

# SERVANT BUILDERS

@ HORN CREEK FAMILY CAMP



**SERVANT BUILDERS** is a new opportunity for Horn Creek campers aimed at giving a limited number of families the chance to learn and grow in the area of Christian servanthood by participating directly in the hospitality and service aspects of our ministry while they are here for their week of camp.

Simply put, Horn Creek exists to point people to Christ. Our family camps are carefully crafted to this end, with rich worship, challenging teaching, lots of free time, and virtually limitless options to play, all in the majesty of our Rocky Mountain setting. In addition to our teaching, worship leadership, and other obvious ministry functions, we also do laundry, wash dishes, make beds, vacuum floors and more for the sake of the Gospel. All of these things come together to create the special atmosphere that is the Horn Creek Experience. **It's all ministry, and we invite you to join us!**

*If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him. – John 12.26*

One of the unique things about our camps is the incredible atmosphere of community. First time campers often come as 'strangers,' not knowing many, if any, of the other people in their camp. But this doesn't last long as the Horn Creek community, staff and campers alike, especially delight in serving and connecting with those who will quickly become new friends. And one of the beautiful mysteries of servanthood is that when we follow Jesus' example in serving others, we also serve Him.

*I was a stranger and you welcomed me. – Matthew 25.35*

**The following passages relate to our camp theme and the value of biblical hospitality. Please take some time to look through these passages, consider the questions that follow and discuss as a family in preparation for your Servant Builder experience...**

## **Matthew 7.7-11**

7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. 9 Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? 11 If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

*We want to provide an environment for our campers that allows them to focus on the Lord and what He might have from them. How does our service and hospitality (meals, housekeeping, grounds, landscaping, maintenance, etc.) help to create such an environment?*

*How do the results of our work make an impact beyond just the particular week at Horn Creek that we are serving?*

## **Hebrews 13.1-2**

1 Let brotherly love continue. 2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

*Are some people easier to serve than others? Why?*

*Is it easier for you to serve a stranger, or someone you know well?*

## Matthew 25.40

40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

*Take a Bible and read all the way through Matt. 25.31-40. Did those who were identified as serving and ministering to Jesus know that they were? What was motivating them to serve?*

## 1 Peter 4.9-11

9 Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: 11 whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

*It takes many different gifts and skills to pull off a great camp experience. That's the way it is in ministry. What ways has God gifted you uniquely to serve Him and others? How might that gift be used at Horn Creek?*

## Romans 12

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a **living sacrifice**, holy and acceptable to God, which is your **spiritual worship**. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if **prophecy**, in proportion to our faith; 7 if service, in our **servicing**; the one who teaches, in his **teaching**; 8 the one who exhorts, in his **exhortation**; the one who **contributes**, in generosity; the one who **leads**, with zeal; the one who does **acts of mercy**, with cheerfulness.

9 Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. 10 **Love one another** with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. 11 Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, **serve** the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, **be constant in prayer**. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show **hospitality**.

14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. 17 Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. 18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." 20 To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

*What does it mean to be a living sacrifice?*

*In this passage, the Apostle Paul describes a way of living and working together that sounds heavenly! What would it be like if we were all able to live like this all the time?*

## Philippians 2.1-18

1 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, 2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility **count others more significant than yourselves.** 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also **to the interests of others.** 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but made himself nothing, **taking the form of a servant**, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for **it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.**

14 **Do all things without grumbling or questioning,** 15 that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom **you shine as lights in the world,** 16 holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. 17 Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. 18 Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

*It's hard sometimes to work hard and serve without complaining. What makes you more likely to grumble about what you are doing? What helps you to serve with a joyful heart?*

## Colossians 3.23

23 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,

**THE TIME OF BUSINESS DOES NOT WITH ME DIFFER FROM THE TIME OF PRAYER, AND IN THE NOISE AND CLATTER OF MY KITCHEN, WHILE SEVERAL PERSONS ARE AT THE SAME TIME CALLING FOR DIFFERENT THINGS, I POSSESS GOD IN AS GREAT TRANQUILITY AS IF I WERE UPON MY KNEES AT THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.**

*Brother Lawrence*