



My name is Brian Kates and I am pleased to inform you that this summer I will serve as the 2011 Camp Capers Staff Director. Camp Capers has been a part of my life dating back to 1998 when I showed up as a primary camper. It has been my dream to give back to the camp and I look forward to serving this summer.

I graduated from Ronald Reagan High School in San Antonio in 2006. During my time at Reagan, I was involved with my local youth group at St. Thomas Episcopal in San Antonio and played soccer at the high school and club level. From there, I went on to graduate from the University of Texas at Austin in 2010 with a BA in History and a minor in Government. While in college I became very active in the Episcopal Student Center, also commonly known as Canterbury, serving as Junior and Senior Warden during my time there.

At the end of this past September, I married my camp crush, Sarah Cozad, and we reside in Alamo Heights and attend St. David's Episcopal. Right now I currently work with Rob Watson and Stacy Dowdy on Camps and Conferences and College and Young Adult Ministry at the diocesan level and in April I will serve as the Rector of Vocare #27.

Camp Capers has a very rich tradition of raising young leaders. I'm proud to say that without Camp Capers in my life I would not be writing this letter today. Camp is a special place where a child can come and experience Jesus' love in a fun and exciting way. This is made possible by counselors, whom I like to refer to as the backbone of camp. Our counselors are made up of high school and college kids who are "Jesus in tennis shoes." These young adults are shining examples of what it means to live a life after Christ. I can recall by name almost every counselor I ever had as a camper, but find it hard to remember the deans, chaplains or teachers from each week.

Our goal for the next few months is to find many "Jesus' in tennis shoes." We need staff members who set the bar high, hold each other accountable, and empower the young leaders of today to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. We are taking applications at this time and hope to conduct interviews starting in December of this year. Our goal is to have our entire staff hired by February 2011. You can find our applications on our website dwtx.org under the camps and conferences quick link.

In Christ,

Brian Kates