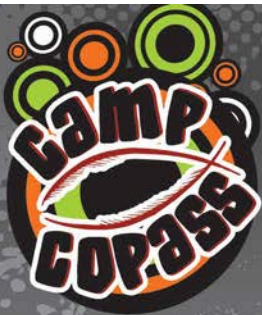
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2018 Dates

Keenage Kamp	April 30-May 2
GA/RA Week	June 11-15
Youth Week	July 2-6
TREK I	July 9-13
TREK II	July 16-20
TREK III	July 23-27
Mini Camp I	July 13-14
Mini Camp II	July 27-28
Trendsettaz	August 4-8
Senior Adult Day	October 2

To plan a weekend retreat for your ministry group in 2018, contact toni@campcopass.com.





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Brad's Corner



We have just finished Summer Camp 2017! Like every summer, we had our share of challenges, but God is the great Victor! He made a way through every struggle, every obstacle, and every situation that came our way. One obstacle we had was a 3 hour power outage one morning when we had 800+ people on the campgrounds. It's those times when we are thankful to live close to Denton. We were able to buy 1800 hot dogs for grilling, 900 bottles of water, chips and cookies just in time for lunch to begin (and of course that's when the power was restored.)

The greatest joy we have at Camp Copass is watching young people start their walk with Jesus! We witnessed hundreds give their lives to Christ and many who made a recommitment to the Lord. There were those who left without making a decision for Christ, but the seed has been planted. We are praying that the Lord will continue working in their lives.

We are already in the planning stages for Summer Camp 2018!

Brad

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