

THANKS FROM 2017 CAMPERS

You are God's purpose, His great design. Beautiful, blameless, His child divine.

(Christian Science Hymnal, #453, Words by Peter B. Allen)

I loved my first time at [name of camp]...I had the time of my life...It meant so much to me to meet other Christian Scientists, and to be able to stay in contact with them all this year.

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Christian Science is amazing.

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Thank you for helping me go to camp. It was my first year, and I really liked it...I'm so grateful that I got to go to camp and learn more about myself and God.

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I also had a healing. I hurt my toe but then I knew hurt isn't real. Thank you again for the money.

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I had a great time at [name of camp]. Everyone is so supportive and caring. I had a great time learning how to ski and stand-up paddle board, and doing the horse show and cave trip. The most important thing is that I learned a lot about Christian Science.

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I really enjoy going to [name of camp] and spending time with other boys who know about going to church and God.

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I am also very grateful I got to go because there are so many Christian Scientists in one place. It is not like that at home. Thank you for making that possible.

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I had a good healing this summer on the second week. I had some nose issue where the inside of my nostrils felt like they were burning! That day was Wednesday, so we had quiet time, and we got [name of C.S. practitioner] to talk to us. He talked about some pretty great things but the thing that stuck in my head was that "if God can raise people from the dead and have Jesus walk on water and people healed from any disease, then why can't God not solve all of our daily problems?" Once I got back to the cabin to put my books away, I was immediately healed.

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During the time I was at [name of camp], I fell and cut my arm. I went to [C.S. nurse], and I was asked "Is this true about God?" I thought about it, and all the pain left.

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The Church [time] was really great! I loved singing from the hymns. One amazing thing happened. My friend, [name of friend], had a cut, so she started reading from the Bible, and she was healed! Going to camp was an amazing experience!

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I missed my parents, my house, and my friends. Somehow one of my counselors knew what was up. Without asking why I felt this way, she surrounded me in love. She reminded me that I am never alone because God is always watching over us. Then I never felt homesick again at [name of camp].

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Before I came to camp, I always was a Christian Scientist, but my understanding of Science and Health was weak. At camp, we read testimonies and worked with Mrs. Eddy's writings. This helped me later in camp when my fear of heights was a seeming problem on the high ropes course. I was scared and didn't want to complete the challenge. That night I worked with the synonyms of God and the Scientific Statement of Being...I knew that if I was expressing Life and Spirit climbing, then there is no need to be scared of heights. The rest of camp I knew this fact, and I climbed many trees...This experience has made me so much more reliant on God.

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At camp this year I have grown spiritually and physically. After camp I take home many great lessons from interpersonal interactions and skills learned. I really feel I understand Christian Science more. I was able to demonstrate a wonderful healing of a bee sting. I am still working with the fact that God is my power and that I cannot be ruled by mortal beliefs such as fatigue.

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There is a camp trip that I've been wanting to go on for a few years...It is a pretty difficult trip; we hiked about 50 miles in four days over big rocks and pretty steep hills. It also rained quite a bit on the trip, which at times made it very difficult to climb over and around the rocks because of how slippery they became...whenever I felt nervous, I would think about Mrs. Eddy's poem, "Feed My

Sheep." It was a very applicable hymn for the trip because it seemed like we were climbing hillsides steep, and I often worried that my footstep might stray. However, as I used this poem, I calmly listened for God to guide me where to walk and what rocks to step on, and I did not have any major spills or suffer injury on the trail. For the rest of the trip, I followed and rejoiced, and even though we had some long and tiring stretches, I felt so much energy and joy. Everyone else in my group stayed very positive, and we all had a great time.

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...I was one of the readers for our testimony meeting, and I learned a lot on the topic, prayer. This helped me learn more about ways to pray and grow spiritually. When I was in athletic performance camp, I learned how to rely on God while playing sports and exercising.

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I got a better understanding about Spirit. That was the lesson topic for the week I was there. To me, Spirit is the presence of God, and God is ever-presence. Then, God is always with me. He is guarding me, guiding me and governing me. I got a deeper understanding of this while attending ski camp, and it has been so helpful for me.

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At camp, you learn so many values and ideas that make for outstanding growth! Camp's atmosphere is also something amazing! I can't think of any other place where the atmosphere of brotherly love is so outstanding! But through all, you guys are at the center because without you, I couldn't have gone to camp. I'm so grateful for your contribution so I could have the best summer ever!

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One thing I learned about Christian Science is that everyone deals with error, and some error seems worse than others, but it's all error, and we don't need to compare it. Thank you again!

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I got to learn how to do archery, kayaking...and learning how to make some new and different things in art...I got to make a tie-dye shirt for the first time ever!...I loved everything I did!