



Bass Lake Camp

Cabin Complex Update #19

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MEET THE INTERN!



Hi everyone, my name is Thomas Warner. Although I prefer 'Tommy' as I consider it to be less formal. I was born and raised in the Mankato, MN area. The place I've called home for my entire life is only a short twenty-minute drive away from camp. Currently, I am serving as the intern for credit towards graduation at Faith Baptist Bible College. This fall I will be a senior and hoping to graduate and survive college in the spring of 2025.

How Did I Get to Know Camp?

My first interaction with camp that I can remember was as a junior camper. Over the next years I became more and more attached to the mission that camp holds. The summer following my junior year of high school, I served at camp on the teen staff. All I can remember about working on teen staff was that there were a lot more messes that were cleaned without the knowledge of the masses. After my freshman year of college, I made the decision to spend my summer as a counselor.

My Takeaway from Counseling.

Even after two years of experience that thought of counseling a camper is still intimidating. My desire to have all the answers is unreasonable. When counseling campers you are given a week to get to know, be

open with, and influence the campers in your cabin. The patience, mental and physical stamina, and the love a counselor needs to properly reach a single camper is simply beyond what one can possess apart from God. God continuously showed that I am not enough. God allowed me to experience a taste of both the joy and sorrow of counseling. Seeing a camper strive towards living for God fills me with joy and God is clearly visible in the workings of the camper's heart. Alternately, when a camper rejects counsel, it hurts. God is good for allowing me to play a role in the lives of the campers I got to interact with.

Why Do An Internship?

The thought of becoming more involved with the mission to turn children towards God thrills me. Faith Baptist Bible College offers an emphasis in Christian Camping. This emphasis requires an internship at a camp. The goal is to see beyond the curtain of what goes on at camp. Currently I have been given a few 'lectures' from Pastor Friar and got the privilege to sit in on a few meetings. Now I have been learning how to run around to fix problems that arise. Although I have been busy, I still get to interact with campers and help remove physical obstacles that could distract them from thinking about spiritual things.

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Please pray for Tommy's work at camp this summer! We have raised \$506.3k of our \$700k goal. Pray we can break ground this year. More to come next month!