

Dear Discovery Outfitters ministry partner,

We have experienced some incredible growth the last two summers with increases of 40% and 30% respectively in “camper days” in 2006 and 2007. This growth has allowed us to minister to many youth and adults in a wilderness setting. Without your help and involvement it could not have been possible.

Late last year, an opportunity was presented to us by Canby Grove Conference Center (www.CanbyGrove.com) to consider a formal partnership between our organizations. As we explored this opportunity and prayed about it the answer was clear that such a partnership would allow Discovery Outfitters to reach substantially more individuals and would result in a much more effective ministry.

Our board of directors has been involved in the discussions with the Canby Grove staff and board and there is unanimous agreement that this is the direction Discovery Outfitters needs to go.

There are a lot of questions about what this means to the ministry. Not all of them have answers right now. What I can tell you is the following.

What won't change...

- Discovery Outfitters will continue to operate in the same manner and fashion relying on a combination of **summer staff** and **volunteer guides** to conduct ministry.
- Tom Hall will continue to provide the leadership and training for volunteer guides and summer staff and trip execution.
- Our core values and mission will not change which include evangelism, discipleship and leadership development.
- Our trip offerings, programming, and execution will remain the same.
- Discovery Outfitters will continue to offer services to all camps, churches, and individuals that desire a Christ-centered wilderness adventure.

What will change...

- Relocate our base of operations to Canby Grove site in Canby, OR.
- 2008 summer staff will be under the auspices of Canby Grove.
- We will see a major improvement and increase in marketing and sales efforts.
- We will realize an immediate addition of an estimated 600 camper days for 2008 (40% increase over 2007).
- Programming opportunities will increase as Discovery Outfitters will be responsible for Canby Grove's Challenge Ropes Course
- More options and expanded opportunity for ministry to guest groups.

I continue to return to our “Mission Statement” to guide this ministry and set a course according to God's plan.

“Under the authority of God's Word, Discovery Outfitters exists to creatively harness outdoor experiences for the purposes of evangelism, discipleship and leadership development.”

Thanks you for your faithful support of this ministry! If you have any questions or concerns about this new relationship with Canby Grove, please voice them to me. I'm very excited the opportunities that a partnership with Canby Grove means and about Discovery's future!

In Christ,



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