

Best. Summer Ever!



CAMP HORIZONS SUMMER 2025 NEWSLETTER



THANK YOU FOR AN AMAZING SUMMER!

This summer was my 43rd at Camp Horizons, and I'm as grateful as ever for the community we've built together. What began as a dream to create a place where kids could grow and belong has become a second home for generations of campers and staff.

Each summer, I'm inspired by the way Horizons carries forward its core values of safety, community, fun, and personal growth. Campers arrive as strangers and leave as friends, proving that when people come together with open hearts, barriers disappear. Our staff lead with joy and compassion, and our campers remind me daily of the importance of curiosity, laughter, and acceptance.

I'm thankful to every camper, parent, and staff member who has been part of this journey. Together we've created something that lasts well beyond the summer. Looking forward to welcoming you home.

We are many, we are one.

Warmly,

John

Founder & Executive Director



DIRECTORS LETTER



As I sit on the Director's Cabin porch, I watch the leaves around camp slowly turn. The echoes of summer fun and laughter drift on the wind that brings in Fall's cooler temperatures. I find myself reminiscing on the Summer of 2025 and what a milestone summer it has been for the Camp Horizons' community. From the staff to the campers, ask just about anyone who called Horizons home this summer, and they will share the growth they experienced through the magic that supports our mission of providing a place that respects who you are and offers the opportunity to grow.

I want to give a huge shout-out to the incredible staff who make a summer like this one possible. The Cabin Leaders, Facilities, Kitchen & Support staff truly exemplified that it takes a village of unique and passionate individuals to make a place so special for so many others. Through their tireless efforts every day, they created a safe, fun, and welcoming environment that so many call their home away from home.

Even though it seemed to be a milder summer than 2024, the introduction of A/C in our cabins was well received by everyone and truly made our

We are MANY, we are ONE!

horizontal times and sleep hours more restful, so everyone felt ready and recharged for whatever was next on the schedule. Especially, some of the new evening programs we unveiled this summer, such as "Race around Horizons" or the return of one of our most favorites "Counselor Hunt".

This summer, we were proud to introduce "The Circle". With the name stemming from our most popularly used symbol, The Circle is a group of campers & staff who are recognized in a big way through ceremony and celebration for reaching their 5th summer at Camp Horizons. We have always recognized veteran campers here at Horizons, but we wanted to honor those who achieved this milestone of 5 summers at camp in an intentional and meaningful way. Want to know what joining The Circle entails? Join us for five summers and you'll find out!

As I continue my pondering of 2025's incredible summer, I look forward with pride and admiration to what our next summer could hold. I am deeply honored to be a part of this transformative experience every summer. Seeing everyone connecting to the outdoors and each other, allowing them to grow year after year into who they are becoming, is an opportunity I cherish every day, and I thank our amazing community of campers, family, and staff for making it happen summer after summer. I hope you are as excited as I am for next summer season! Until then, don't forget to slow down and take in the beauty around you. It's there.

I know because we manage to find it at camp every year. And it's not in the lakes or the trees. It's in every single person who calls Horizons home.

-Mark Rainey



5-6 YEARS

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| Nora C. | Sabrina G. |
| Derica C. | Lauren G. |
| Addie C. | Luca H. |
| Leila C. | Annabelle H. |
| Payson C. | Maggie K. |
| Thomas F. | Charles K. |
| Anam-Cara F. | Piper K. |
| Cole G. | Viktor K. |
| Sawyer G. | Reagan L. |
| Xavier G. | Maggie M. |
| Caitlin G. | Cora N. |
| Conrad G. | Molly N. |
| Rainier G. | Kenzie S. |
| Graeme G. | Sam S. |
| Oscar G. | Kiraz T. |
| Joshua H. | Avery T. |
| Ryan H. | Rowan T. |
| Lily H. | Noah T. |
| Simone H. | Alexandria T. |
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7-9 YEARS

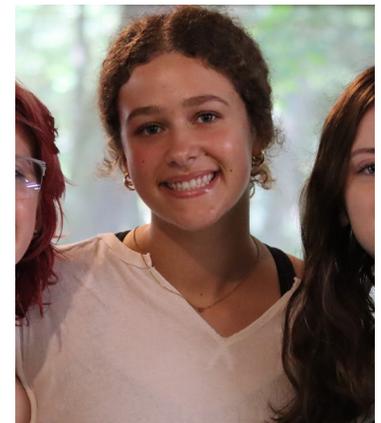
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| Alivia P. |
| Brendan S. |
| Stephen W. |
| Vincent B. |
| Jordan G. |
| Charlotte G. |
| Gwyneth N. |
| Kaiden S. |
| Frances T. |
| Sarah W. |
| Leila H. |

10 YEARS



Robbie W.

