



THANKS TO OUR GREAT VOLUNTEERS

May to August 2013

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VISION 2020 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



NEW PLEIADES!

The new Vision 2020 Capital Campaign sets a path for the Rocky Mountain Ministry for the next 8 years! While bold and challenging, it comes out of a desire to fulfill the mission statement of the camp in providing a place of retreat which encourages holistic Christian growth by fostering the spiritual, social, physical, and intellectual growth of each guest. The first campaign project is our biggest which replaces and combines the Pleiades and Infirmary facilities (built in the early 60's).



\$300K - CAMPAIGN FUNDS NEEDED FOR THE FOLLOWING IMPROVEMENTS:

- ❑ Two person rooms to better serve the needs of church groups, adult retreats and volunteers.
- ❑ Accessible rooms (main floor) and inside bathroom facilities near the DH/Lodge.
- ❑ Provide a comfortable and functional infirmary as required by our child care license.
- ❑ Add needed permanent staff housing.
- ❑ Save money with improved energy efficiency (insulation, windows, foundation, etc).
- ❑ Relocate staff lounge (now in Langnau room in DH/Lodge) for new office entrance and lounge area for all guests in DH/Lodge.

OTHER CAMPAIGN PROJECTS

(Listed in order to be accomplished)

- ❑ \$200k - Replace boys side bathhouse.
- ❑ \$160k (20k per year) Ongoing water system improvements (new wells at Eagles Nest & Park Ridge).
- ❑ \$80k - Replace aging camp vehicles.
- ❑ \$20k - New playground for more ages.
- ❑ \$40 - Bern Dining Hall renovation (refinish walls, new windows, increase insulation).

HOW YOU CAN HELP?

You can support Vision 2020 with your generous gifts of time (volunteering) and resources (financial, donated materials, equipment, etc.). Together, we will ensure that current and future generations will be blessed by their time here!



"Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth." - Genesis 9:16

This beautiful rainbow stretched across the sky this summer reminding us of the power and beauty of God's creation. We are so thankful for the abundance of rain showers this summer allowing camp to look greener than ever.

COME STAY WITH US!

Available dates for the Ridge Cabin rentals and Emmental Retreat Center

Dates listed are available nights. Please contact camp to confirm availability.

SEPTEMBER 2013

Eagle's Nest: 6-7, 11-12, 15-19, 23-26, 29-30

Sky-Hi-View: 1-6, 9-13, 21-26, 29-30

Rocky Ridge: 1-15, then closed for winter

Solitude Center: 1-26, 29-30

Emmental: 1-5, 8-12, 15-19, 22-26, 29

OCTOBER 2013

Eagle's Nest: 1-9, 15-17, 21-24, 27-30

Sky-Hi-View: 1-17, 21-31

Rocky Ridge: closed for winter

Solitude Center: 1-17, 21-31

Emmental: 1-3, 6-9, 13-17, 21-24, 27-30

NOVEMBER 2013

Eagle's Nest: 3-7, 10-30

Sky-Hi-View: 1-30

Rocky Ridge: closed for winter

Solitude Center: 1-30

Emmental: 3-7, 10-30

DECEMBER 2013

Eagle's Nest: 1-22, 25-26, 29-31

Sky-Hi-View: 1-31

Rocky Ridge: closed for winter

Solitude Center: 1-31

Emmental: 1-25, 28-31

RESIDENT CAMPS

"Fabulous as always," a few 8th & 9th Grade campers said on their evaluation. That seems to be the sentiment for most campers who came here this summer. We certainly strive to offer the best camp experience for all involved. From hiking to Solution Pools to playing Animal Survival, campers and staff brought RMMC to life. Some highlights from



the summer are playing rec games on the field again because the grass had grown in, hiking to the summit of Pikes Peak on a beautiful day, floating a wooden stick down Four Mile Creek during the boat race, making more friendship bracelets than you can count, singing crazy high-energy camp songs and learning more about what it means to be a follower of Christ. All 257 resident campers this summer helped to make camp a special place.



WILDERNESS CAMPS

Many youth today are inside more than they are outdoors - not the case for our wilderness campers! An adventure in the outdoors is exactly what they experience each week. Campers from 6th grade to senior high camped out and explored different parts of beautiful Colorado. This year's horseback ride was extended to an overnight campout with the horses and the ranch's wranglers giving them a feel for the wild west. The 8th & 9th Grade Wilderness II group challenged

themselves on the new Browns Canyon Adventure Park in Buena Vista. The photo above is part of the high ropes challenge course they experienced.

"I had a lot of fun [and] did things I'd probably never have done. [Backpacking] was hard but gave me a sense of accomplishment when we got done. The counselors were the coolest people, though weird, that I'd ever met." - Sr High Wilderness camper



Camp Rocky, a week long youth camp operated by various Colorado State environmental agencies, has been held at RMMC for the past 50 years. As part of their fire mitigation studies of the property, they provide llamas to graze near Emmental to reduce the fire risk in that area. Pictured here is Tom Unruh showing a llama to our curious 3rd grade campers.



