



PREPARE TO COME!

ABOUT US

MISSION STATEMENT – Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp is a ministry of the Mennonite Church with the purpose of providing a place of retreat which encourages holistic Christian growth by fostering the spiritual, social, physical, and intellectual growth of each guest.

SETTING - Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp is situated on the west side of Pikes Peak at 9,620 feet above sea level and is completely surrounded by Pike National Forest. Campers and guests have the chance to experience Colorado's high country wilderness, with its clear streams, conifer and aspen forests, animals, birds, wildflowers, and the wonder of the world above timberline.

MENNONITE FAITH – People of all faiths & backgrounds are welcome to stay with us. To learn more about the Mennonite faith, check out “What Mennonites Believe” at www.thirdway.com/menno.



MOUNTAIN LIVING

ALTITUDE – Camp’s elevation is 9,620 feet so it is important for campers and guests to take time to adjust to the high altitude. About one in four visitors to Colorado suffer from acute mountain sickness, the mildest form of altitude illness. Common symptoms include headaches, shortness of breath, fatigue and dry throat. Things you can do to minimize or avoid altitude sickness include:



- Drinking plenty of water before and during your time here to prevent dehydration.
- Avoid strenuous exercise (hiking, jogging, etc.) and salty foods when you first arrive.
- A good first night’s rest is very helpful in giving your body time to acclimate.
- If coming from sea level or low elevation, a day or night spent in Colorado Springs (6,035 ft) will help allow your body more time to adjust to the change in altitude.

SUNBURN – The sun is more intense at this altitude so be mindful of how quickly sunburn can occur. Use adequate sun protection including sunscreen (SPF 15 or higher) or clothing (long sleeves, hat or cap) for outdoor activities. Reapply sunscreen periodically throughout the day as needed.

SUMMER WEATHER – Each day offers a sample of the seasons: spring in the morning; summer in the afternoon; fall in the evening. Even winter can be represented in early June with snow! Rain and hail storms can also come at a moment’s notice just to keep things interesting. Being prepared with appropriate clothing is the key to enjoying the variety of weather the Rocky Mountains offer!

WINTER WEATHER – Colorado winter temperatures range from -10°-0°F at night to a high of 35°-45°F during the day. Because of low humidity (8-10%) temperatures feel like 45°-65°F. Sunshine makes all the difference with an average of 300 days of sun per year. Clothing items to bring include: warm winter coat, snow pants, gloves, snow boots, and hat.

WINTER DRIVING CONDITIONS – Be aware that road conditions are a direct result of changing weather conditions (snow, melting & freezing temperatures). While we snow plow the forest service road to camp and roads on camp, the roads can be snow packed and slick. Four wheel drive vehicles are ideal, but good chains (bands) for



tires on two wheel drive vehicles are equally effective (sometimes better) for getting around. The majority of the time, two wheel drive vehicles (without chains/bands), are able to make it to the main camp parking lot. Please feel free to call from Divide, CO for an update on road conditions as well as letting us know that you're on your way!

PATHS & WALKWAYS (WINTER) – Be aware that paths and walkway conditions (especially on slopes) are a direct result of changing weather conditions (snow, melting & freezing temperatures). While the camp will do its best to remove snow and spread gravel, we need your help to take care and caution as you walk.

PIKE NATIONAL FOREST – Use of the surrounding Pike National Forest land is dependent on the observance of Forest Service regulations. Thank you for helping protect this environment.

ROCKS – Rocks are not to be rolled or thrown from high places or thrown at any time.

STREAMS – Please help us keep the mountain streams clean and do nothing that would pollute them. While clean, it is unsafe to drink from the stream.

TRAILS – Please stay on trails and roadways when hiking. This allows the plants to maintain a strong root system and prevents the hillsides from eroding away.

WILDFLOWERS & TREES – Please do not pick wildflowers or other plants. Leave natural and historical objects in their place for others to observe and enjoy. Standing trees, living or dead, must not be cut or carved in any way.

WILDLIFE – Please enjoy wildlife from a distance and leave wildlife alone in their habitat.

VEHICLES – The Forest Service permits motorized travel on only the two main roads in the camp area and at a safe speed (15mph max). Four wheelers and dirt bikes are not permitted due to noise and camper/guest safety.