11 YEARS



Madeline H.



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WHERE'S JAKE?

JAKE?

Operations Director

During the summer you can find Jake doing things all over camp, and he's hiding all around this newslettler too! Can you find him 17 times?

NEW FOR SUMMER 2026

We're excited to share something new for next summer—Camp UpBeat, a specialty camp at Camp Horizons for Session 3!

Some of you might remember our sister program, Camp Up with People, which used to join us for talent shows that had the whole camp singing and dancing along to 'Party around the World.' Well, Camp UpBeat is the next chapter—and this time, it's fully a part of our Camp Horizons community as a specialty camp session.

UpBeat Campers (ages 11-14) will spend their morning and afternoon activity periods diving into creative expression through music, dance, performing arts, visual arts, leadership, and cultural learning. They'll rehearse, create, and even take part in service projects that make a difference. They will perform their final showcase for all of Camp Horizons at the talent show.

We can't wait to welcome our first group of Camp UpBeat Campers for Session 3 of Summer 2026 and to see the stage light up with new stories, new songs, and new friendships.

LEARN MORE: 
CampHorizons.com/UpBeat

CAMP SNAP AWARDS



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Selfie**



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Equestrian
PHOTO**



**Funniest
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**BEST
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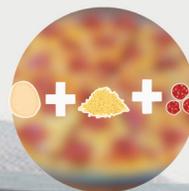
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Where Staff and Campers Come From:

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 - CALIFORNIA ★
 - WASHINGTON, DC ★
 - FLORIDA ★
 - GEORGIA ★
 - ILLINOIS
 - NORTH CAROLINA ★
 - MARYLAND ★
 - NEW MEXICO ★
 - NEW YORK ★
 - PENNSYLVANIA ★
 - COLORADO
 - SOUTH CAROLINA ★
 - TEXAS ★
 - VIRGINIA ★
 - PUERTO RICO ★
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 - NEW ZEALAND
 - MEXICO ★
 - FRANCE ★
 - ENGLAND
 - SPAIN
 - ITALY
 - SCOTLAND
 - SOUTH AFRICA
 - THAILAND
 - GERMANY
 - ICELAND
- ★ CAMPERS
 ● STAFF

Guess the Survey Results:

FAVORITE MEALS



ANSWERS: Party Pancakes, Frito Pie, Hot Dog, Fancy Dinner, Pizza

ADVENTURE CAMP REPORT

By Chris This summer, Loren and I had the opportunity to reintroduce our Adventure Camp program. We got to work with two different groups and had an awesome time climbing, boating, and hiking our way through the mountains and rivers of West Virginia!

After our staff training in July, we launched right into our first week of Adventure Camp. Though we had rain nearly every day on the forecast, our campers did a phenomenal job embracing the chaos and fun of the ever-changing weather. Monday launched into the first day of programming, when we began with a rainy top rope session that the campers absolutely crushed - the week one campers must have all

been part lizard or something (which I did NOT recall on the waivers...), because I have never seen such great climbing in the rain! We also checked out a local swimming hole, and hiked the Huckleberry Trail up



on Spruce Knob before having lunch at the summit. The following day we got the rare opportunity to go on the NROCKS Zip line on a foggy day, flying from tree to tree and cloud to cloud, which was incredible. As part of our Adventure Camp program, we emphasize three pillars that we'd like campers to take away from the experience, one of which is "Perseverance"; I felt this was a week of perseverance above and beyond, as all of our campers did an incredible job embracing and having fun with the challenges of the session. They did a fantastic job building fires with wet materials during torrential rain and weather, boating on the Cheat River, creating new card games (Who-Know-UNO was an absolute hit!) And being in charge of the majority

of the meals throughout the week, to which we had many successes. Pita pizzas, walking tacos, peach crisp over the fire with ice cream - and they only burnt one of their hobo dinners, which they still managed to laugh at and have fun with! This group of campers was fantastic - it was a really special week, and we're lucky to have started off our summer on such a great note.

