



Your gift today can help build up Covenant Bible Camp for youth in  
Western Rural Alaska!!





UNALAKLEET

## FUNDRAISING TIPS

- Set obtainable goals! You can have a goal for the entire summer or a goal for each week and or individual cabin goals.
- Kids love competition. See which cabin can raise the most in one week, or challenge them to see if they can match or better the previous week's amount.
- Offer incentives. There is nothing more enticing for a cabin than being able to throw their favorite staff member in the lake! Or for the entire camp to shave the hair off the director's head!
- At camp registration, be sure to put out the Camp2Camp poster so that parents are aware that kids can give to this project and to encourage them to put extra money in their child's account for this purpose.
- At the end of the week, give campers an opportunity to give any remaining balance in their accounts, like canteen funds, to the Camp2Camp project.
- Keep a poster near your canteen and allow campers to donate through the canteen. Challenge the campers to give what they spend. If they buy \$1 worth of treats, give a \$1 for campers in Unalakleet!
- When you communicate with parents and campers prior to the start of camp, be sure to share the link to the Camp2Camp video so they know what to expect ahead of time.
- **DON'T FORGET TO PRAY FOR COVENANT BIBLE CAMP IN UNALAKLEET, AK and for the offering from all the camps this summer!**



## CABIN INSULATION & NEW CABIN PROJECTS

The funds raised by other camps for Covenant Bible Camp will go towards the insulating already existing cabins along with the purchasing of supplies to build new cabins. Covenant Bible Camp is situated about 10 miles up the North River that leads out of the village and literally takes you "off the grid" which means no electricity and no electricity means no power source to heat cabins. In other words, Covenant Bible Camp is a wilderness experience in which campers and staff are dependent on natural light and temperature. Thus, the insulation of cabins is an important improvement project as temperatures can reach the chilly lower 30s at night (brrrrr!).

Also, Covenant Bible Camp is growing!!! The number of cabins that are currently in use, which is all of them, are no longer sufficient to house campers and staff comfortably as occupancy of those cabins is BURSTING at the seams as we are blessed with more and more campers wanting to attend camp from several surrounding villages in Western Rural Alaska! The partnership that camp has with MARC (Mission Aviation Repair Center) has allowed for this growth as this mission plane organization is able to fly to villages that otherwise wouldn't be reached. As numbers increase, so does the need for sleeping space. There is certainly great excitement and anticipation for what new cabins will allow Covenant Bible Camp to do in continuing to share the Good News of the gospel with Native Alaskan youth.

Covenant Bible Camp has set an ambitious fundraising goal of \$60,000 which includes the cost for materials and shipping as well. Shipping costs are high as the only means by which to get materials to the village of Unalakleet is by having them flown in on air cargo planes. The main form of transportation here in Western Rural Alaska when going from one village to another is by plane, which is what makes Covenant Bible Camp unique and special.



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### TALKING POINTS

- Alaska is the least densely populated state, and is ranked fourth smallest population wise in the U.S.A with Wyoming, Vermont and North Dakota being smaller.
- 85.7% of Alaska residents age 5 and older speak English at home and 5.2% speak Native American or Alaska Native languages.
- The population in Unalakleet is around 800 people. The racial makeup of the village is 12% Caucasian, 85.5% Alaska Native. However, these statistics can be a bit misleading as mixed Caucasian/Alaska Native person almost always identify themselves as Alaska Native.

Unalakleet is located at the Norton Sound end of the Unalakleet-Kaltag Portage, an important winter travel route between Norton Sound and the Yukon River. *Unalakleet* is an adaptation of the Iñupiaq word "Una-la-thliq"(pronounced "You-na-la-thliq") in Inupiaq, means "where the south wind blows".

- Unalakleet had long been a major trade center between the Athabascans who lived in the interior of Alaska and the Inupiat who lived on the coast, as well as the Yupiks who lived to the south.
- The Evangelical Covenant Church started a boarding high school in 1954. It served students from all over western Alaska until it closed in 1985.
- Unalakleet is a central hub for outlying villages, providing air cargo and air taxi services and a link to Anchorage.
- The camping season will average a temperature anywhere from 40 to 70 degrees, which also includes rain and lots of mosquitos so rain gear, mud boots, and bug dope (repellent) is a must!
- Covenant Bible Camp has capacity for 100 campers
- Bible camp has 6 camps during the summer which range from elementary age thru early adult and consist mostly of Alaska natives from Western villages such as Mekoryuk, Scammon Bay, Elim, and Nome.
- Camp activities include devotions, worship, hiking, canoeing, fishing, swimming, and an annual "Musk Ok Run" and "Eco-Challenge".
- Camp served over 300 campers who were ministered to by over 70 volunteer staff last summer who all came from over 20 different villages.