

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

John Ocker, Volunteer



When Not at camp I am a: Student

Volunteer at Roundup River Ranch since: May 2015

Favorite camp activity: Archery

Favorite meal at camp: Spaghetti

Favorite camp dance: "Blame it on the Boogie"

How would you describe camp in three words? Camp is indescribable, believe me, I've tried.

In what volunteer role(s) do you serve at Roundup River Ranch? Cabin Leader and Family Buddy, sometimes lead archery

What motivates you to volunteer at Roundup River Ranch? FTK - For the Kids

What do you like to do when you are not volunteering? I play a lot of ukulele and I love to hike.

What is your favorite memory as a Roundup River Ranch volunteer? There are way too many, but I'll give you a good one. Week one Jacob was scared to climb the rock wall, so Brett convinced him to keep trying and just sing Michael Jackson to push him through it. He got to the top.

How has your Roundup River Ranch volunteer experience impacted your life? I'm a happier person now, and I've made so many new friends from all around the world.

Why would you encourage others to volunteer at camp? It's a life changing experience that will teach anyone how to care and give while still letting them feel like they're on vacation in the mountains.

What would you like to say to those who may be interested in volunteering at Roundup River Ranch? I was pretty hesitant to give up a summer to volunteer, but I never regretted it after the first day I showed up to camp. So, just do it.

What is the biggest challenge that volunteers face at camp? Either leaving or trying to explain camp to someone who has never been, because you know they'll never understand it unless they go.