Loren and I jumped back on Sunday for Session 2, and had yet another great session with our second batch of campers! This group of campers was slightly older than our previous group, and came to us with a wealth of different backgrounds and experiences which would come back around later in the week as they worked together and grew closer. This group worked tirelessly every moment of the week, whether trying to figure out the most ridiculous place to prank the others with a hidden picture of Bigfoot or working to scale the hardest of our climbing routes at NROCKS. And the weather was fantastic! With this group, we had the opportunity to climb at four different spots, dump each other in the river, and also put in 11 miles on our backpacking trip. I felt this group truly embodied our third pillar of "Connection" as they worked together to make this their week. One of our campers was French, and the others put forth an awesome effort into understanding not only

her language, but her culture; she even had the opportunity to teach us how to make crepes for our final day's breakfast. Session two also took an NROCKS first; on the last night of the session, we went out to the Via Ferrata bridge and made s'mores under the new moon! Best tasting s'more I've ever had, though those crepes were pretty good... The connection these campers had was really special, and I was really proud of them for taking full advantage of the opportunities of the week and going out of their way to learn, grow, and push themselves in all of the new activities we encountered.

Both sessions of Adventure Camp were fantastic; Loren and I had a great time working and seeing the campers buy in, embrace, and enjoy the program, and it made for some of my favorite sessions across seven years of working at different summer camps. The success of this summer has me already planning and thinking about next year, and I'll be certain to look back and reflect on all of the fun we had as we plan for 2026.

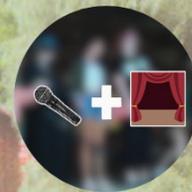


Guess the Survey Results: FAVORITE EVENING PROGRAMS













This summer at Horizons' farm, campers were greeted by a whole barnyard of new arrivals. From two baby lambs and five playful baby goats to three bottle-fed calves, there



was no shortage of adorable farm friends for children to meet. Campers also delighted in gathering fresh chicken eggs, feeding pigs, cuddling bunnies, and even holding baby ducks and chickens.

For the second year in a row, the farm's mural became a colorful keepsake, with every camper signing their name as a memory of their summer on the farm.

"It's fun to see the kids and how they've matured over the years, especially the ones who've been coming for so long," said Farmer Bobby. "It's always hard to say goodbye after a summer together—I get teary when they leave."

Farmer Bobby is known not only for his animals but also for his lively spirit around camp. During afternoon free swims, he could be spotted driving his tiny, old-fashioned car through camp—sometimes dressed as Mario



from Super Mario Bros., much to the campers' delight.

For many children, camp marks their first experience with farm animals. Understandably, that can be a little intimidating at first. "There are always a few kids who are nervous to touch the animals," Bobby explained. "But after a couple of days of feeding and helping out, everyone is eventually spending time with them."

Even after the summer ends, the farm remains busy. Bobby continues to bring animals from his own home farm to Horizons and works with school groups through the Outdoor Learning Center. This fall, he has three baby goats, along with baby turkeys, also called a poult, and ducklings, ready to meet visiting students.

School-year groups experience the farm a little differently than summer campers. "During the school year, kids come with a specific educational program," Bobby said. "We dive right into lessons like where food comes from or how to incubate an egg. At summer camp, it's more about spending time with the animals first, and then the learning follows from their curiosity."

Bobby and his family also run a traveling petting zoo, bringing farm animals and agricultural education to local events. Campers and their families will get another chance to see Farmer Bobby and his furry friends at Horizons' upcoming Fall Fest, where his petting zoo will be a featured attraction.



STAFF AWARDS



LEADERSHIP AWARD

Recognizes two counselors who demonstrated outstanding leadership skills during the summer.



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UNsung HERO AWARD

Recognizes two counselors who consistently do what it takes to produce an amazing camp experience or program, even when no one is watching.



