

# CAMP AREV **THE STORY**

Fall/Winter 2017

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# THE **HARVEST**



# FALL/WINTER 2017

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# The Massive Harvest

By: Razmig Minassian

This year Camp AREV celebrated its 40-year anniversary. Through the decades, its ministry has thrived for two reasons. First, it has been true to its founding mission: reaching our Armenian community with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Camp AREV has held true to its purpose, which is to help people establish a personal relationship with Jesus, walk in the path of righteousness, and truly live out our Armenian Christian identity.

Second, God continues to provide a great harvest. We just concluded a very successful year in camping ministry. Many first-timers enjoyed Camp AREV's summer and winter programs, delicious food, and opportunities to create friendships and memories for a lifetime. I can confidently say that God was present in our midst, the Spirit was truly working in the heart of every camper.

I can't help but think of Jesus' heart as he looked at the crowd in Matthew 9: 35-38. When our hearts feel the same compassion as that of Christ, the Spirit naturally moves us to become prayer warriors and laborers in this massive harvest.

This year, summer camp was jam packed. We had a record breaking year: we sold out two out of the three weeks. Including counselors and staff

we had close to 160 youth for Junior High camp, and more than 155 for High School camp. We also broke the record for our Juniors camp. With counselors and staff we have close to 100 youth!

God continues to change lives at Camp AREV. We heard so many campers' stories, witnessing how God is transforming the lives of these young people and bringing them closer to Himself.

This year was amazing for fun and activities as well. We introduced our brand-new paintball course, which was a huge success for all ages. We brought back "CLUB SHED" which is our snack shop/gift shop.

We thank God specifically for all the parents, counselors, and staff. I also thank God for the Camp AREV Committee, the AEUNA, and the AMAA for their ongoing prayers and financial support. Their partnership is extremely vital for this ministry.

**The harvest is massive, the laborers are few, I ask that we join together in asking the Lord of this harvest to send laborers. All for his glory!**

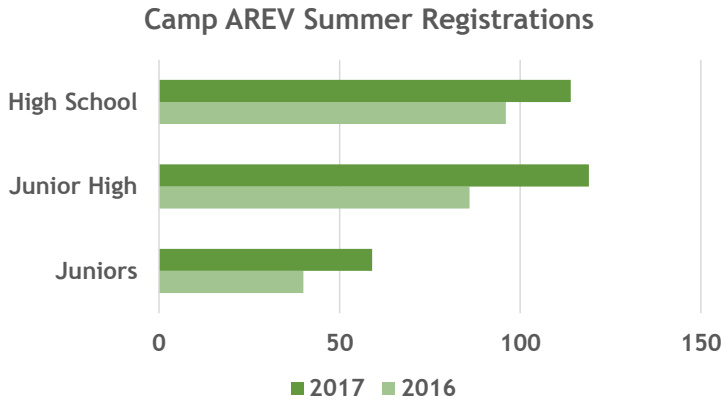
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Rev. Razmig Minassian is the Executive Director of Camp AREV. He has been involved with the ministry of Camp AREV since 1998.

# ANNUAL Ministry Report

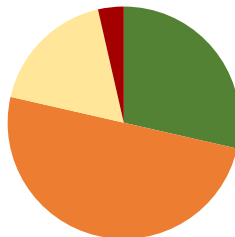
## 2017 CAMPING PROGRAMS

Junior High and High School weeks of summer 2017 filled Camp AREV to bursting, and our Juniors camp week attracted a record number of 3rd - 5th graders. Our ministry and outreach are expanding into our physical limits!



## 2017 FACILITY USE

Our guest group program is a ministry to other churches and Christian organizations. We rent to outside ministries, offering reduced rates to AEUNA churches and organizations. Rental income helps pay for camp operations. Bookings have decreased recently, due to competition and the state of our lodging. We increased our budget for repairs and renovations, and are actively improving our lodging. Tell others you know about Camp AREV's guest group program – the more weekends we book, the more funds available to beautify the camp!

