

Straight Ahead Colorado

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A juvenile offender ministry

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Hot Dog!

About 400 of them along with an equal amount of hamburgers will be served to teens who are incarcerated at *Lookout Mountain Youth Facility*, along with officers and volunteers. *Straight Ahead Colorado* is known for its Bible studies, special programs, pre-release training, mentoring and Sunday services. But ask a youth who has been at the Lookout Mountain facility long enough to have experienced "SAM CAMP" and they will tell you it is the highlight of the year. "SAM CAMP," officially Straight Ahead Colorado Camp, has been taking place at the high security facility for what will be our 16th year.

The two-day event starts with a large outdoor cookout inside the grounds of the facility for the entire 240 residents, staff and volunteers. In partnership with the dining hall, dozens of volunteers prepare and serve a full meal of Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and all the fixings, along with watermelon and dessert.



Then around 80 youth whose good behavior earned them a spot in camp, along with 20 facility staff join with *Straight Ahead* for the high-octane camp. Everything from horses to racing cars have been a part of the camp. The youth are given a camp T-shirt to wear. After water games, softball, high ropes, and inflatables, the t-shirts are soaked with sweat and the fragrance of cotton candy, snow cones and popcorn they have eaten during the day.

After eating great food from a local restaurant on the final day of camp, the youth go into the auditorium for the final night of music and a guest speaker. Last year 28 of the youth came forward to give their life to Christ on the final night. Those youth are mentored and helped to grow in their faith.

Where can you fit in this amazing ministry? Maybe it would be just one day working at the camp and getting to know some of the youth. Maybe it would be part of a team that goes in and shares Bible studies each week. Maybe a mentor to one of the youth close to release. *Straight Ahead* has all types of volunteer positions available at youth facilities in the metro area. Help make a difference in the life of just one of these youth. It will certainly make a difference in yours!

Straight Ahead Colorado raises all of its own funds for the annual budget, which includes the camp and Bible based programs. **Maybe you would like to make a tax deductible gift to the ministry? Where ever God leads, we are here to assist in our volunteer work.**

Upcoming Events:

July 14-15, 2016: "SAM" Camp, Lookout Mountain
July 18, 2016 "Living A Life Of Promise" begins
September, 2016 Quarterly Leadership Series
December, 2016 Christmas Parties at facilities