ISABEL VERA ZAVALA



TESS LARSON



ALL-IN AWARD

Recognizes two staff members who made every day as best as it could be. These counselors eat, sleep, and breathe camp, adding excitement to each day.



CATHERINE MOORE



ALEXANDRA BARTLETT



SHELLY DAVIS AWARD

Recognizes two counselors who demonstrate enthusiastic leadership, and are all-around fantastic counselors.



ROBYN THOMPSON



CARTER THOMPSON

CAMP HORIZONS
WEATHER REPORT!
 3-MONTH AVERAGE REPORT

HIGH 86°
LOW 65°

AVERAGE SUNRISE TIME: **6:00am**
 AVERAGE SUNSET TIME: **8:30pm**
 DAYLIGHT AVERAGE: **14.5 hrs**

JUNE JULY AUGUST 2025

AVERAGE MONTHLY RAINFALL

Month	Average Monthly Rainfall (in)
Jun 3	2.8 in
Jul 1	3.3 in
Aug 1	2.1 in
Aug 26	2.3 in

Map labels: War Spring Ln, Camp Horizons, Horizons Way, Paradise Way

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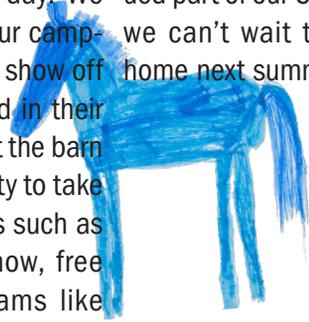
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EQUESTRIAN REPORT

By Connie Our equestrian campers had the best time horsin' around at the barn this summer! They threw themselves into equestrian life with excitement, enthusiasm, and positive attitudes that made the barn a great place to be this summer! Campers took part in a variety of sessions throughout their time with us at camp. These included daily riding lessons focusing on learning and developing new skills from learning to steer and control their horse to finally getting their posting rhythm, to riding a course of jumps, going on trail rides or riding in open fields and even riding bareback. We are proud of all our campers and what they accomplished! Campers also got involved in barn chores and horse care lessons. They learned ba-



sic horse care skills like how to bring their horses in and out of the field, tack up independently, hosing down/bathing, and feeding. They also had the opportunity to see some horse care professionals in action such as the physio and the farrier as well as learning about parts of the horse, equine first aid, horse behavior, colors and markings and many more! Many of our campers loved participating in our pony Olympics where they played different games both with horses and within their teams to gain points as well as some fun crafts like painting horseshoes, making friendship bracelet name tags for their horse's bridles, and even painting the horses on 4th July! We also made a change to bring back the in-person horse show this year where parents, family and friends are able to come and watch equestrian campers show off the skills they have learned and practiced throughout the session during check out day. We loved being able to meet our campers' families and help them show off everything they had learned in their lessons! Other than being at the barn campers had the opportunity to take part in camp wide activities such as horizons games, talent show, free swim and evening programs like counselor hunt and stormtroopers! We hope to see all our equestrian campers back next year ready to take on new challenges, meet new people, ride new horses, and learn new skills as well as seeing all those familiar friends (4 legged and 2!). We hope all our campers know they are a valued part of our Camp Horizons family, we can't wait to welcome you all home next summer! Big Love!





By Natalie This summer many of our explorer campers took the chance to experience our off-site adventures! Throughout each session, explorer campers can sign up for Caving, Canoeing, Tubing, Rock Climbing, Canopy Zip Lining, and the Via Ferrata.

In our caving trips, campers got to dig to new depths as they challenged themselves while exploring a wild cave. The cave offers challenges like experiencing the total darkness of a cave to crawling over and under unique rock formations. The explorer campers brave enough to tackle this unique adventure came home to camp covered in mud but with the biggest smiles and the best stories!

Venturing under the ground might not be for everyone - but the beautiful Shenandoah River seems to bring our campers a ton of joy! Our tubing trip had by far the most sign ups each session. This section of river has the perfect blend of relaxing float time and some faster sections to play in. The tubing trip was the perfect way to jump in the river and cool off on those hot summer days!