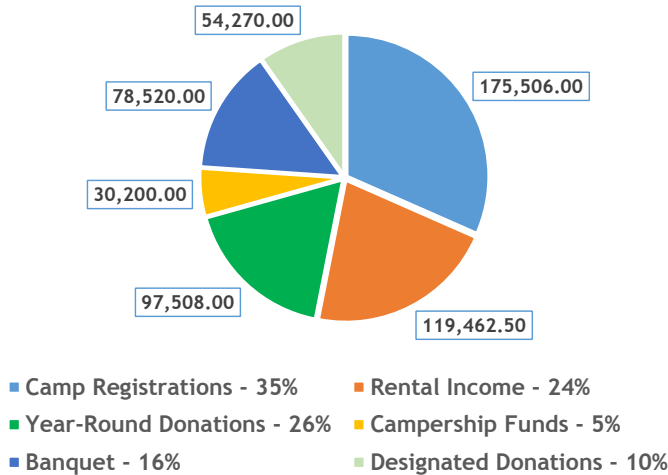


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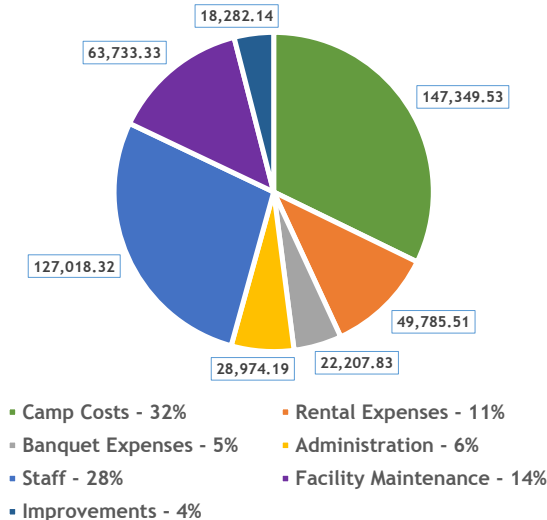
## 2016 INCOME

Our AEUNA community and churches make this camp ministry possible. Your donations fund programming, maintenance, operations, and special projects. Camp AREV needs your continued support, as donations are a big component of our operating income!



## 2017 EXPENSES

Our camp program is a ministry and not a profit center, and our expenses are close to our costs. We brought together the community for a special 40th anniversary banquet. We spent the remainder of a very generous recreation fund donation to install a Paintball course at camp (fun!). We trained staff and are paying them to run our Zip Line, Archery Range, and Paintball course.



**Elise Kalfayan** is the current Camp AREV Office Administrator. She is a long time member of the Camp AREV community and has served our camp in various ways notably as volunteer cook and summer temp.

WINTER CAMP 2018



# ABOVE AND BEYOND

EPHESIANS 3: 14 - 21

## WEEKEND DATES

COLLEGE/CAREER = JANUARY 26 - 28

JUNIORS = FEBRUARY 2 - 4

JUNIOR HIGH = FEBRUARY 9 - 11

HIGH SCHOOL = FEBRUARY 16 - 18

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# FROM A *HARVESTERS'* POINT OF VIEW

My experience last summer was incredible. Many campers that wanted nothing to do with this whole church camp thing were introduced to God for the first time, and we at camp saw a great need for additional strong and mature workers to join the harvest! But God, being God and working in ways nobody expects, revealed himself to these campers. It was especially great to see the transformation of the counselors throughout each week. Each week many of them started off unsure about how they would relate to their campers, or what to expect. By the end of each week, almost every counselor had amazing stories to share about how God gave them the opportunities to share the gospel and invite their campers to church. All those struggling at the beginning of the week, suddenly were getting along and confiding in one another! Amazing, isn't it?

In addition to watching God work in the lives of others at camp, I think it was no accident that I decided to be a CO last summer. I just turned 30. I'm sure, like many young Christian adults out there, it can be difficult to be in community with other believers around my age. I

confess that in part I decided to go to camp because I knew that meaningful community was exactly what was missing in my life. The lack of community really took a toll on my relationship with God. Somehow, I knew that camp would provide. That's exactly what camp did for me.