FAMILY CAMPS

"A great family vacation - beautiful nature, good fellowship." Some families have been making Family Camp their annual vacation for many years. The Birzer family (pictured in the tie dye shirts) have been coming to Family Camp for over 20 years! It's great to have familiar faces each year and it's also great to see new families make RMMC their summer vacation. One new family made this comment

on their evaluation, "It has been a great week. As new Family Camp II campers, we were a bit anxious of getting to know the regulars, but we found everyone was very outgoing and inclusive of us. Thank you!" The hikes, the nature walks, the quiet times, the boat races for all ages, tie dying, bandana day, campfire worships coming alive with Bible characters, kids camps, rock climbing and rappelling, and much more gives camp the opportunity to feel like home away from home for so many people. A young camper said to his grandma, "I want to come back...(pause) next...(pause) week!!"





Thanks to everyone who helped at the Potato Bar fundraiser at the annual assembly for Mountain States Mennonite Conference. Pictured above are Jodi Miller, Kaedi LeFevre, Bryan Miller, Natalie Graber, Jen LeFevre, Mary Yoder, Keegan LeFevre, Courtney Kauffman, Tonya Graber, and Ardell Swartzendruber.



ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE CAMP

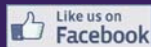
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THANK YOU 2013 SUMMER STAFF!

29 different personalities + 13 different home states + 12 different colleges = one great summer staff! The work that gets done each summer (food served, toilets cleaned, fences mended, campers cared for, phones answered) is only possible with a great crew of summer staff. Of course we had a lot of fun together too - work hard, play hard! Thanks, summer staff, for being the eyes, ears, hands, and feet of Jesus Christ!



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I had a wonderful time living in the mountains with a geographically, politically, and theologically diverse group of summer staffers that share a love for community-building and the outdoors. Since I'm a student at an urban secular college, RMMC's Mennonite camping environment has been a welcome retreat during my yearly routine.

- Elsa Goossen



Well, I can honestly say that this was the best summer of my life: relationship building with the other staffers, learning a new job, seeing how the campers responded to the message that was given, seeing the enjoyment on the campers faces throughout the week, the multitude of hikes that I was able to go on, stretching myself physically, seeing God's wonders and meeting God in new ways. By the time I had to leave camp I felt at home there, a feeling I haven't felt before other than when I was actually at home. I am going to miss camp, and I already do, and I hope that the path God has for me will lead back through there many times.

- Tyler Yoder



Camp was a great experience for me this summer in many ways. I had a wonderful time meeting all the campers, families, and other groups who stayed in main camp. Being a counselor was a blast, and I hope all my campers have a great year ahead of them. I also enjoyed being on support staff because of the different jobs I was able to do. Most of all, I really enjoyed all my co-workers. They were great to work with and I made many new friends.

- Ryan Wengerd

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YOU'VE BEEN SPOTTED!

We spotted Anita Goertzen wearing her RMMC sweat-shirt in Alaska! Anita and her husband Arlen visited the Georgeson Botanical Garden on the campus of the University of Alaska Fairbanks. Thanks, Anita, for sharing RMMC with the last frontier! Share a "spotted" photo with us. Email jenelle@rmmc.org.

To update your contact information or to be removed from our mailing list, please contact us by phone (719-687-9506) or email (info@rmmc.org)

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 6-8

Glennon Heights Mennonite Church Retreat

September 13-15

Beth-El Mennonite Church Retreat

September 20-22

First Mennonite Church of Denver Retreat

September 27-29

Alamosa Fellowship & Mountain Community Mennonite Church Retreat

October 4-6

Greeley Mennonite Church Retreat

October 10-13

Unfinished Objects (UFO) Quilter's Retreat

October 31 - November 3

Fall Mennonite Quilter's Retreat

November 8-10

Pastor's Retreat

A WHOLE LOT OF "FUNGI" GOING ON

It was a good year for mushrooms at RMMC. We had just the right combination of daily afternoon rains and warm sunny mornings in late July to produce a beautiful array of yellow, white, brown and red mushrooms. Identifying mushrooms can be very tricky. For one thing there are just so very many of them – up to 6,000 in Colorado alone, according to one mycologist. Some are edible, many are poisonous. Some of the edibles have poisonous "look-alikes". Distinguishing the difference may involve making a spoor print or observing the color of juices that result upon breaking and any bruising reactions. Some require more complicated chemical tests or microscopic analysis. But some are well-known enough for even we amateurs to identify, including this beautiful, poisonous, Fly Agaric. During Family Camp II, the more experienced mushroom hunter Mimzy Wellberg found a large crop of the very tasty and highly prized King Bolete. Some mushrooms have medicinal properties and others are used in ceremonies and rituals. Mushrooms can be used for dyeing wool and other natural fibers. Some, known as tinder fungi, can be used as fire starters. Some types of mushrooms are added to garden soil to spur plant growth. Others are used in filtration technologies to lower bacterial levels in contaminated water. It is not every year that we see such a good fruiting of these beautiful and useful fungi. And when we do we're always intrigued by their presence and reminded of the wonderfully diverse natural environment here at camp.

