

# WEEKLY

# NEWSLETTER

## STAFF OUTING

Saturday evening we will take a trip to Observatory Hill for a fun and free outing to just hang out on top of a beautiful look out. Packed meals will be provided.



June 25, 2014



## Spiritual gifts of the week: Exhortation & Evangelism

*“But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called ‘today,’ that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin” (Heb. 3:13).*

**An exhortation for exhortation!** (exhortation-inception)  
That’s what the author of Hebrews tells us. We are called to call each other out. We are told to hold our brothers and sisters to God’s standard.

**Why?** So that none of us might become calloused to the foolish ways of this world. So that we don’t get stuck in a rut. Do not be deceived as Israel was and turn your heart from God. Rather, stay true to God’s commands and exhort each other to do likewise. Remember, we are on each other’s team!



## ZONE STAFF ALUMNI

AMBER STEPHENS

CREW: 2007-10 FOREMAN: 2011

DEAN: 2013

### What is your favorite memory of being on the Zone Staff?

One of many favorite memories of being on staff would have to be when my growth partner, Megin (Lapa) Worsham, pulled me outside to a picnic table. She had sparkling grape juice and chocolate and she listened to me talk for an hour. It was so sweet and it made me feel so special and cared about. I've always remembered that and I try to exemplify that in the way I disciple others, just loving on them in whatever way they need.

### How has the Zone influenced you?

Being on staff influenced me most in the way of how I lived my life as a Christian. I'd known God for a while by the time I was 15 and came to Sky Lodge, but I didn't really understand what it looked like to be a follower of Christ day to day. That first summer, it hit me that it meant working for God with a servant's heart and loving people and being in community. It also meant spending time with God each day in solitude. I'd always been told to read my Bible, but the idea of spending time alone, meditating on His Word, was a whole different way of looking at it. Being on The Zone taught me about being in an actual relationship, with God, and other people; learning how to best love others.



WHY WINTER NEVER SEEMS TO END.