

Mike Watkins Interview

Name and where you are coaching or playing? Michael Watkins, played at UTSA 01-03, teaching at Thomas Edison HS (S.A., TX), no longer coaching

How many years have you worked Still Water Sports Camp? 2 going on 3

How did you get involved with Still Water? Bobby Kohler (FCA sponsor at UTSA) introduced me to Matt Moehrig

What keeps you coming back year after year to camp? Just the drive to camp is beautiful. And when I get there I know that I'll have to chance to encourage and be encouraged by others. Ultimately the experience helps me grow closer to God.

What is the biggest change camp brought about in your heart? That's a good question... I'd have to say that I've become more expressive about faith in God. I've begun to realize that every interaction I have with a person is a chance to share the love of Jesus, either in word or deed.

Do you have one camp experience or story that you will never forget? ... One of the campers really didn't want to go on the tube trip down the Frio River. As I was driving him back to camp, I was wondering why he was so scared of the water; it was only about three feet deep. Then it hit me... I asked him where he was from. "New Orleans", he replied. I still get chills thinking about that time. Here I was trying to send him down a river in a little tube when I had no idea what must have been going through his head as he watched the water rush by. He had recently moved to Texas after hurricane Katrina. He and I grew really close during the next few days.

What surprised you about working for Still Water the first time? Gunnar! I think that says it all. That guy is amazingly gifted.

What is the most amazing change you have seen in a camper? It's kind of hard to say since we only get to see them for a few days. But in just two years I've had the chance to see campers come back more mature physically and, more importantly, spiritually.

What is the funniest thing that happened to you out at camp? Nothing really, I make sure to keep my Bible with me so I don't have to dance for it before evening chapel.

What is your favorite thing about Christmas? Obviously, Christmas is the day we recognize the birth of our Savior Jesus. Along with this we remember His death and resurrection and how it applies to our lives today. But these are things that we should be mindful everyday, not just December 25th. So I'd have to say my favorite thing about Christmas is staying home from work and getting the chance to see my family.