

Living at Echo Ranch: What you can expect during your summer with us.

There is something about Alaska. Talk to anyone about this beautiful state and their eyes light up. Watch the Travel Channel long enough and you are bound to catch at least one show about Alaska. Stories have been written and movies have been made all with Alaska as the backdrop.

Ever wanted to travel to Alaska? If you're like most people, you probably need a good excuse. What if you could enjoy the beauty of Alaska and serve the Lord at the same time? What do you think of that? Echo Ranch Bible Camp is a great place to serve the Lord and it just so happens to be nestled in the backcountry of Alaska. Don't let the wilderness part scare you. Echo Ranch has the comforts of home with snowcapped mountains as the backdrop.

Echo Ranch is like a little city with a population that changes from week to week. The camp is powered by diesel generators that run 24 hours per day. There is running water, places to take showers, and washers and dryers for doing laundry. Wonderful meals are prepared three times a day with plenty of leftovers for a midnight snack. Food is brought into camp two times a week so the produce is always fresh. Satellite Internet is available for checking email and Facebook. Sorry, no cell phone service at camp, but in Juneau there is plenty of signal to go around.

The chapel, which is located in the upper half of a barn, has a video projector and 1200 watt sound system. Chapel takes place twice a day and may include puppets, skits, video clips, and a speaker to present a message. Do you have musical abilities? We could always use people to help sing, play guitar, drums, and piano. On Sundays we have church at camp and any staff member is welcome to be apart of the worship team.

Like to work out? In the gym there is a small exercise room with new equipment recently donated. Going for a jog is easy, follow the path that runs around the camp. In town, people play softball and baseball on dirt fields and the football stadium has artificial turf. Echo Ranch has one of the nicest pieces of flat grassland in Juneau, Alaska. Counselors often set up Ultimate Frisbee on the weekend and kick-ball is always an option. The nets are also set up for anyone who enjoys a good soccer game. The front beach has a sand volleyball court that is also available to summer staff.

For those who grew up near the farm, Echo Ranch has a set of pigs that we slop each summer. Tractors and flatbed wagons are a major part of daily camp life. The wagons are used to transport lumber, hay, and people. Add the horses to the equation and you got yourself a ranch.

Don't be fooled, it's still Alaska. Surrounding Echo Ranch are snowcapped mountains, a stream with running salmon, ocean beach front where whales and sea lions can be seen. There are also plenty of bald eagles nesting in the trees. Waterfalls, glaciers, salmon and halibut fishing are within your reach. And the best part of it all is that everything we do at Echo Ranch revolves around a child coming to trust in Christ as their Savior. What better reason to come to Alaska?