

# MEET THE 2017-2018 SKY RANCH FELLOWS

## HORN CREEK FELLOWS



**Name:** Samantha Chin  
**Hometown:** Austin, TX  
**Univ/College:** University of Texas of the Permian Basin  
**Major:** Psychology  
**Hobbies:** Playing with my dog & Eating tacos

**Interesting Fact:** Was a collegiate athlete in volleyball & swimming.  
**What do you hope to gain from the Fellowship?**  
 "I hope to make a lot of new friends, and to enjoy living in a Christian community for a whole year, learning how to serve others well."



**Name:** Will Cooke  
**Hometown:** Midland, TX  
**Univ/College:** Oklahoma Christian University  
**Major:** Marketing Management  
**Hobbies:** Playing dodgeball & Stargazing

**Interesting Fact:** Two-time Texas football State Champion  
**What do you hope to gain from the Fellowship?**  
 "I would like better discipline and a greater desire to grow relationships with God and people."



**Name:** Christine Cornelius  
**Hometown:** Columbus, OH  
**Univ/College:** Lee University  
**Major:** Public Relations  
**Hobbies:** Musical instruments & Photography

**Interesting Fact:** Hiked and stayed the night at the bottom of the Grand Canyon.  
**What do you hope to gain from the Fellowship?**  
 "I want to grow deeper in my relationship with Christ, learn new skills and learn to make the most of every opportunity."



**Name:** Jacie Grygar  
**Hometown:** Rogers, TX  
**Univ/College:** Texas A&M University  
**Major:** Allied Health  
**Hobbies:** Plays trumpet & Learning yo-yo tricks

**Interesting Fact:** Graduated in a high school class of only 62.  
**What do you hope to gain from the Fellowship?**  
 "To grow in my intentionality with Christ and others, with a willingness to be vulnerable; to grow in community with the other Fellows."



**Name:** Mary Hicks  
**Hometown:** New Braunfels, TX  
**Univ/College:** Dallas Baptist University  
**Major:** Camp and Sport Leadership  
**Hobbies:** Hiking & Photography

**Interesting Fact:** Is related to George Strait and Sissy Spacek.  
**What do you hope to gain from the Fellowship?**  
 "Knowledge and practical experience on running a camp program as well as growing in my relationship with Christ and my team."



**Name:** Alec Jespersion  
**Hometown:** Spokane, WA  
**Univ/College:** Washington State University  
**Major:** Communication  
**Hobbies:** Ice hockey & Solving Rubik's cubes

**Interesting Fact:** Treats making popcorn like a form of art.  
**What do you hope to gain from the Fellowship?**  
 "A deeper understanding of God and His word as well as a deeper desire to live a life mirroring His image. I am also looking to get a better idea of what my future calling might be."



**Name:** Collin Nethery  
**Hometown:** Baytown, TX  
**Univ/College:** Texas A&M University  
**Major:** Animal Science  
**Hobbies:** Hunting & Golfing

**Interesting Fact:** Used to show llamas.  
**What do you hope to gain from the Fellowship?**  
 "I hope to gain a better understanding of what working in full time ministry looks like. I also hope to strengthen my knowledge and understanding of theology and the Bible."

## HORN CREEK FELLOWS CONTINUED



**Name:** Vince Palemito  
**Hometown:** Cleveland, OH  
**Univ/College:** Indiana Wesleyan University  
**Major:** Recreation and Camp Administration  
**Hobbies:** Boating & Singing

**Interesting Fact:** Took Dance for seven years.  
**What do you hope to gain from the Fellowship?**  
"To learn more about camp ministry and to grow my relationship with Jesus."

## VAN, TEXAS FELLOWS



**Name:** Tyler Chacón  
**Hometown:** Los Angeles, CA  
**Univ/College:** Grand Canyon University  
**Major:** Theology/Youth Ministry  
**Hobbies:** Basketball & Smiling

**Interesting Fact:** Has surfed and snowboarded in the same day.  
**What do you hope to gain from the Fellowship?**  
"An understanding of what it looks like to operate a successful ministry while keeping the business side in mind."



**Name:** Autumn Eilers  
**Hometown:** Humble, TX  
**Univ/College:** Texas A&M University  
**Major:** Animal Science  
**Hobbies:** Writing letters & Going to National Parks

**Interesting Fact:** Spent a year in Brazil at age 16 as a foreign exchange student.  
**What do you hope to gain from the Fellowship?**  
"I just want to look more like Jesus!"



**Name:** Rachel Erikson  
**Hometown:** Highland, MI  
**Univ/College:** Liberty University  
**Major:** Strategic Communications  
**Hobbies:** Baking & Visiting new places

**Interesting Fact:** Is left-handed and loves popcorn.  
**What do you hope to gain from the Fellowship?**  
"A deeper understanding of all aspects of camp ministry and to build an awesome community with the other Fellows."



