

So Long, Sweet Days of Summer...

From excursions to Fires Creek and beyond, goats to alpacas, horseback riding to whitewater rafting, iron chef feasts to lazy campfire conversations, our lives and hearts at The Still Place are as full and overflowing as Compass Creek has been all summer.

So let me (Dr. Dawn) introduce you to our new staff and tell you a little bit about our summer and the 20 truly amazing and inspiring families we have met so far this year.



Meet Kayla

Kayla volunteered in March when Hunter was visiting. As he said good-bye he said, " Dr. Dawn, I REALLY liked her, can you hire her?"

Matt's mom (Crystal) and I interviewed her and Kayla blew us away, mostly with her big heart and joyful smile. She is a recent graduate of Young Harris College and is working toward a career as a Child Life Specialist. She served this summer as a Child Life Intern and has now joined us part-time throughout the year as our Program Director. She will be enhancing and expanding our programs so that we may better serve families **YEAR-ROUND**.

Kayla messing around as usual with Wes and Larson

Meet Kelli

Kelli also showed up to volunteer and willingly stepped in to coordinate our volunteer program. She quickly proved she had superpowers in the world of administration and organization. She has joined our team part-time as Director of Operations. She comes from a background in Family Ministry where she managed a highly successful number of volunteer programs. Kelli is launching The Still Place from Dr. Dawn's kitchen table into the real world.



My hero with that sparkly clean and organized desk!



Amelia tenderly caring for a sacred space her family created for a bird nest family that fell from the tree fort.



Handsome beyond words, Jacob prepares to ride Sparky at Silver Spurs with Karen



Gunner sneaks in a little gem mining.

What exactly is a Still Place Retreat?

Families with seriously ill children come to The Still Place for a week of escape from the usual burdens of endless medical appointments and worry to enjoy one another as family. We offer a spectrum of opportunities based on the family's desire which may range from time alone as a family to a fully scheduled retreat with staff and volunteers providing experiences in art, nature, spiritual listening and tons of Appalachian culture and adventure. We will feature a day in the life of The Still Place in each newsletter to come!



Kacey's Iron Chef Feast



Serious game night strategists



Zuri shows her family the trail to the ridge

Our Volunteers have the Biggest Hearts and Sprinkle Serious Joy!



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