

# Riverside Reader

... a biblically-based, cost-compassionate, small-camp experience

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## Creation, Relationship with God, Made for This

By Breanna Plank

“And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.” (Genesis 1:31, ESV) It was on this day that the culmination of God’s work was completed. Every part of creation was in place including humankind, for whom God designated a special calling, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” (Genesis 1:28) As we enter into springtime, especially after such a severe polar vortex, we all feel the excitement that the warmth of spring provides. It feels like everything outside just woke up from a long sleep, and with a stretch and groan is ready to shake off its dormancy and emerge with renewed energy. The air is fresh, the days are longer, and there are little bursts of new life popping up everywhere. In moments like this, it is easy to agree with God and say it is “very good.” The creation story in the Bible is beautiful. God has put a whole universe in motion, and just like anything with a beginning, the potential is exciting. What’s even more exciting is knowing that God is there, involved in all of it. The Bible says that God walked in the garden (Genesis 3:8), and this indicates that God was in fellowship with Adam and Eve, with no barriers between him and humanity. They may have walked together often, which is why God called out to Adam and Eve when they ran to hide after sinning (Genesis 3:9). In that all-too-familiar scene, a relationship had been broken. Adam and Eve’s trust in God was breached, and doubts filled their minds. Since that moment of a relationship lost, God has been working intently to restore the connection He had with humankind. We see this as a constant theme

throughout the Bible, and it continues to this day. At Riverside, we are surrounded by creation, and we know that we are part of God’s creation, with a special design and purpose, and a large part of that is having a restored relationship where we can be in community with God. This year, our theme is centered around that truth summarized in three words; “made for this.” We want each camper to know God made them and has a plan and purpose for each of them. The Bible screams this over and over throughout its pages, and we want to make it obvious for everyone who comes to camp this year. “For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do (Ephesians 2:10).” ■



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# Summer 2021 Programming Overview

By Megan Nelson

“Made for This” is the theme for Riverside Bible Camp’s 2021 Camp season. Ephesians 2:10 is the theme verse: “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

This summer, we hope to constantly highlight the fact that we are all created in God’s image and that we all have a foreknown purpose. No matter what our society is doing, God is doing something greater in the hearts and minds of the young people who will be visiting our camp this summer. It is exciting to be an advocate of this truth to my peers, Riverside staff, volunteer and attendees.



I am equally as excited that God is bringing people on board to give a voice to this vision. Our Summer Camp Program team will be bigger this year with the addition of:

**Lucero:** Program Assistant and Activities Coordinator

**Linda Aguilar:** LIFT Coordinator

**Ashley Elmhurst:** RSI Coordinator

**Jolene Wyman:** RSI Kitchen Manager

These, many other staff, and volunteers will come together to minister to campers from June through July. Please pray for them as they serve Riverside.

We are still in need of Summer Camp Volunteers. If you are being called to give a week of your Summer to ministry, I ask you to minister here. What can you do for Riverside to the glory of God? What are the skills and talents that could serve the vision you have heard today? We have needs in nursing, cooking, outdoor projects, camp maintenance, lifeguarding, cabin leading, program assistance, craft leading, worship leading, photography, and even more. Please consider this in prayer and thank you so much for your support of Riverside Bible Camp Programs. ■



## Donation for Hydration

By Breanna Plank

Soon Riverside will have RV hookups to our campsites as a well was installed this week. Soon, septic and water lines will be available for motor home use. Riverside frequently has campers parked on the grounds during the summer and occasionally for weekend events as well. We would like to give thanks to the generous donor whose contribution made this project possible. These septic and water lines will be put to good use and will be appreciated by all who use them. ■



## Disc Golf

By Darrie Nelson

Riverside is excited to add a brand new ten-hole disc golf course to our Program offerings this year.

Now everyone will have reason to venture into the North 40 (across the road from our main camp) and play our brand-new Disc Golf course. It was designed and built to be challenging enough for the experienced Disc golfer, yet easy enough for the novice, enabling everyone to enjoy the course as it winds through the fields and forest at Riverside.

We are extremely grateful for a generous cash donation to get the project started and Infinite Discs from Logan, Utah, who generously contributed half the costs of the ten baskets. In addition, we would also like to thank the Evensen family for the many hours they spent installing the course and signage. ■





# What Is LIFT?

By Megan Nelson

Leaders Inspired For Truth, or L.I.F.T, is a summer missionary staff position at Riverside Bible Camp for young adults ages 18 and up. LIFT is designed to meet the needs of Riverside's Summer Programs and to teach how to be God fearing, intentional, spiritually and emotionally mature leaders through the experience of cabin counseling, worship leading, biblical story telling, tie-in activities such as games, crafts, song, and dance, as well as on-sight building and maintenance projects. This is a great summer mission for an outgoing, friendly, creative person who wants to be used as an instrument to further the work of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Do you have special qualifications such as Lifeguard or First Responder Certification, musical abilities, love of children or organizational skills? Would you consider using those skills to make the ultimate difference in someone's life this summer? Pray about it!

