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## TREE PROJECT

Trees have been cut to prepare the way for the new Pleiades construction project to begin at the end of the summer camping season. The tallest tree measured as much as 98 feet and as old as 150 years. We will honor these renewable sources by using them for woodchips, firewood, and other camp projects (bridges, etc). Special thanks to Paul Unruh (MDS board member) who together with Tom Unruh coordinated the effort. Also thanks to Yellow Creek Mennonite Church's youth group who came to volunteer and help clean up the trees once on the ground. Pictured on right: Rich Thomas and Colin Roynon help control the tree as it falls.



## RECORD NUMBER OF CAMPERS



2014 resident camps are wrapping up this week. We are still eagerly awaiting Grade 3 camp coming up July 18-20 as well as three Senior High Wilderness camps still to come. 288 campers attended our resident camps and 50 campers have attended (or are registered for) wilderness camp. This is a record number of campers for RMMC since early 2000. It's a great blessing to have campers return each summer and encourage their friends to come to camp as well. We hope many campers will return as staff someday!

Pictured left is the Ponderosa cabin for Senior High Week. Left to right: Alex Henslee, Peter Wise, Chris King, Drew Stoltzfus, Isaak Icenhower-Derstine, Isaac Penner.

The Senior High Resident campers had so many positive things to share on their evaluations we wanted to share some of their comments with you.

- "Thank you for being accepting. Be back next year."
- "This camp is great and it keeps bringing me back every year. The people and staff are amazing too."
- "Thank you all for a great last year, and the past 7. You have all had an impact on me."
- "I don't want to leave. Where can I hide?"



## YOU'VE BEEN SPOTTED!

We spotted Shannon Neuenschwander (Dalton, OH) holding her RMMC water bottle. Shannon returned to her alma matter to see friends graduate this past spring at Davis and Elkins College in West Virginia. Shannon worked on summer staff in a variety of roles for three summers. Thanks, Shannon, for sharing RMMC with the class of 2014! Share your "spotted" photo with us. Email it to [jenelle@rmmc.org](mailto:jenelle@rmmc.org)

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

July 6-12	Camp Rocky (guest group)
July 12-18	Camp Pike (guest group)
July 18-20	Grade 3 Resident Camp
July 20-25	Family Camp I
July 20-26	Senior High Wilderness I
July 27-Aug 1	Family Camp II
July 27-Aug 2	Senior High Wilderness II



## RIDGE CABIN AVAILABILITY

Dates listed represent available nights and is subject to change. Please call to verify availability.

### JULY 2014

[Eagle's Nest](#): 3, 12  
[Sky-Hi-View](#): 10, 20  
[Rocky Ridge](#): 3, 16-17  
[Solitude Center](#): 1-2, 17  
[Emmental](#): 3

### AUGUST 2014

[Eagle's Nest](#): 1, 17-21, 24-28, 31  
[Sky-Hi-View](#): 18-22, 27-28  
[Rocky Ridge](#): 1-2, 17, 22  
[Solitude Center](#): 6, 8, 20-31  
[Emmental](#): 15-22, 27-28

### SEPTEMBER 2014

[Eagle's Nest](#): 1-4, 7-11, 14-18, 21-30  
[Sky-Hi-View](#): 7-10, 21-25, 28-30  
[Rocky Ridge](#): 7-9, 12-15  
[Solitude Center](#): 1-4, 9-30  
[Emmental](#): 1-4, 7-11, 14-18, 21-25, 28-30

### OCTOBER 2014

[Eagle's Nest](#): 1-16, 19-29  
[Sky-Hi-View](#): 1-16, 19-31  
[Rocky Ridge](#): closed for winter  
[Solitude Center](#): 1-16, 19-31  
[Emmental](#): 1-2, 5-8, 12-16, 19-29