

Funding Summer Camp

Over 94% of the kids who attend CrossView's Scholarship Camps qualify for a scholarship, meaning the Camper pays \$15 for their week of Camp.

CrossView raises over \$100,000 every year to bring at-risk, low-income kids from West Texas to Summer Camp.

CrossView conducts annual fund raisers and receives some grants, but approximately 70% of our funding comes from individuals.

In addition to Scholarship Camps, CrossView also hosts Tuition Camps, where a ministry pays to bring their kids for a week of Summer Camp.

Unlike other Camps, CrossView receives no funding from a denomination. We are non-denominational and unaffiliated with any church (although we receive support from several local fellowships), which gives CrossView the freedom to work with all churches, organizations, and ministries who profess Christ.

CrossView is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization recognized by the IRS, so donations are tax-deductible. Make checks payable to "CrossView Christian Camp" and mail to the address on the front of this brochure.

CrossView's History

CrossView Camp was founded in 2000 by Greg & Dionne McCowen for the purpose of spreading the life-changing truth of the Gospel to the at-risk kids of West Texas. Greg approached a local rancher with the vision of starting a Christian camp for at-risk kids, and the rancher donated 235 acres with eight existing buildings to be used toward this purpose.

The Camp and its office are located three miles West of Dickens, Texas, approximately 60 miles East of Lubbock on Highway 114. CrossView combines all the elements of top quality Christian camping with the Good News of Jesus Christ and an on-going mentoring element to effect real and lasting change in the lives of troubled youth.



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CROSSVIEW'S SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM

Our Mission

The purpose of CrossView Camp is to reach at risk kids from low income households with the life-changing truth of the Gospel. The Good News of Jesus Christ can deliver them from effects of, or prevent them from engaging in, negative behaviors such as drug use, alcohol abuse, teen pregnancy, delinquency,



eating disorders, crime, suicide, gangs, cutting, violence, etc. CrossView intervenes primarily through the Summer Camp Program, which provides a top quality camping experience for little or no cost to disadvantaged kids from West Texas.



Summer Camp Activities

CrossView's Campers enjoy exposure to rural West Texas (many are from the inner city), swimming, a high ropes course, low ropes courses, a climbing wall, arts and crafts, concerts, paintball, fishing, canoeing, ball sports, hiking, disc golf, campfires, fear factor games, trailer rides, archery, riflery, and more.



CrossView's Campers are 2nd through 12th graders who cannot afford a traditional Camp but come to CrossView for one week where they receive unconditional love, develop self esteem, enjoy good nutrition, build teamwork skills, receive counseling, witness Godly values and character in action, improve social skills, gain cultural exposure, overcome fears, and participate in activities that promote spiritual, emotional, and physical health—all geared toward equipping them to effect real and lasting change in their individual lives, in their community, and in their generation. Ultimately, the most important change we hope for our Campers to experience is an eternal one.

Mentoring Element

Because of the type of Camper ministered to at CrossView, it is a relatively small Camp, accepting only 36 Campers per week. Individual attention and meticulous supervision are essential for safety, for social development, and for spiritual progress. CrossView maintains a very high adult-to-camper ratio (2 Campers per 1 adult). The small, intimate atmosphere facilitates relationship, accountability, and trust. Each Camper has the opportunity to bond with a mature Christian role model from their own neighborhood who becomes a mentor when the "sprint" of Summer Camp is over and the "marathon" of discipleship begins. Creating this kind of atmosphere increases CrossView's costs but is essential to our mission.

