




mountain friends camp

Annual Report 2013



“I want to be strong and fit and wise, and I want to learn these qualities while living them”

**Summer #4
18 New Campers
6 CITs
50 Camper Weeks
15 Staff
36 donors**

“MFC is an incredible place and I have learned so many things. How could anybody miss out on that?”

Dear Mountain Friends Camp Community, Our fourth summer marked several big milestones. It was our second year at Timberline Trails in Tincup, Colorado, and our first chance to repeat a year at the same location. Our four “founding campers” continued to forge new trails as counselors in training (CIT)—one returning for her second year—and one of our CITs from 2010 returned as adult staff. But even more exciting than our “home grown leaders” was our cohort of 18 new campers. This is our largest growth yet, and with an average age of eleven we hope they’ll return for many more years at Mountain Friends Camp. I was impressed by how our CITs and staff supported each camper and each other, and by the strong camp values of inclusion and friendship that quickly brought new members into our community. Mountain Friends Camp wouldn’t exist without help from our wide circle of friends and supporters. Thank you to Intermountain Yearly Meeting, and to all the people and Quaker Meetings who believe in our vision and give generously to our future.

Yours in Friendship, *Anastacia Easterling, Director*





Our Summer Staff joined us from 8 states, 9 Quaker Meetings and 2 Friends Schools. We appreciated their hard work and dedicated service. From leading campfire songs to helping campers clean bathrooms, in raucous all-camp games and quiet worship sharing, whether in the kitchen or on the trail, our staff work together for the good of each camper. View our 2013 staff introductions at MountainFriendsCamp.org!

New Staff

Lewis Bailey
Kathy French
Katie Hoffman
Dominic Ireland
Emma Jonte
Liadh Reilly
Gretchen Reinhardt

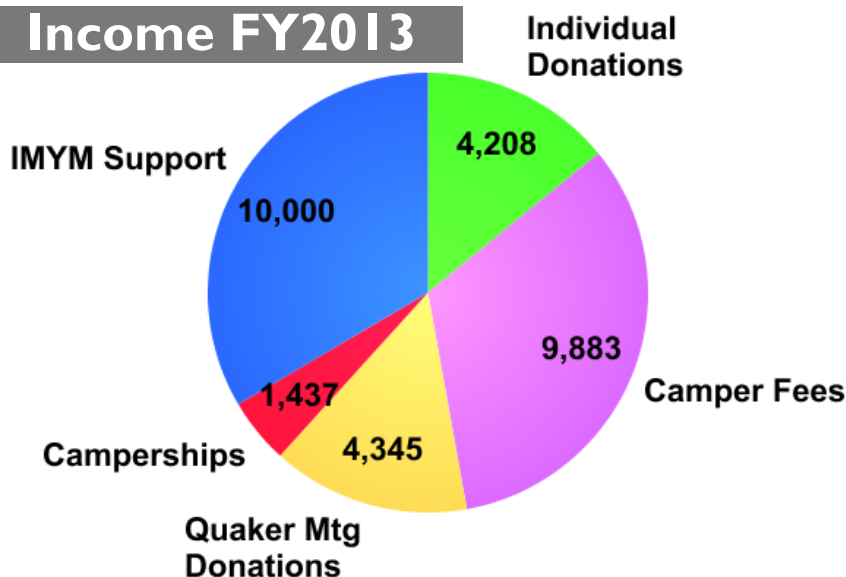
Dave Wells

Returning Staff

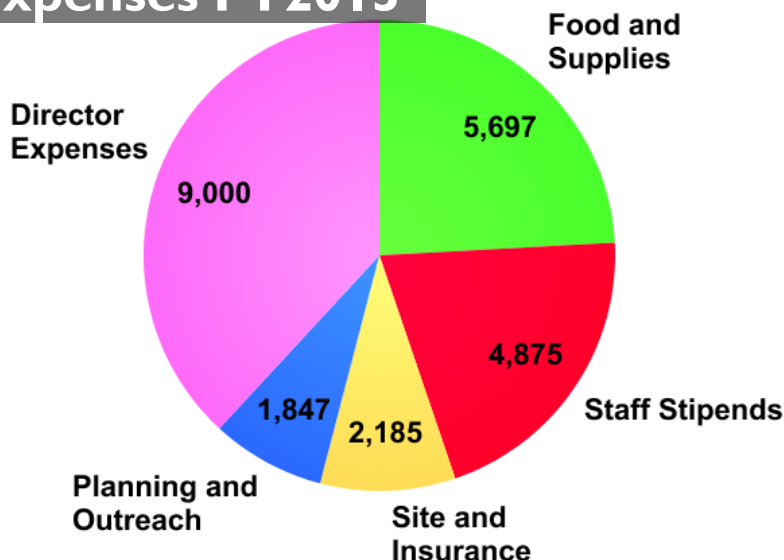
Ariel Bibby
Lucy Bauer
Pat Easterling
Beverley Weiler
Eric Wright
Anastacia Easterling



