



"Return to your rest, O my soul, for the LORD has dealt bountifully with thee."  
Psalm 116:7

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**Semi-Annual Newsletter**

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**REMEMBERING...**

**BY BRIAN STARKEY**

This February we suddenly and sadly learned our Board President Herb Shedd died of cardiac arrest. In 1999, Herb and his wife Janice joined the board of directors to help start Cowboy's Rest, steering this camp to what it does today. Herb helped install the fire ring and concrete at the lodge patio, a focal point of nearly every event at CR. His family has been involved at CR, from being campers to lifeguards to son Daniel serving on the board as well. Most importantly, Herb loved Jesus. His gentle spirit exuded the love of God, even when a cribbage game didn't go his way or a stuffed skunk was in his sleeping quarters. His heart, clearly happy in Jesus, shined bright in service.

Herb would not want us to spend much time talking about him; rather, he would want us "to make the Word of God fully known" (Col 1:25) and that "what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord" (2 Cor 4:5). Herb would want Cowboy's Rest to fulfill its mission of providing a Christian camping experience and assisting the local church. He enjoyed seeing campers young and old learning about Jesus and hearing God's Word, in the hope that "none should perish, but all would come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). We will greatly miss Herb Shedd, and we should strive to keep his example alive as we look forward to seeing Herb again one day as we all praise God in Jesus' presence.

**Prayer Corner**

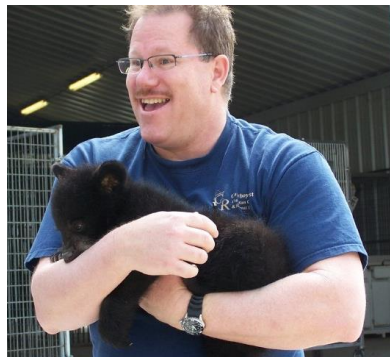
**Praises**

- **Your prayers:** We have been wonderfully blessed by a blanket of prayer from our Prayer Team for many years.
- **Water:** We are thankful for the snow this winter and spring. The reservoir will be full this summer!
- **Campers:** We have been amazed and grateful that this summer's camps are rapidly filling up!
- **Solid finances:** Your generous donations keep us well supplied!
- **Winter camps:** Praise Him for 40+ campers over two weekends who heard the Word and played in the snow.

**Requests**

- **Pavilion:** Please pray that the expansion on the pavilion will go smoothly and be a blessing to campers.
- **Retreats:** Pray that church members will draw closer to God and rest together.
- **Staff:** Please pray that God will provide the **Counselors, Worship Leaders, and Head Cook** that are still needed for the summer.
- **Salvation:** Pray that God will change hearts in campers and staff and everyone who comes through the gates.

**MEET THE NEW BOARD MEMBERS OF COWBOY'S REST!**



**(Murse) Bill Killion**

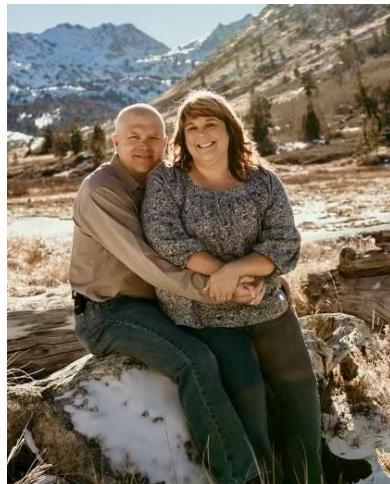
In 1999, I retired from the U.S. Coast Guard after 20.5 years and moved with Bev to Elko to pastor. In 2001 I became an EMT with Elko County Ambulance; soon after that I began to serve Cowboy's Rest as a Camp Medic. I look forward to serving as a board member as well.

Bev and I raised three beautiful women, obtained two wonderful sons-in-law, and so far have amassed 6 grandchildren, all of whom serve the Lord. I keep saying that if I had known

grandchildren were going to be this much fun, I would have skipped the kids and gone straight to grandkids!