There is so much more to share about my experience at camp, but at this point I will simply encourage you all to come to camp. We are in desperate need of quality and mature counselors, especially in the young adult age group (about 21 and up). I know it can be difficult with jobs, internships, kids, etc. but I urge you to consider serving for a week/ weekend. Youth leaders and helpers, bring your kids and go to camp as a family. Our campers need to see examples of Christians that they can look up to and go to for guidance. We can't remain in Christ without other Christians. We just can't.

I want to thank everyone who has been involved with camp. Your prayers, donations, and time serving have been for an amazing cause. Let us continue to share the good news to a world that desperately needs to hear it.

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**Lisa Eleazarian** has been involved with Camp AREV since the sixth grade, first as a camper and eventually as a counselor and a member of the kitchen staff. Currently she serves as one of our summer/winter Coordinators.

# THE CAMPERSHIP FUND



## help us *replenish* our campership fund

For over two decades Camp AREV has provided a place and an experience where people draw closer to Jesus Christ. Our goal is to create an environment and an opportunity for each camper to make a personal decision for Christ and be transformed. Last summer we drew record breaking numbers during our summer camp, including many first-time campers using campership.

From the beginning of this ministry, parents, grandparents, churches and foundations have given generously to provide everyone the opportunity to become part of our Camp AREV fellowship.

Over the years we have supported campers because of these gifts. Campers that come from various financial struggles have enjoyed the experience at Camp AREV because we were able to subsidize part or in some cases

all of their fee. Over the last 2 years, we have provided over \$30,000 in Camperships. Without the Campership Fund, which is fully funded by individual gifts, Camp AREV would not exist.

We are so blessed and thankful for our dear friends who became mission partners, underwriting most of our camperships. We are now seeking to replenish the Campership Fund for 2018.

How about you? Has your child or grandchild experienced the love of Jesus Christ at Camp AREV? Do you know anyone who has had an amazing week at Camp? How about those who have been blessed by the Campership Fund? Take a moment and praise God for the opportunity our campers have to come to a saving knowledge of Christ and to experience His hope in a profound way.



# FACILITY RENOVATION WISH LIST

We are actively pursuing funds to bring our facilities up to date. Our aim is to make Camp AREV safe, bright and clean. Please review the following wish list to see how you can participate in our efforts. If you are moved to participate financially or have questions please contact us at [info@camparev.org](mailto:info@camparev.org) or call 818.507.0922

## ORIGINAL LODGE \$57,000 + \$17,000\* (renovations)

<p><b>Interior</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electrical upgrades - <b>\$5,000</b></li> <li>• <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New toilets, sink faucets, shower fixtures - <b>donated by Rooter Hero</b></li> <li>• New plumbing - <b>\$12,000</b></li> <li>• New carpeting - <b>\$7,500</b></li> <li>• New drywall / interior paint - <b>\$5,000</b></li> <li>• <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *New HVAC units - <b>(Optional) \$17,000</b></li> <li>• <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New bunks / mattresses for bedrooms</li> </ul>	<p><b>Exterior</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New doors - <b>\$4,000</b></li> <li>• Paint - <b>\$10,000</b></li> <li>• New weatherproof deck / entrances - <b>\$10,000</b></li> <li>• Improve lawn / landscape surround - <b>\$3,500</b></li> <li>• <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New roof</li> </ul>
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## 2-STORY STAFF CABIN \$65,000 (renovations)