**Name:** Abbie Kilgore  
**Hometown:** Mesquite, TX  
**Univ/College:** Texas A&M University  
**Major:** Allied Health  
**Hobbies:** Listening to music & Playing games

**Interesting Fact:** Used to drive busses for A&M.  
**What do you hope to gain from the Fellowship?**  
"Refinement, valuable work experience, and gaining a better perspective of what Biblical community looks like."



**Name:** Liam Jacobs  
**Hometown:** Huntington Beach, CA  
**Univ/College:** Grand Canyon University  
**Major:** Exercise Science  
**Hobbies:** Camping & Sports

**Interesting Fact:** Has been to Israel.  
**What do you hope to gain from the Fellowship?**  
"To look more like Christ, gain leadership experience that has a focus on service, more of a willingness to serve, and to have more initiative."



**Name:** Emily Lemke  
**Hometown:** San Diego, CA  
**Univ/College:** Grand Canyon University  
**Major:** Christian Studies - Youth Ministry  
**Hobbies:** Watching movies & Making up cool handshakes

**Interesting Fact:** Won "Best Wipeout" in a surfing competition.  
**What do you hope to gain from the Fellowship?**  
"Refinement, growth, discipline, community, and memories."

## VAN, TEXAS FELLOWS CONTINUED



**Name:** Mitch Mayfield

**Hometown:** Wills Point, TX

**Univ/College:** Texas A&M University

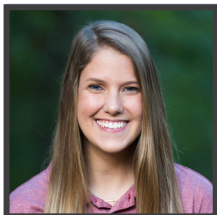
**Major:** Accounting

**Hobbies:** Ultimate Frisbee & Reading

**Interesting Fact:** Has played the piano since he was 8.

**What do you hope to gain from the Fellowship?**

"To look more like Christ, to gain leadership skills, to be challenged in a hardworking environment, and to give back to Sky Ranch as much as I can."



**Name:** Mary McCool

**Hometown:** Jacksonville, FL

**Univ/College:** University of Central Florida

**Major:** Sport and Exercise Science

**Hobbies:** Eating tacos & Going to the beach

**Interesting Fact:** Lived in Australia for six months.

**What do you hope to gain from the Fellowship?**

"I want to be a better leader, follower, and teammate; and I want to look more like Jesus."



**Name:** Daniel Morrison

**Hometown:** Pasadena, TX

**Univ/College:** Texas A&M University

**Major:** Communication

**Hobbies:** Golf & Rock climbing

**Interesting Fact:** Is a huge fan of the Dallas Cowboys.

**What do you hope to gain from the Fellowship?**

"Growing in a Jesus-loving community surrounded by encouraging staff. I want to be able to boldly defend my faith."



**Name:** Kylie O'Meara

**Hometown:** Charles Town, WV

**Univ/College:** Liberty University

**Major:** Special Education & Psychology

**Hobbies:** Playing piano & Spontaneous adventures

**Interesting Fact:** Loves to freestyle rap with her family.

**What do you hope to gain from the Fellowship?**

"A better understanding of what year-round camping ministry looks like."



**Name:** Patrick Reith

**Hometown:** Westfield, IN

**Univ/College:** Purdue University

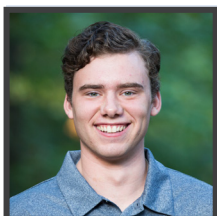
**Major:** Computer Engineering

**Hobbies:** Playing guitar & Backpacking

**Interesting Fact:** Canoeed a 150 mile race in 2017.

**What do you hope to gain from the Fellowship?**

"I just want to look more like Jesus and build community."



**Name:** Aiden Upchurch

**Hometown:** Spring, TX

**Univ/College:** Dallas Baptist University

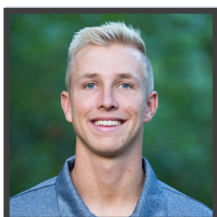
**Major:** Camp/Sport Ministry

**Hobbies:** Duck hunting & Eating BBQ

**Interesting Fact:** Loves the Houston Astros.

**What do you hope to gain from the Fellowship?**

"I really want to learn and push myself. I'm looking forward to learning about how Sky Ranch does camp, but also learning new things about myself and how God is using and molding me."



**Name:** Jonny Van Ommering

**Hometown:** San Diego, CA

**Univ/College:** Grand Canyon University

**Major:** Marketing

**Hobbies:** Basketball & Surfing

**Interesting Fact:** Wants to own a sports franchise.

**What do you hope to gain from the Fellowship?**

"Develop as a man of God, so when I leave this place I am ready to lead those around me in a Jesus-glorifying way; and that I leave an impact for the Gospel at Sky Ranch."



**Name:** Maddie Wood

**Hometown:** Mineola, TX

**Univ/College:** Dallas Baptist University

**Major:** Kinesiology

**Hobbies:** Running & Drinking coffee

**Interesting Fact:** Lived on a peach farm.

**What do you hope to gain from the Fellowship?**

"Learn to walk in Christian community; to better understand my true passions and my strengths and weaknesses; and to learn what it looks like to be the hands and feet of Jesus."