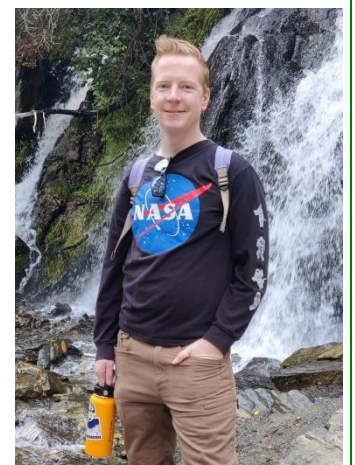
**Jon Maher**

Jon and wife Jill, originally from Oregon and now in Spring Creek for 15 years, have been helping Cowboy's Rest for years in many capacities. They love the camp and helping kids and adults unplug from the busy-ness of life to hear God's word and enjoy His creation. Jon is especially active in shooting and has taken steps to greatly improve and maintain our rifle range. These soon-to-be grandparents have made CR a family affair over the years with their daughter Jordan and son-in-law Weston. We are grateful for their partnership in this ministry and look forward to years of service together, by God's grace.



**Daniel Shedd**

Cowboy's Rest has had a significant impact on my life. I first came to camp in 1999 with my folks. The mentorship and challenge of serving God in remote Nevada solidified my faith. It's an honor to be a small part of how God is using CR to draw His people. God speaks in a still small voice; when we put away distraction, we can hear Him clearly (1 Kings 19:12). For me this has been the blessing of camp.





# UPCOMING EVENTS

## FAMILY VOLUNTEER DAY

Help us prepare for the summer ahead. Cowboy's Rest Family Volunteer Day begins June 8th at 8:00 (coffee will be available) with a 1:00 provided lunch and ends at 4:00. You are welcome to arrive at any time during this event. Bring work gloves and clothes that can get dirty. RSVP on our website or contact us for more information



"So we fasted and earnestly prayed that our God would take care of us, and he heard our prayer." - Ezra 8:23

You are invited to join us in prayer and in person on April 20th for our Cowboy's Rest Day of Prayer and Fasting. The event starts at 9:00 am with an option to break the fast together at 3:00 pm. If you plan on attending: RSVP on our website or contact us for questions.

## APRIL

7-10 Georgia/SLC Men's Work Group Retreat  
20 Cowboy's Rest Day of Prayer and Fasting  
25-27 Parkside Men's Retreat

## MAY

3-5 St. Joseph's Ladies' Retreat  
17-18 Calvary Chapel Spring Creek Women's Retreat  
24-26 Diamond Valley Mennonite Family Retreat  
May 29-June 8 Staff Training/Work Week

## JUNE

8 Family Volunteer Day  
10-15 Youth Camp 1  
17-21 Pathfinders Scholarship Camp  
24-29 Youth Camp 2

## JULY

1-5 Kids Camp 1  
8-13 Youth Camp 3  
15-19 Kids Camp 2  
22-24 Special Needs Camp  
25-28 Family Roundup  
July 29-August 1 Reformation NV Youth Camp

## AUGUST

23-25 Open for Retreats  
August 30-Sept 2 McCaskill Community Group Family Retreat

## SEPTEMBER

6-8 Cowboy's Rest Women's Retreat  
13-15 Cowboy's Rest Men's Retreat  
19-21 Grace Baptist Elko Retreat  
27-28 Calvary Chapel Spring Creek Men's Retreat

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*Mutiny's  
End*

## SUMMER 2024

This summer, our campers will set sail for a swashbuckling adventure on the high seas. Based on the Book of Jonah, our 2024 theme invites students to voyage to a place where rebellion turns to repentance, and selfishness gives way to surrender ... a place called Mutiny's End.

**REGISTER TODAY!**

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We are still in need of bands for Youth Camp 1, Youth Camp 3, and both kids camps this summer. If you know of a group of musically talented individuals who love the Lord and would be a good suit to minister to the kids and teens of this generation, please consider putting us in contact with them so that Cowboy's Rest can be an amazing place of musical worship this summer.