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From Aug. 5-10, 2024, the “Believe the Promise” International Camporee was held for the first time in Gillette, Wyoming, on 1,000-plus acre complex transformed into a sprawling tent city.



58,000 attended

5,000 from the Lake Union

1,187 Total # of baptisms

74 Total # of baptisms from the Lake Union



Over **10,000** hours of community service hours were done via **45** projects including cemetery beautification, preparing food and care packages for veterans, clearing trash and painting wall murals.

Nighttime Program

36 core actors were in the play depicting the events of Moses' birth and early childhood, setting the stage for his eventual calling to lead Israel out of captivity in Egypt. There were **100** extras and the youngest actor was **6** years old.

334 costumes were used – **70** were for the crowd for the final night and **260** for the cast. Some of the more elaborate costumes, such as Pharaoh and Moses' stepmom, took up to

five days to be sewn by Denver-based seamstress Vanya Kovacheva.

It took **two and half** years from script outline to completion by writer Kathy Buchanan.





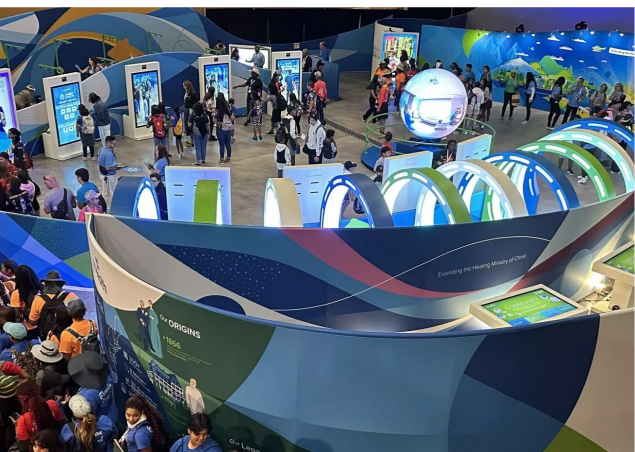
World Records Attempted

255 backpacks were packed simultaneously in under five minutes for a Guinness World Record. In the end, **6,200** backpacks were filled and distributed all across the U.S.

Pathfinders from around the world were asked to gather new or used postcards and they delivered! **50,000** were collected and the process of certifying the world record is underway.

Andrews University was one of the main sponsors of the camporee. Their presence included participation in the higher education exhibit space and teaching two honors, Endangered Species and Biblical Archaeology.

650 Pathfinders earned the Endangered Species honor during the camporee and **150** earned it just before.



AdventHealth debuted a new **11,000**-square-foot immersive showcase that featured hands-on interaction, including high-tech simulation labs, virtual and mixed reality stations, and custom health care-inspired video games, designed to showcase the wide range of exciting careers available in health care.

More than **100** countries were represented. Papua New Guinea brought their largest delegation to a camporee, **194**, and some were housed with the Pioneer Memorial Church Evergreens Club.



On day two of the camporee, Tuesday, Aug. 6, thunderstorms brought heavy rains, lightning and wind gusts of up to **60** miles per hour, sending campers scrambling for shelter and cancelling the nighttime program. Immediately following the storm, which produced an inch of rain in less than an hour, a double rainbow awed onlookers.

Within **24** hours of the storm, the city collected **50** tents, **120** sleeping bags and numerous blankets, pillows and canopies from residents.



How Did the Herald Live Broadcast Come Together?

It was the engineering feat to get us on the air. To begin with, we were in a space with no power or internet service. Getting a regular gasoline generator would've been the easiest solution, but those generators transmit a highly variable voltage which could damage the expensive equipment. We eventually ended up finding a company to rent solar panels with a wind turbine system to capture energy which is then stored on a **700**-pound battery for a source of steady power. This turbine was installed on a makeshift building, which also served as our storage shed. The Gillette winds created a steady source for the turbine to go fast, producing almost all of the energy needed.

It was interesting to see how the turbine became a landmark spot pointing campers to where to go in case they got lost. With the intense storm on Tuesday evening, we were relieved that it survived intact! ■

UPTICK IN ENGAGEMENT

During the camporee, our social media engagement exploded. On Facebook, engagement in the last month went up **5,000%**, with our content reaching over **240,000** people.

The 2029 "Stand Strong" logo was developed in **two** years.