Income FY2013



Expenses FY2013



Thank You 2013 Donors! You Rock!

Mountain Friends Camp relies upon the generous donations from our community to make camp possible and keep fees affordable for camp families. Names have been removed from this web version of our annual report to ensure donor privacy. Donor names are included in the print version, contact Ana at director@mountainfriendscamp.org if you'd like a print copy!

26 individuals/families donated to Mountain Friends Camp in 2013.

• Intermountain Yearly Mtg • Arizona Half-Yearly Mtg • Colorado Regional Mtg • Utah Friends Fellowship • Logan MM Mountain View MM • Phoenix MM • Pima MM • Tempe MM

“It was a great experience learning and having fun. Everyone's included and you learn great stuff about peace, integrity, community, simplicity, equality, and stewardship.”

Camper Feedback

Every year we ask campers, as well

as staff and parents, for written feedback about their experience with Mountain Friends Camp. This year we added numeric ratings to our camper forms along with space to comment. Of the 19 respondents, 18 would return and recommend camp to a friend enthusiastically, with one "still thinking about it".

Ranking of various activities from 1 (awful) to 6 (fantastic) with a few sample comments:

Morning Meeting 4.9 "A reflective, peaceful time" "I love the silence"

Plork 5.5 "I love helping out around the camp"

Camper Choice 5.2 "Good variety of activities" "Its always fun to play games and do art"

Small Groups 4.9 "We were so deep!"

Evening Program 5.7 "Could do both games and singing every night" "Super creative"

Food 5.7 "Delicious" "Great veggie options"

Location 5.5 "I <3 the view" "Amazing"

Counselors 5.6 "Very kind and gave good instruction" "I liked everyone!"

Counselors-in-Training 4.9 "Nice and awesome and funny"

"This camp was so much fun. PLORK was the best! I would recommend this to my friends."



To All Friends Everywhere,

We met daily for meeting for worship after breakfast, taking turns to clerk and sharing affirmations all around. Our plork (play and work) projects this year included kitchen help, rebuilding steps, fixing railings, painting the bathhouse, re-gardening the gathering circle, and an environmental stewardship trash pickup.

Our time at camp embodied simplicity because we had only what we needed—we were away from distractions like electronics/social media and could focus on nature and ourselves in community. Peace was present in the natural setting, as well as in the satisfaction of working hard with others to accomplish a difficult task. We set norms before camp and helped remind each other to stick with them and interact with integrity.

The activities, games, songs, and stories we shared help build the relationships essential to having a loving community. All upheld the value of equality; each person was respected when they wanted to share something, regardless of age or experience. From composting our food scraps, recycling, and removing litter from the grounds and nearby hiking trails, we were able to practice good stewardship.

Mountain Friends Camp provided a place for everyone to grow, and we all had a lot of fun doing so!

Excerpt, full epistle at mountainfriendscamp.org





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Parent Feedback, 2013

"My daughter is actively thinking about who she is and how she wants to be in the world. Camp is a wonderful support to her in this process."

"It's a great experience, my son loves it and he looks forward to MFC all year. I am grateful that he has a place he can go and be loved and honored for the unique individual that he is! He truly feels like an important and valued member of the community."

"It was a life-changing experience."

"My son came home with new confidence, with a sense of having new friends and with lots of happy stories. I will do whatever I can to have him go again next year. On arriving home he was obviously sad to have camp over and said something like "I had a place there" reflecting a deep sense of belonging."

"Loving staff, wonderful location, good food and, most of all, GREAT kids."

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Join our circle: 2014 Mountain Friends Camp will be 3 weeks!

Online Registration Coming Soon! www.MountainFriendsCamp.org