In addition to tubing, campers explored a longer section of the Shenandoah River on our canoe trip. Here they paddled with a friend for the afternoon and got the chance to look for wildlife. We met a bunch of friends on this trip including a variety of fish, turtles, blue herons, and even occa-



sional bald eagles! The canoe trip was a favorite way to spend a relaxing afternoon, explore new places, and even jump for a swim for those who wanted to.

For those campers looking to reach new heights this summer - we offered three different high ropes adventures. Campers who signed up for Rock Climbing, Zip line Canopy Tour, or the Via Ferrata spent an entire day at our sister site; NROCKs Outdoor Adventure in West Virginia.

Our Rock Climbing trip was a great opportunity for campers to try climbing on a real rock wall. It was a great chance to try a new sport in a beautiful location. Or to test their skills in a new way by finding their own route up the wall. Our Rock Climbing trip was a great choice for a variety of skill levels to find their challenge zone!

Some campers chose to sign up for our Canopy Zip Line Tour instead. On this trip, campers got to traverse a series of zip lines through the tree canopy. The Canopy Tour was a favor-



ite of our campers who love to fly!

One of the biggest challenges we offer is the Via Ferrata tour. On this trip our campers used a series of steel rungs, cables, and even a suspension bridge to traverse a unique formation of rock fins towering out of the West Virginia forest. Exploring this unique rock climbing adventure definitely challenged our campers this summer, and it was so exciting to see them reach out of their comfort zone and try this incredible experience!

We are very proud of all our explorer campers who challenged themselves to try our offsite trips this summer!



Hello Everyone!

We had loads of adventures with our Leadership Campers this summer! Between hiking, canoeing, hosting the talent show, and navigating the transition between camper and counselor, the LCs found challenges and unforgettable moments together.

Throughout their time at camp, LCs stepped into their roles by team building, discovering their leadership qualities, leading activities, and reflecting on what Camp Horizons truly means to them. Along with this, we found constant laughter, lifelong friendships, and a strengthened sense of responsibility and community.

Our LC groups truly left their mark on camp this summer by completing different service projects for camp, such as the new LC fire pit and LC rocking chair! .

We can't wait to see our LCs return as staff this summer and guide a new group through a life-changing 4 weeks!
-Catherine & Anthony

Guess the Survey Results: FAVORITE ACTIVITIES

ANSWERS: Farm, High Ropes, Water Sports, Soccer, Horseback Riding



STAFF SPOTLIGHT!



ROSIE GETLIFF

When Rosie Getliff first boarded a plane from Scotland to the U.S. at 18, she had no idea how life-changing her summers at Horizons would become.

Years at Horizons

From 2016 through 2019, Rosie spent four summers at Horizons. She began as part of the general equestrian team for three years before stepping into the role of Equestrian Lead in 2019. Those years marked not only her first time traveling abroad but also the start of friendships and experiences that would last far beyond camp.

Favorite Part of Camp

For Rosie, the best part of camp has always been the people. Camp Horizons' unique community creates deep connections across cultures and countries. "It makes the world both bigger and smaller at the same time," she explains. Bigger—because of the diversity of people she's met.

Smaller—because now, wherever she travels, there's often someone she knows to welcome her. Those friendships have turned her travels into magical experiences.

Life Now

Today, Rosie lives in Edinburgh, Scotland, where she works as a Road Engineer, helping design and plan infrastructure repairs for the city. She reflects that life in Europe feels quieter than in America, where she was struck by the scale—bigger shops, bigger cars, and louder energy. From her Camp Horizons summers, she carries with her confidence, resilience, and the ability to build genuine connections—skills that continue to help her navigate challenges in both career and life.

Advice for Future International Staff

Her encouragement to others considering working at Camp Horizons is simple: "Go for it—jump in feet first. Camp can change your life if you let it." She also adds with a laugh, "Make a friend with a car—it's the best way to open up America to you!"

For Rosie, Camp Horizons was more than a summer job abroad—it was the foundation for confidence, lifelong friendships, and a broader view of the world.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT!



ALEX BARTLETT

When you ask Alex Bartlett what keeps bringing her back to Horizons, the answer is simple: community.

Years at Camp

Alex has been part of Camp Horizons for 10 years, six summers as a camper and now four as a staff member. This summer, she takes on a new role as the Starlight Village Coordinator for Summer 2025.