GETTING HERE

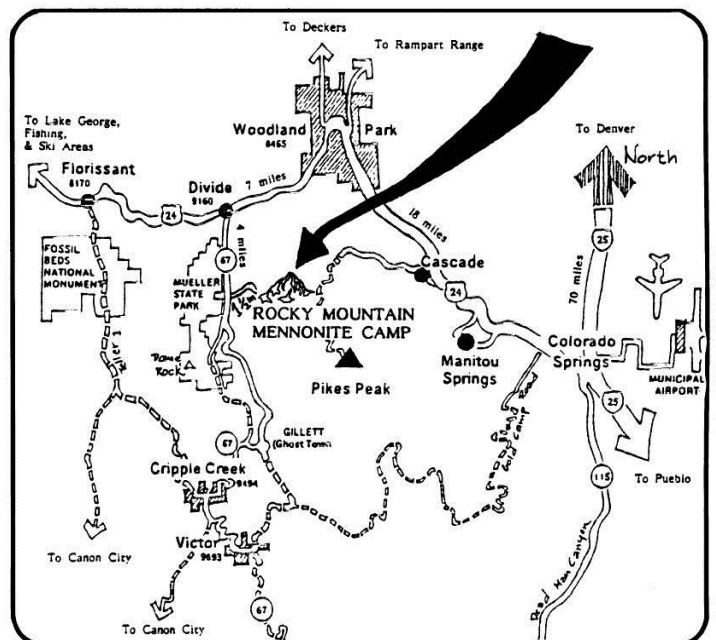
DIRECTIONS – 709 County Road 62, Divide, CO 80814

In Divide, CO (about 25 miles west of Colorado Springs on US Hwy 24), turn south on CO Hwy 67 towards Cripple Creek. Watch for the camp sign about four miles south of Divide, immediately after Mueller State Park. Turn left onto the road to RMMC/the Crags and travel 1.5 miles up the dirt road to Camp.

NEARBY STORES AND SERVICES –

DIVIDE, CO – A small town about 6 miles from camp offers the nearest groceries, gas station and restaurants.

WOODLAND PARK, CO – A larger town about 13 miles east on Hwy 24, has grocery, hardware and drug stores, Laundromats, banks, emergency care center, hospital, restaurants, and shops.



TRADING POST – Campers and guests have the opportunity to purchase snacks, drinks, postcards, T-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. at our Trading Post. In the summer months the Trading Post is located outside beside the Dining Hall and in the Fall/Winter/Spring it is located at the Office.

YOUR STAY WITH US

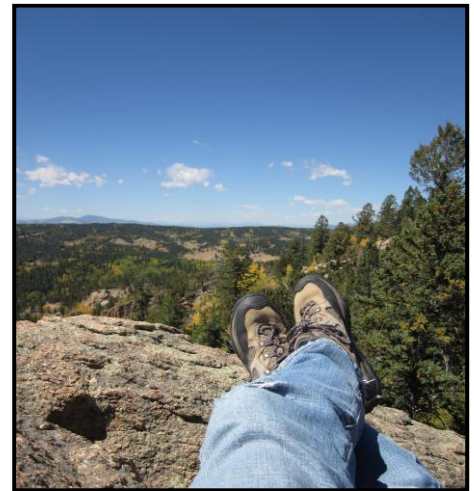
ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE – Arrival time is 4:00 pm and departure time is 11:00 am. You may request to extend your stay if no group is arriving in your facility at an additional fee of 10% per hour based on the facility cost.

ACCOMMODATIONS – Here are some ways you can help us keep your accommodations a great place of retreat.

- Turn off lights if you are the last person to leave a room or building
- Make sure outside doors close behind you
- Adjust the thermostat rather than opening a window
- Only have food in kitchen/dining areas of your cabin
- Please put everything back as you found it (recreation equipment, table & chairs, etc.), gather trash, wash dishes (if any), and take all personal belongings home!

AMMENITIES – Please bring personal toiletries for your stay as we do not provide soap, shampoo, etc. Sheets and towels are provided in Emmental Retreat Center, Eagle’s Nest, and Rocky Ridge. Sheets and towels are provided for Sky-Hi-View in the summer months only. For Main Camp accommodations, linens are not included and can be rented with advanced notice of your stay.

