



Summer Camp Introduces Youth to Wonders of Outdoor Life, God

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For co-founder Michael Marbach, it's hard not to get excited about God's wonders when he spends time outdoors. "It is the outdoors that brought me to a life with



Christ," he says. "It is the outdoors that is bringing people to Christ all across our great country."

Founded in 2002, the Christian Outdoor Alliance is a ministry for outreach, education and fellowship built on having fun in the outdoors. Since its inception, the ministry has reached hundreds of people for Christ.

A lifelong educator, Marbach recently saw 70 kids learn about God's great outdoors at last year's summer camp, with 35 giving their lives to Christ around an evening campfire.

"Our campfires are very important to our campers," he said. "Around the fire we discuss life lessons, Bible instruction, listen to testimonies, and grow closer as brothers and sisters in Christ."

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In doing this, the youth are taught archery, fly-fishing, bait casting, game calling, wildlife management, range management, hiking and kayaking while incorporating spiritual growth activities such as Bible readings, prayer and group discussions.

The youth experienced great wonders as they climbed to the top of a huge Texas peak, swam in the clear Texas streams, hiked trails and saw many of God's natural wonders.

The campers build friendships while working together on projects, such as building a chapel in a beautiful Pecan Orchard, a new fire ring, and a beautiful Cross for people to see for miles.

"About two thirds of the campers come on some sort of scholarship, so fundraising is key," Marbach said. "We never want to exclude a kid because of his or her financial situation. If there is a special youngster that you feel could use a program like this one, let us know. The 2005 camps are filling up fast as we have the first three camps booked and are adding a fourth and fifth camp for the summer."

The 2005 camp dates are posted on the web site with more to come. If you would like to volunteer at the camps, or make a donation of equipment, food or financial resources, please contact The Christian Outdoor Alliance at www.coacamps.org. ■

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Entrepreneurs Brent and Jentry Poss Invest in Local DigiKids Franchise.

by Patti Richter

National studies estimate there are nearly 800,000 missing children reported each year. This translates to almost 2,200 reports each day. In response to the need, DIGIKIDS has engineered an advanced Child ID Kit.

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As Director of the local Heidi Search Center, Kate Kohl is aware of the value of time in a missing child-emergency. "DIGIKIDS is the only Child ID I have ever seen that I would actually buy for my children," she said.

According to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC), acting within the first 20 minutes is absolutely critical. With the business-card sized DIGIKIDS CD-ROM, parents can also distribute pre-formatted flyers and posters via internet.

John Walsh, founder of NCMEC, says the electronic delivery of a child's photo "can save crucial time, since the chances of safely recovering a child are much greater within the first few hours immediately following a child-abduction."



To help protect children, brothers Brent and Jentry Poss, have launched a DIGIKIDS franchise in the San Antonio, Austin and surrounding areas. The DIGIKIDS Child ID Kit is available through schools, day-care and business-sponsored safety events. At the affordable cost of \$15.95, each kit contains the CD, a full color photo ID card, and more.

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