

YOUR MAY NEWSLETTER FROM ZEPHYR POINT

Zephyr Point Bids Farewell to 2023/2024 Interns



Reflections from Zephyr Point Intern Trinity Barnes, Marketing & Development.

In 2023, the Zephyr Point internship was brought back for the first time since COVID, and I was happy to be a part of it! It ran from early September to late May, giving us a full experience of winter in Tahoe. As part of the Zephyr Point Internship Program, we went on two camping trips to explore some of the west coast's most beautiful areas. The first camping trip was to Yosemite National Park and the second was to the redwood-filled coastal town of Santa Cruz.

As interns we were also provided opportunities for professional development and community time each week. Zephyr Point provided on-site housing and some meals and as people in our early 20's, we really appreciated that. There were so many benefits and lots of knowledge that came with playing a role in the Zephyr Point team. Because of my unique experience here, I will forever remember my time in Tahoe.

As Marketing and Development Intern, I asked our 2023/2024 Interns three questions related to Zephyr Point's mission of inviting all to experience God through Education, Exploration, and Inspiration. Read on to discover how impactful our experiences were here at Zephyr Point.

EDUCATION - Talk about an experience that educated you during your time at Zephyr Point.

Caleb Cripe: Caleb, our Youth Programs Intern from Monterey, CA, had the opportunity to assist and attend some of the adult program conferences such as the Justice Conference, where the theme was Beyond the Land Acknowledgement. "The conference talked about the role we play in the Tahoe basin, an area that is deeply important to the indigenous people of the Washoe Tribe, and the role that we can play as an organization and as individuals in contributing to justice in this space."

Chris Barton: Chris, our Adult Program Intern from Ontario, CA, was able to utilize what he learned in a workshop put on by guest services to effectively communicate over the phone assisting guests with any issues or questions that they may have. "If there was ever a question that they had I was able to help assist them with whatever they need and provide excellent customer service."

EXPLORATION- Did you explore anything new while being a Zephyr Point Intern?

Abbie Latham: Coming from Murfreesboro, TN, being at Zephyr Point was Abbie's first time on the west coast. This was also Abbie's first time to experience camping. "Traveling out here has been a great experience. Getting to explore the Coastal Redwoods as well as Yosemite has been really great and was a special first time camping experience."

Trinity Barnes: Trinity is from New Orleans, LA and serves as our Marketing and Development Intern. She spoke highly of her experience with the Zephyr Point camping trips. "In Yosemite, I was able to explore Half Dome, hike Sentinel Dome, and even see climbers take on El Capitan! But my favorite was exploring the coastal redwoods in Santa Cruz."

INSPIRATION - What is something that inspired you during the internship that contributed toward your future?

Trinity Barnes: Shortly after starting my internship at Zephyr Point, I joined the marketing team at the South Tahoe Business Expo in the brand-new Tahoe Blue Events Center. This was my first time marketing to the public. I enjoyed connecting with people and speaking with local businesses in the Tahoe area. My experience here has inspired me to pursue a career in Environmental Marketing."

Kathryn Pena: Attending the Earth Day Celebration with Zephyr Point, Kathryn experienced first hand how much the community and local organizations care for the environment in this area. "The one big thing I saw they were so passionate about was waste management, which can be challenging in a mountain town. This inspired me to work with Zephyr Point to improve our waste management as the large retreat center that we are."

Trinity Barnes

Marketing and Development Intern

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Take our survey! How many years have you been a part of the Zephyr Point community?

1-4 years

5-10 years

11-20 years

21-40 years

41 or more years

A Zephyr Point Moment in History

As we countdown to Zephyr Point's Centennial Celebration in 2024, our monthly newsletters from now through September will highlight the historical milestones and key figures integral to our legacy. We begin this series with a tribute to a figure who played a foundational role in establishing Zephyr Point and its enduring mission as a center for education, exploration, and inspiration.



Gertrude S. Church (1866-1945)

Though Gertrude Church's name might not ring a bell for many, her contributions are foundational to our existence. In the early 1920s, visionaries from the Presbyterian Church identified the land now known as Zephyr Point as perfect for youth and adult conferences. Despite their enthusiasm, funds were short by \$6,000. Enter Gertrude Church, a former high school principal and University of Michigan alum, who, upon retiring, took a keen interest in local real estate.

Gertrude was deeply involved in the Presbyterian Church and several philanthropic organizations. She stepped in with a \$6,000 loan that enabled the purchase of the land that Zephyr Point occupies today.

Zephyr Point Celebrates 100 Years

Everyone is welcome to join Zephyr Point's Centennial Celebration September 20-22, 2024.

Join us for a weekend filled with joy, festivities, and special activities. For more information click on the Special Events link below.

We hope to see you there!



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