BATHHOUSES (*Eiger, Aspen, and Boys*) – Our mountain water is very precious to us so please turn off sinks when brushing your teeth and minimize shower time. Any personal items should be taken back to your accommodation to allow space for other guests to use the facility and keep the bathhouses clean.



CAMPFIRES – Campfires are allowed only in established fire rings and subject to Teller County fire ban regulations. Contact the camp office for the current fire ban status. Do not leave fires unattended and thoroughly extinguish fires with water before leaving. Use metal containers for disposal of ashes or briquettes. **Contact the office immediately in case of uncontained fire.**

EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES – Please notify staff of anything that is broken or needs repair. Repair or replacement of camp property damaged or lost by carelessness of guests is the financial responsibility of guest groups.

PHONE / INTERNET CONNECTION – Cell phone reception is limited at main camp but can connect at ridge accommodations including Eagle’s Nest, Rocky Ridge and Sky-Hi-View. A phone is available in the office lobby for guest use. RMMC has a Wi-Fi signal in various locations including the Dining Hall/Lodge which you can connect to using a device with wireless capability. The password can be obtained from the camp office.

QUIET HOURS – Noise should be kept to a minimum after 10:30p.m. in consideration to other guest groups who share the camp premises.

SIGNS – Anyone wishing to display signs on camp property must do so only with permission of the camp office.

SMOKING – Smoking is only permitted in the outside designated areas. Every precaution must be taken to prevent a forest fire.

TRASH – Litter should be put in trash receptacles to maintain the natural beauty of the mountains. Recycling bins are located in the foyer by the Dining Halls and in the ridge cabins.

SENSITIVITY & RESPECT – Our goal is to provide a place where campers and guests find a welcoming and friendly environment regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin or disability.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING THE FOLLOWING TO CAMP:

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| Pets (large or small) | Firearms | Illegal drugs | Dirt bikes | Fireworks |
| Alcohol | Tobacco | Marijuana | Four Wheelers | |

ACTIVITIES AT CAMP –

OUTSIDE

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| Basketball court | Sand volleyball court | Inspiration Point Fire Ring | Fishing |
| Disc golf | Horseshoes | Hiking | Nature Center |
| Aspen Ridge Nature Trail | Goldmine Amphitheatre | Children’s play frame | Kayaking |

INSIDE

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| Card & Table Games | Foosball |
| Shuffleboard table | Table tennis |

WINTER

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| Tubing Run | Broom Hockey |
| Snowshoeing | Human Curling |
| Cross-country skiing* | Ice skating* |

**equipment not provided*



FOOD SERVICE

FOOD OPTIONS – RMMC is pleased to offer a great selection of food choices to our campers and guests. Our staff works hard to provide a quality meal at an affordable price. The following items are always available in the Dining Halls - fresh fruit, hot tea, hot chocolate, coffee, and milk (ask kitchen staff for milk at non-meal times). Meals include a main dish option, vegetarian option, drinks, milk, salad (lunch & supper), and dessert (lunch & supper). Bread, jelly and peanut butter are available at meal times unless a peanut allergy camper is on site.

FOOD SERVICE AVAILABILITY – Guests are required to utilize food service from camp unless eating away or staying in an accommodation with a kitchen or the campground. Facilities with a kitchen include: Emmental Retreat Center, Eagle’s Nest, Rocky Ridge, Sky-Hi-View, Solitude Center, and Park Ridge. For facilities with kitchens, plan to bring all cooking ingredients with you, including salt, pepper and condiments.

CAMP MEAL SERVICE – Food service is only available for groups of 12 or more people unless another guest group is already eating meals. All meals will be served for the summer season (June 1st through August 1st). Please contact camp 2 weeks in advance about our menu offerings or special dietary considerations. Standard meal times are:

Monday - Saturday: Breakfast – 8:00a.m., Lunch – 12:30p.m., Supper – 5:30p.m.

Sunday: Brunch – 10:30a.m. (continental breakfast included with brunch - 8:00a.m.), Supper – 5:30p.m.