Community

For Alex, Horizons has always been more than just camp—it's a place of acceptance and encouragement. "It's where you can truly be yourself with no judgment," she says. Over the years, she's grown up in a community that has supported her every step of the way, helping her learn, grow, and find confidence in who she is.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT!



KIM BETTS

When did you attend or work at Camp Horizons?

Camper, CIT, and Junior Counselor from 1988–1997; Counselor from 1998–2001; Year-Round Staff from 2002–2012 as Director of Administration and Associate Director.

What was your favorite part of camp?

"It's hard to pick just one! I loved the activities, the counselors, the friends I made, the independence, Home in the Woods—everything! Horizons was where we raised our babies, and I love that they got to experience it as little ones. My older two were also 2nd-generation campers,

which makes it even more special."

Where do you live now and what type of work do you do?

Kim lives in Estes Park, Colorado, with her husband, Kenny (Horizons staff 2001–2012). Kenny works on the facilities maintenance team at Cheley Colorado Camps, while Kim serves as the HR Manager. They have three children: Brayden (19), a student at Montana Tech; Brinley (17), a senior in high school; and Bristol (14), a freshman in high school.

How did your experiences at Camp help you in your life and career?

Thanks to her start at Horizons, Kim has built her career in camping—working at three different overnight camps in Virginia and Colorado. She credits John Hall as a lifelong mentor, starting from when she was just 8 years old. Kim still keeps in touch with many former campers and staff from around the world and carries Horizons' spirit with her wherever she goes: "We are many, we are one!"

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT!



BECKIE BINTRIM

Years at Camp

I started at Horizons when I was 8 years old and my mom sent me to due the local families discount. That was the start for me, from that point I was there every summer going forward including CIT which is the Leadership campers now. I also worked for 2 summers as a counselor and then some time as Part of the office team.

Favorite Part of Camp

All things at camp were my favorite, I am a full camp nerd and I have a love for all the aspects of camp. One of the things that I have carried through the years is the community, I am still involved with Camp Horizons community, When I am in the area I meet up with people who I have met along my journey with Camp, some of my best friends in life started in the short summers I had attended or worked at camp.

Life Now

Beckie lives in New York and works in finance, she still has many friends and reasons to return to pop in to see the camp community. Beckie and a friend of hers also spear headed a little program which John supported where a group of kids from New York were invited to Camp under a scholarship. "My friends and I have then done kick starter fund-

raisers to raise the rest of the money and coordinate driving them down each summer. This year, only the youngest child could make it, but it was her 8th summer! And previously, all three came to camp for seven summers, including the oldest who was an LC and then a counselor."

Career Path & Horizons Impact

She has experienced many things thanks to the impact that camp has left in her life. Through her journey she has traveled to a few different places teaching English, Marketing and now she is in financing for a company in New York. Camp might not have influenced the career path she chose but going through life she has kept camps ideas and teachings close to her heart and it has helped guide her through life.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT!



MAX MCNERNEY

When did you attend or work at Camp Horizons?

My first year of camp was when I was 12. I attended most summers after that until I finished as an LC when I was 17.

What was your favorite part of camp?

My favorite part of camp was creating connections with my cabin mates and counselors. Nothing beat the daily debriefs and jokes shared on the bunk beds. It built an instant comrad-

ery and allowed me to be myself almost instantly after arriving.

Where do you live now?

I moved to Boulder, Colorado in May of 2020 and have been here ever since.

What type of work do you do now?

I work as a sports photographer and videographer, focusing on professional track and marathon running. I spent 5 years as the Brand Manager for a professional running team called Tinman Elite, telling the story of the team through producing Instagram posts and Youtube videos. More recently, I co-founded a production company called Footstep Creative that specializes in producing social media campaigns for shoe companies and major marathons.

How did your experiences at Camp help you in your life and

career?

Camp created an environment that allowed me to fully be myself. I could do everything I wanted; from sports and fishing to radio and card games. I had the freedom to do everything I enjoyed. The connection, community, and adventure I experienced at camp created the mold for how I wanted to live my life everyday. My creative style is inspired by those connections and creating a sense of nostalgia. I truly don't think I would be doing the work I'm doing without creating those memories at Camp Horizons.



