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Dear Friends of Alta Mons,

We are excited to begin another busy summer season here at Alta Mons! With lots of hikers, RV bookings, retreat guests, and summer camp registrations, things are in full swing as we prepare for another season of service and outdoor ministry.

As summer camp approaches, we are looking to raise money for both our campership and internship funds. This money is of vital importance to our ministry. It facilitates meaningful experiences of faith, community, and the outdoors that will stay with campers and staff for the rest of their lives. The following is a first-hand account of what serving in ministry here at Alta Mons looks and feels like. Written by Sarah Grace Frary, former camper and longtime staff member, she recounts sending a child off the zipline last summer.

One camper last week arrived looking a little pale. We went through all of the commands, checked all of the equipment, and he was ready to go—except that he froze at the last moment. I adjusted my rope to sit next to him on the platform. He explained to me that he was so excited to experience his very first zipline, but he was just so nervous that he could hardly think. We sat there, at least thirty feet up in the air, and we talked a bit. Finally, he asked me to pray with him before he zipped away. I was so honored. After our prayer at height, we started a countdown. Just as he pushed off to zip, I whispered, ‘You’re one brave kid.’

“I always forget that the smallest of things can leave a big impact on a child. After he finished zipping and came back to his unit, he went around to all his friends on the ground, telling them how I had told him that he was brave, even after he was so nervous. The moments and the prayer we had on the zip platform will likely stick with this camper long after he’s grown out of his tie dye shirt from that one week of summer camp in 2018. They will certainly stick with me.

This is the unexpected—but completely real—power of Alta Mons, which is fueled by your generous donations. Punctuated by silly songs, the smell of campfire, and the sight of fireflies against the mountains, Alta Mons is a collection of life-altering experiences—whether they are big, like the waterfall, or small, like the frogs in the grass. In this 850-acre space, surrounded by the wonder and adventure of creation, many children learn the definition of love and grace for the very first time.

They learn love from their counselors, who tell them sweet stories before they go to bed, or let them paint their faces with rocks from the creek. They learn grace from the coordinators, who wake up at dawn to let them swim in the pool before breakfast, or stay up past midnight to listen for owls and stargaze with them. Campers experience Christ at Alta Mons, here in one of His most pristine and elaborate chapels, through the

young adults who are led to serve these campers in the same way that Christ instructed, and who are supported by *your* generosity.

Please give prayerful consideration as to how you can make a difference in the lives of our staff and campers. For 2019, we are hiring 25 seasonal staff members to help make camp possible for over 250 campers. Any support you could give would be greatly appreciated. You can set up a monthly recurring donation (or give a one-time donation) on our website at www.altamons.org/donate

Thank you so much for supporting Alta Mons, and we hope to see you on August 24th for our District Cookout! Have a blessed day!

Yours in Christ,

The Staff and Board of Alta Mons



2019 Dates to Save

Summer Camp: June 23 – July 19 | District Cookout: August 24

Winter Camp: December 20-22