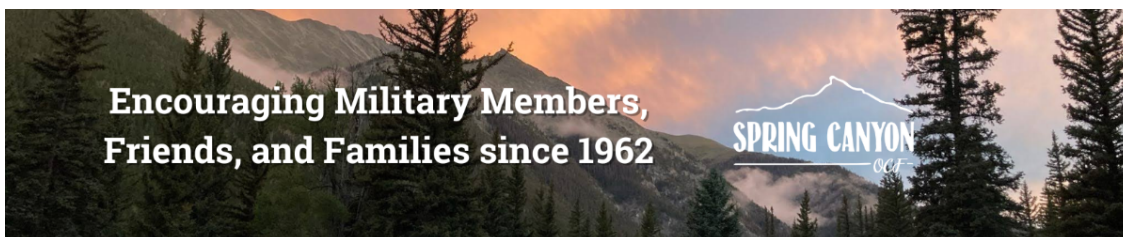


## PEAK Internship Spring Update!

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2022/2023 Intern Cohort

(L-R: Nate Rizzuto, Titus Harper, Kendra Santoro, Haylie Alexander, Claire Shnowske,  
Emma Heath, Calvin Tattershall, Ian Wooten)

Hi All,

We are more than halfway through our spring semester and are experiencing a little different pace than in the fall. Three weekends have been without retreat guests, so much deep cleaning has been done and time has been spent practicing life in community. The retreat schedule will pick up a little as our weekends fill and we have some midweek retreats coming in.

The Intern schedule also includes several field trips. Most of the Spring Canyon staff, including Interns, attended the Christian Camp and

**Conference Association Sectional meeting in Sacramento, NM in February. The interns saw a bigger picture of camp and conference center ministry and also met interns from other locations to compare notes. We think all came away appreciating the PEAK program!**



Interns and Staff that attended the CCCA Sectional in Sacramento, NM



Roller skating at Sacramento Camp

**A few weeks ago, the Interns participated in a field trip to Denver which included judging at a speech a debate tournament (this is great for practicing attentiveness and forming quick discernments while providing adequate justification for decisions), and visiting the Denver Art Museum with an assignment concerning the form and content of an art piece of their choosing. On the way back, we made a quick stop at Red Rocks Park and Amphitheatre.**



Speech judging

Quick stop at Red Rocks Park and Amphitheatre



**Big picture life lessons through the academic program include:**

- 1. Considering profound theological propositions through the struggle between conflicting worldviews in C.S Lewis's Space Trilogy (*Out of the Silent Planet*, *Perelandra*, *That Hideous Strength*)**

2. **Pondering the human need for community and the value of cultural heritage in *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury**
3. **Coming face to face with the true nature of human depravity in *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding**
4. **Learning how to speak the real English language and recognizing the work required to discover and preserve Truth in *Much Ado About Nothing* by William Shakespeare - everyone needs a little Shakespeare in their life**
5. **Joining the Christian pilgrimage in Hannah Hunnard's allegory *Hinds Feet on High Places***
6. **Comparing the quality of self awareness promoted in Christian Existentialism versus Philosophical Absurdism in *Notes From Underground* by Theodore Dostoevsky (Christian) and *The Fall* by Albert Camus (Philosophical Absurdist)**
7. **Wrestling with Christian and Atheist apologetics in *The Reason for God* by Timothy Keller and *Atheism: A Very Short Introduction* by Julian Baggini**
8. **Observing Lent and celebrating Easter in *Word in the Wilderness: A Poem a Day for Lent and Easter* by Macolm Guite**

**We are also working through Ken Sande's Relational Wisdom 360 as a full staff. This information is always helpful when living in community. Our one on one meetings continue to happen on an (almost) weekly basis.**



**Fun in the snow! We got 2 feet of snow overnight in mid-Feb.**

**We are in the process of assigning the interns to their summer staff positions and look forward to them stepping into these important**

leadership roles. They've learned and grown this year and are going to set a great example for the other staff joining them in May.

Four of the interns have accepted PEAK Fellows positions, and will continue to serve and grow at Spring Canyon for another year. This will allow them more focused work in a specific area and an opportunity to set an example and help lead the new intern class. We are excited for this new part of the program to begin.

If you know anyone who might be interested in joining us for the PEAK Internship cohort of 2023/2024 please send them to our [website](#) for more information and to apply. There are still two spots available in the next class.

Blessings,

Andy and Heidi Truitt

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More information regarding the PEAK Internship is located on our website:

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