SWAP SHOP REPORT!



PHOTOGRAPHY HIGHLIGHT!

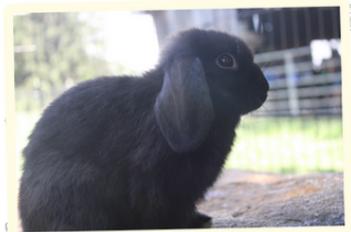


Photo By: Blake Carpentier

"I chose this picture because it was very cute. And it was not blurry!!"



Photo By: Georgia Plemmons

"I think that this photo symbolizes Camp Horizons because the Blue Ridge Mountains are the symbol of camp, and it reminds me of the fun times at camp."



Photo By: Henley Miller

"It reminded me of my family: the white being the happiness and the black being the hard times in life that you just try your best to get through, and when you do get through, you find that you are stronger after you push through."



Photo By: Olivia Charest

"This photo is special to me because I have a really close relationship with animals. This special bond with animals is helpful for when I feel stressed, overwhelmed, or angry. I have 6 pets at home and all of them are so special and amazing in their own ways."



PHOTOGRAPHY HIGHLIGHT!



Photo By: Evie Schiesel

"The smaller things SHINE!"



Photo By: Piper Wood

"I like this photo because it reminds me of camp Horizons and the adventures I have at camp."



Photo By: Juliette Dixon

"I chose this photo because I thought it was funny and might make others smile."



Photo By: Hadley Plemmons

"My favorite bunny Oreo!"



Photo By: Katie Turner

"If lemonade was a flower."



REAL QUOTES FROM CAMPER!



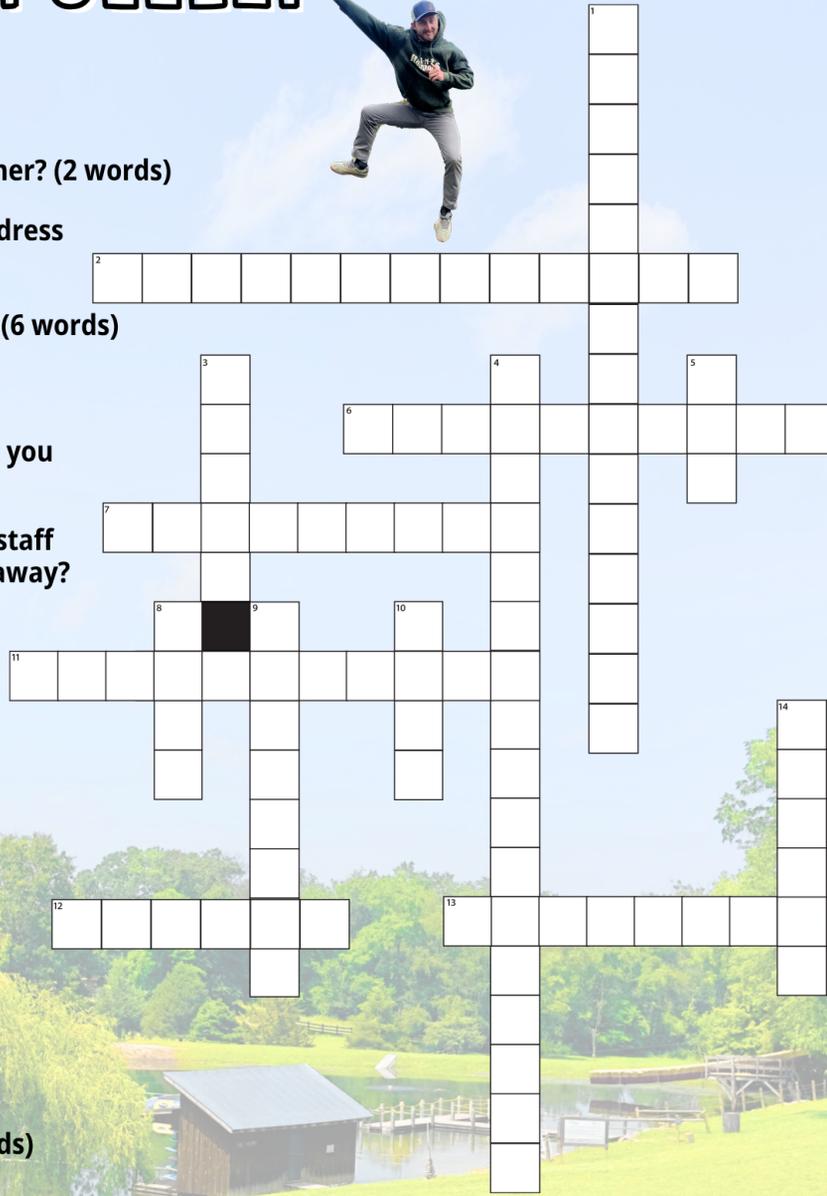
CROSSWORD PUZZLE!

