

The Record says, "Special thanks to all Choral Camp volunteers for your hard work this week!"



Jaya says, "Wait. Campers, you're leaving? It seems like you just got here."

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Campers! We'll miss you!



Collette consoles Jaya. "I'll miss the campers too, little Jaya, but they'll be back."

GOODBYE FROM COLLETTE, PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

Are your hearts singing, campers? I hope so because it has been a great week at Choral Camp!

We've had so much fun with classes, games, events and relationships. Even more important than that, though, is that God loves each one of you and is pleased with the joyful noise you have made to him this week.

Keep a song in your heart to God as you leave here, and we look forward to seeing you again next year! Goodbye!



Did you know that you can go to college on the Choral Camp campus? Jared did! He sang with Salt & Light Co. and Chorale, and so did Erin—just ask them. If you've learned to sing really well, you can tour with the Rosedale Chorale. Ask Jared Stutzman!



Eleven years!!!

Campers tend to come back to Choral Camp year after year, and counselor Aaron Nazelrod is no exception. This is his eleventh year at camp!

Aaron was 8 when he first arrived at camp in 2007. He found it a little bit confusing. "I didn't get into the activities at first. There was so much hustle and bustle, and everybody was going around and around."

But the counselors made him feel welcome. "They helped me get into the flow."

Aaron spent seven years as a camper. "I couldn't wait for the next year to come back and hang out with friends!" These friends were special, he said, because he could only see them one time a year.

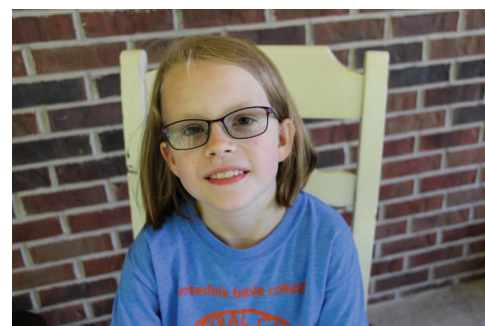
When asked if anything about camp was scary, he said yes, Choral Camp Cream. "I was afraid of getting the shaving cream in my eyes." But he kept doing it, year after year, and learned how to do it better.

Now he's careful not to point the shaving cream too high, "near the face."

Aaron returned to camp as a part of Crew and then served as a one-week counselor. Now he's a two-week counselor. He uses his own experiences as a camper to help the kids he works with. When they're homesick, he said, "I try to talk them through it and tell them it will be all right. We pray together. And I tell them it's only for a week!"

Music Director Ken Miller said, "The great thing about Aaron is that he's willing to do anything you ask him to do." And Collette Showalter, program director, said, "Aaron is a nice guy, but watch out, because he loves to throw a good joke at you."

Aaron, 19, graduated from high school this year. He plans to get a job for a while and attend community college. He'd like to study science and do something in the medical field. His advice for campers is: "Don't stop thinking about God, and do your devotions every day."



Sweet gifts for helpers

Camper Lulu Wilson likes to give things to people. Once, she organized a yard sale and earned \$200 for her church's building fund!

This week, she made little packages of candy to give to "all the people who help out at camp"—the cooks, the counselors, the "choir people," and the people who run the culture class.

She put thank-you notes in plastic bags with the candy, and when she ran out of bags, she innovated.

"I taped pieces of candy to the notes."

Lulu's candy gifts included mints ("Which are really good!"), Laffy Taffy, and Lifesavers. Thanks, Lulu!



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