

# BEARTOOTH BUGLE

18<sup>th</sup> Annual Beartooth Mountain Conference July 30<sup>th</sup> - August 1<sup>st</sup> 2010



This year the 2010 Beartooth Mountain conference was another wonderful success! In the first weekend of August about 175 people came from near and far.



In all 11 different states were represented by AA's who came to celebrate their recovery together and to share their message of recovery with newcomers.



The conference theme and the fun we had reminded every one "There is a solution" and that was evident everywhere you looked.



It was nearly impossible to find a person that did not have a smile on their face and a gleam in their eye.



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Not only did our attendees come from far off but we had 5 incredible speakers from all over participate this weekend. Jack C joined us from Hagerstown MD. There was Butch M. from Ontario Canada. We also had Deb H from Yucca Valley CA and Sam and Larry J. from Dallas TX.



When people got out of the car at Camp on the Boulder surrounded by the sweeping view of the mountains they wasted no time reuniting with old friends and making new ones.



Speaking of new ones there seemed to be an unprecedented number of newcomers this year which made the experience extra special.



Just as we remind ourselves where we came from by listening to the newcomer we also shared the joy and excitement of each new sober experience with them. When Kerry N. asked all the newcomers to Beartooth to raise their hand over one third of the room raised their hand.

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The committee did an incredible job of assembling 5 moving speakers that shared their experience, strength and hope with us during the meetings throughout the weekend.



Friday night started out with Butch M. His humor, energy, and story reminded us all that we don't have to recover long before we can laugh and laugh hard. On Saturday morning we learned once again from Larry and Sam that there are three sides to every alcoholic's story. His,

hers and what really happened. Saturday night at about 8 pm it was hard to ignore the powerful presence of God as he interrupted Kurt K's reading of



"How it works" with a thunderously loud hailstorm that rattled the chapels metal roof for several minutes. When the storm and the reading finished we got to hear the honorable Jack C. His powerhouse story made us all laugh as he retold what moving up through judicial system so that he could keep on drinking looked like and how he came out from under.



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Finally on Sunday morning there was definitely a shortage of tissues in the house. You take a spiritual weekend and a little sleep deprivation from trying to cram so much A.A. and Al-anon fellowship into 3

days add a moving speaker like Deb H. and you get a full house of tear filled eyes. She shared the solution of fellowship. It's what A.A. can do when life gives you its absolute worst and A.A. members pitch in to give you their best.



Deep inside the Beartooth mountains at Camp on the Boulder the fellowship of the Recovery Group and our AA and

Al-anon friends from around the country made it the amazing experience

that it was. It wasn't just the people who traveled so many hours but all those who took on service commitments to make it happen.



From the help from our first aid crew and lost and found to the entertainment committee that put a lot of effort and practice in to making us laugh during their show on Saturday night right down to the people that took the time out of their weekend to give a sympathetic ear and a helping hand the place was full of folks helping their fellows find "release from care boredom and worry". Weekends like this and the way it enriches our lives is hard to put into words so please join us next year because the memories and the solution that takes place will last a life time.