DOWN

- 1 What was new in the cabins this summer? (2 words)
- 3 Character that Farmer Bobby liked to dress up as
- 4 This song is sung every night at camp! (6 words)
- 5 What do you call a baby goat?
- 8 A carving of what forest animal greets you when you enter Camp Horizons?
- 9 Of all the countries that campers and staff come from, which one is the furthest away?
- 10 How many years do you have to spend at camp to become a member of Horizons Circle?
- 14 What do you call a baby turkey?

ACROSS

- 2 One of the pillars of Adventure Camp that means doing something despite difficulty
- 6 What is the name of the camp where you spend your days riding horses?
- 7 Biggest seller in the Swap Shop (2 words)
- 11 Name of the lake (2 words)
- 12 What is the most popular offsite trip?
- 14 Event at Camp in October! (2 words)



Answer Key:
 DOWN: 1. AirConditioning 3. Mario 4. WeAreManyWeAreOne 5. Kid 8. Bear
 ACROSS: 2. Perseverance 6. Equestrian 7. BigBopper 11. LakePhillipa
 12. Tubing 13. FallFest





We are in full swing with Fall programming at Camp Horizons' Outdoor Learning Center. Students & Groups of all ages and grades from across Virginia join us at Camp Horizons for packed days of Experiential Education and Outdoor Adventure. Draped in the beauty of fall foliage, Camp Horizons continues its mission of getting people outside and appreciating the world around them. Thanks to our incredible seasonal staff of outdoor

instructors, Horizons is equipped to lead groups year-round. Interested in coming out to camp for a day or an overnight trip? Inquire with our team about what a trip to Horizons can look like for you. Around D.C.? We have a site in Clifton, VA, at Hemlock Overlook Park that can provide a similar experience to the one found at our main campus in Harrisonburg, VA.



2026 DISCOUNTS!!



EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT!
\$350 OFF when you register before November 1st!
\$200 OFF when you register before January 14th!



REFER-A-FRIEND
\$150 discount per newly enrolled camper



SIBLING DISCOUNT
\$300 off per sibling for a two-week session, or \$150 per sibling for a 1-week session for each additional camper from the same family



NEIGHBOR DISCOUNT
10% off for families that reside in our surrounding communities



COMMUNITY EVENT!

MONSTER GOLF COMMUNITY EVENT

WHEN: Nov 15th 1-3pm

WHERE: 14130 Sullyfield Cir
Chantilly, VA

COST: \$10 per person

Includes 18 holes of Mini Golf and \$5 Arcade Pass

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 10TH!





2026 DATES

Journey and Explorer 

- Session 1: June 14-June 20
- Session 2: June 21-July 4
- Session 3: July 5-July 18
- Session 4: July 19-August 1
- Session 5: August 2-August 15

Equestrian 

- Session 1: June 14-June 20
- Session 2: June 21-July 4
- Session 3: July 5-July 18
- Session 4: July 19-August 1
- Session 5: August 2-August 15

Leadership 

- Leadership A: June 21 to July 18
- Leadership B: July 19 to Aug 15

Adventure Camp 

- Adventure Session 1: July 5th-July 11th
- Adventure Session 2: July 12th-July 18th
- Adventure Session 3: July 19th-July 25th
- Adventure Session 4: July 26th-August 1st

Camp UpBeat 

- July 5th - July 18th

Commit to Camp deadline is April 1st! 