

Dear Friends in the Keats Community:

It is with great joy and excitement that we wish to announce the appointment of Greg Duskin as the new Executive Director of Keats Camps. Greg will commence his full time duties at Keats on June 18, just in time for the summer camping season.



Greg hails from Portland, Oregon, where he and his wife, Carol, currently live. Greg and Carol have been married for 21 years and have three children: Elise (13), Nick (13), and Grant (9). Carol and the children will join Greg at the camp as soon as school ends, and once they can get packed up to make the big move north. (We anticipate they will be arriving on the island during the first week of July.)

The search committee and the camp board were both unanimous in recommending that Greg be called to serve as our Executive Director. We have all been praying for God's direction, and we believe Greg is the one whom God has chosen for Keats at this time. His heart for God and his desire to live a life of prayer are two of his most endearing qualities. These characteristics, combined with his management experience and leadership skills, should make him a great fit for his new role.

Greg holds a BS degree in Business Administration from Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon. For the past three years, he has been the Director of Client Services for a software company named Compli ([www.compli.com](http://www.compli.com)). In this role he has been engaged in training, business development and project management. His previous career experience includes 9 years with EPIQ Systems, where he worked in new product development, and as a business analyst. Prior to that, he worked for 8 years with the Oregon Employment Department.

Greg's youth work history includes 4 summers counseling at Camp Myrtlewood, 2 years part time with Young Life and 6 years coaching high school/grade school basketball. He and his family have been active at Grace Point Community Church since 2000 ([www.gracepointfamily.com](http://www.gracepointfamily.com)), supporting men's ministry efforts (Greg), serving on the worship team (Carol) and helping with kids' ministries (Elise and Nick). In recent years, Greg has been sensing God's call to transition into full time ministry. We are thrilled that God seems to have been preparing Greg for this opportunity at Keats over many years!

Commencing March 24, Greg will begin gradually transitioning into his role as Executive Director. Working cooperatively together, Pauline will remain as interim Executive Director until she and Greg are able to transfer the majority of the camp leadership responsibilities. In the meantime, the camp staff, who are currently working hard to prepare for the summer will continue to work under Pauline's direction.

We are so grateful to God for Pauline's selfless and effective leadership over the past two years. One can hardly imagine what we would have done without her! Thank you, Pauline, for doing such a wonderful job during this transitional time.

We also want to express our heartfelt thanks to all members of the search committee, who labored prayerfully and diligently on our behalf over the past two years. Our most sincere thanks goes to Jake Chalmers, Darrin Hotte, Kim Pierrot, Graeme Davies, Paul Pearce, John Richardson, Jan Bingham and Pauline Sanderson!

We recognize that members of the Keats community will want to meet Greg as soon as possible. As a result, we are planning a welcome reception in Vancouver in May, and a second one on the island, in June. We will be in touch again, once exact dates have been confirmed. (If you would like to help with organizing either of these events, please call the camp office. We will need assistance with organizing refreshments, and with making sure that everyone in the Keats community gets an invitation.)

Please join the existing camp staff, the search committee, and the board in praying for Greg and his family, as well as for the summer ministry.

With gratitude to God,  
And on behalf of the Keats board,



David C Bentall,  
Chair.