HELLO FROM THE JACOBSONS!

## 27 Wilderness Adventures last year...

The Forest Springs Adventure Ministries team stayed busy in 2023. We are always glad to spend long Summer days out in the canoe and Summer evenings around the fire with kids who need to hear about Jesus. Every trip brings a new relationship to form, a new fear or challenge to overcome, and some new insight into our Creator and who He calls us to be. We often hear from youth pastors about the unique opportunities these trips provide to mentor their (phoneless!) students, while we handle all the details. We finished out the summer with an exceptional trip on the Missouri River in Montana with a group of 15 adults.

## Trailhead students came home...

In September we hosted a reunion for past Trailhead students as part of Forest Springs' "Alumni Weekend". We had about 40 of 130 current and former students together for a time to share memories and relive adventures from the last decade or so. With Trailhead grads all over the country, many with families of their own, we felt a bit like grandparents at Christmas. It was a blessing to see so many old friends and to hear about the journeys God has taken them on since they left Forest Springs. We are proud of so many of them who continue to pursue Christ.

## Growing up!

**Charlie (10)** is a hungry reader, tearing through books while Laura tries to keep up. He has grown a lot in the last year and has become a responsible young man. He passed his hunter safety course this fall and bagged his first deer in the fall hunt.

Mason (8) Is right behind him. He is a confident and aggressive athlete, having enjoyed soccer and basketball leagues this year. We are proud of his growing desire to be a young man of integrity.

**Eleanor (6)** is a bright light. We are blessed to have her big smile and enthusiastic approach to life in our family. She is completing kindergarten at home with Laura this year and is doing great.

**Joey (2)** Is a funny little man. We are never lacking for entertainment as he expresses his strong opinions with his weirdly grown-up vocabulary.

Laura and I enjoyed a trip last May to celebrate our 15th anniversary. I am thankful for my wife and proud of how the Lord has grown her. She helps lead a mom's ministry and church and has rekindled a love for music in recent years which has open the door for serving on the worship team and playing music with friends. She's also working hard to learn the banjo!

We continue to serve joyfully in the role God has given us. We are grateful for the role each of you has played. Thank you!

With love to you all,

DAN. LAURA. CHARLIE. MASON. JOEY & NORA