<p><b>Interior</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HVAC - <b>\$3,000</b></li> <li>• Electrical upgrades - <b>\$4,500</b></li> <li>• Plumbing upgrades - <b>\$4,000</b></li> <li>• New kitchen fixtures - <b>\$4,500</b></li> <li>• New bathroom fixtures - <b>\$4,500</b></li> <li>• New carpet - <b>\$6,500</b></li> <li>• Paint - <b>\$3,000</b></li> <li>• New beds / bunks / furniture - <b>\$2,500</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Exterior</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New windows and door - <b>\$2,500</b></li> <li>• Paint - <b>\$4,000</b></li> <li>• New deck / rails / stairway - <b>\$15,000</b></li> <li>• Ground floor storage upgrade - <b>\$11,000</b></li> </ul>
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## LOWER CABINS \$58,500 + \$10,000\* each (renovations)

<p><b>Interiors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electrical / lighting - <b>\$10,000</b></li> <li>• Bathrooms - <b>\$20,000</b></li> <li>• New carpet - <b>\$10,000</b></li> <li>• New drywall / interior paint - <b>\$20,000</b></li> <li>• New bunks / mattresses - <b>\$26,000</b></li> <li>• <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> *New HVAC units - <b>(Optional) \$20,000</b></li> </ul>	<p><b>Exteriors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wood work - <b>\$5,000</b></li> <li>• Exterior paint - <b>\$10,000</b></li> <li>• New windows and doors - <b>\$6,000</b></li> <li>• Landscape / hardscape around cabins - <b>\$10,000</b></li> </ul>
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Thank you for supporting our ministry. Your gift will enable us to move forward in creating amazing stories for the glory of God. You can send an online donation toward a project above via [www.camparev.org/contribute](http://www.camparev.org/contribute), or you can mail it to us at Camp AREV, P.O. Box 11145, Glendale CA 91226

# FOUR WAYS OF GIVING THAT WILL CHANGE LIVES FOREVER!

You love Camp AREV and want to support it. We want to point out four ways of giving that will be used for God to transform hundreds of lives.

## Campership Fund:

The Campership Fund exists to help campers that are in need of financial assistance. This fund creates an opportunity for every camper to experience the love and hope of Jesus Christ at Camp AREV. Read more regarding this fund on page 8.

## Friends of Camp AREV:

This program will give you the chance to make a commitment to the ongoing ministry of Camp AREV. Your monthly contribution of any amount would help us continue reaching lives for Jesus Christ.

## Individual Donation/Contribution:

Every dollar is valuable to us. Whether it's used for operations, or special projects, your one time tax deductible donation will be used carefully and wisely to enhance this ministry.



## Gift in Kind:

Camp AREV would be tremendously blessed if you decided to donate something from our "Wish List." This year our wish list is focused on facility renovations and updates. Please see our Wish List on page 9 for more details.

Thank you for supporting our ministry. Please visit [www.camparev.org/contribute](http://www.camparev.org/contribute) or sign up for recurring donations through the Friends of Camp AREV Program. You can also send donations by mail to Camp AREV at P.O. 11145, Glendale, CA. 91226.



# Upcoming Events 2018

## **January - February - Winter Camp 2018**

One Day Leadership Summit

Los Angeles Region Hosted at COA Church, Glendale - January 13

Fresno Region Hosted at PACC, January 20

Youth Camp:

College & Career - January 26-28

Juniors - February 2-4

Junior High - February 9-11

High School - February 16-18

## **March**

Annual Celebration/Fundraising Banquet in Los Angeles - March 11

## **April**

Volunteer Clean Up Weekend - April 6-8

## **May**

Annual Women's Retreat - May 18-20

## **July - August (Summer Camp)**

Counselor and Staff Training Weekend - July 5-7

Juniors Camp - July 8-14

Junior High Camp - July 15-21

High School Camp - July 22-28

College & Career Camp - August 3-5

## **July (Saturday Kebab Picnics)**

Juniors Camp Week - July 14, 11am-3pm

Junior High Camp Week July 21, 11am-3pm

High School Camp Week July 28, 11am-3pm

## **October**

Annual Men's Retreat - October 12-14

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## Affiliations

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## About

Camp AREV is a non-profit evangelical camp and retreat center that provides an opportunity to each person to make a personal commitment to Jesus Christ our Lord and to grow in the understanding of that commitment.



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