Ashley Elmhurst shares on her experience as a "LIFTer" in 2020:

"...LIFT was such an opportunity for me because I was able to learn and improve so many skills including, but not limited to programming, working computer apps, leadership skills, and relationship building. I'd been working at Riverside Bible Camp for many years on RSI, but this summer was really one for the books. I'll never forget all the memories and fun times, and I'll cherish the lessons I learned

from the difficult situations. To anyone who asks, I'll say that this is an opportunity of a lifetime and if you feel as if the Lord might be calling you to take this leap of faith, please do so! I promise you won't regret it and I couldn't be happier with the experience."

Riverside still has openings for LIFT this summer. If you or someone you know is looking for opportunities to work and serve this summer, we would love to hear from you! Visit our website and call our office to start the application process.

## LIFT Acceptance Process:

- Fill out application
- Find a reference and ask them to fill out reference form - non relative
- Arrange a phone interview date with Riverside Program Director/LIFT Coordinator
- (If Accepted) Write fundraising letter
- Send letter to Program Director for review, make necessary changes and send to at least 30 recipients.



# TREK Camp

By Breanna Plank

In case you missed it in our summer camp brochure, Riverside has a new camp for this summer! From June 27 to July 2, the Riverside TREK Program is a six-day outdoor experience based at Riverside with a three-night tent camping trip to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The group will consist of up to 10 campers ages 14-18 with two adult leaders. Days spent at Riverside will include team building activities, leadership training, and outdoor fun! Days away from camp will be spent exploring waterfalls and scenic hiking trails and bonding over campfire-cooked meals, all while learning about the one God who created each of us in such a unique way. TREK participants will be involved in a five-day book study and an evening devotional series. You will also receive a one-of-a-kind TREK t-shirt! Join us on this adventure! ■



## Sustaining Riverside Financial Report: 2021–2022

	FISCAL YEAR TO DATE (beginning 4/1/21)	BUDGET
General Fund Income	\$11,373	\$150,000
General Fund Expense	\$14,632	\$150,000
Current Deficit	-\$3,259	
<i>Praising the Lord for His provision during a year of many uncertainties.</i>		

## Payments Processor Update

By Breanna Plank

As long as we have had online giving as an option, payments have been made through PayPal. While it is effective, we started looking at other payment processing companies to see if we could find one that would serve our ministry better. Our search led us to My Well Giving, a Christian-based non-profit payments processing organization. My Well Giving has many benefits, including lower processing fees, more streamlined processes for online giving, and more payment options, including Text to Give. With all of these benefits, Riverside is preparing to transition from Paypal to My Well Giving. If you are currently a regular online donor, you should receive an email regarding this transition. If you are interested in giving online, you can visit our website to donate. ■

## How can I give to Riverside?

You can:

- Mail a Check
- Set up Direct Bank Payment (ACH)
- Give on our website
- Text "riverside" to 40101
- Give through MyWell Giving App
- Leave Riverside in your will (contact us for more info)
- Give equipment or property (Gift-in-Kind)

*Information on all giving options at our website:*

[www.riversidebiblecamp.org](http://www.riversidebiblecamp.org)

▮ Increase the impact of your giving to Riverside:

- KwikTrip Rewards
- Amazon Smile
- Thrivent Choice
- Volunteer










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August 20th - 22nd, 2021

Prices Starting at:  
 \$65 - Single  
 \$125 - Couple  
 \$165 - Family up to four  
(add'l fee based on lodging requests and family size)

Register at:  
[riversidebiblecamp.org](http://riversidebiblecamp.org)



Riverside Bible Camp's

# Work Day

May 15th, 2021 9am - 4pm Lunch Provided





# EVENTS

## Mark your calendars!

Work Day.....	May 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
Spring Open House and Pancake Breakfast.....	May 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
VBS and Day Camp.....	June 14-18 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
Family Fun Night.....	June 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
Senior High Camp.....	June 20-26 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
Adventure Camp.....	July 5-7 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
Junior Camp.....	July 11-16 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
Junior High Camp.....	July 18-23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2021
Summer Family Camp.....	August 20-22 <sup>nd</sup> , 2021
Harvest Family Camp.....	October 1-3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2021
Fellowship Supper and Celebration Service.....	October 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2021
Lumberjack Day.....	October 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
Craft Camp.....	October 15-17 <sup>th</sup> , 2021
Christmas Open House.....	December 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2021
New Year's Eve Party.....	December 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2021
LIFT Winter Retreat.....	January 14-16 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
Infuse.....	February 11-13 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
Ignite.....	February 25-27 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
GRIT Men's Retreat.....	March 25-26 <sup>th</sup> , 2022
RSI Training Camp.....	April 1-3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2022



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# WANTED

Over the years, many in-kind donations have been given to Riverside. These gifts are a wonderful blessing to the ministry and provide needed resources. Please check out our list of current needs, and if you can help with an item or provide funds to purchase it, let us know.

- Pool sticks
- John Deere small square baler 336, 332, 328, or 348
- 1,000-gallon LP tank
- PTO driven generator (35,000 Watt)
- Tire balancer
- Corn Hole game
- Gas leaf blower
- Kickballs
- Paint brushes – assorted sizes
- ¾ ton 4x4 pickup truck
- Small kitchen washcloths
- Oven hot mitts