



Volunteer Groups Make a Difference

Not only was it another great season of summer camps for resident, wilderness and family camp participants, camp was also busy landscaping after many holes and trenches were made last fall from the surprise septic system project. New restoration water diversions, mulching and seeding and plantings were made around the parking lot, Dining Hall/Lodge, and on the ridge above & below Emmental. The installation of the septic system by the Jungfrau Chalet also required a new bridge, steps and infrastructure improvements (gas, electric).

Franconia Mennonite Church's young adult group (Souderton, PA) of thirty volunteers came for a week this summer and made a significant impact by replacing the roof on the Dining Hall/Lodge and giving it a new coat of paint. Additional projects they helped with included drywall repair in Aspen, a new roof for the Pine Cone quonset, wiring for new area lights and landscaping around the Dining Hall/Lodge.

If one large group wasn't help enough, Yellow Creek Mennonite Church came with a tour bus full of 40 high school youth and sponsors. They volunteered by thinning trees and cutting low branches around the Chapel. This material was then used to make mulch for use in reclaiming disturbed ground from the surprise septic system project. Other groups worked on erosion control along the roads, retrenching a water line that had frozen, and a variety of painting projects. Some play was had as the camp offered an opportunity to go rock climbing and rappelling on Monkey Rock. Special thanks to Tom Unruh, Spike Hostetler, Rich Thomas and Ed Shirk for their important part as leaders & teachers.

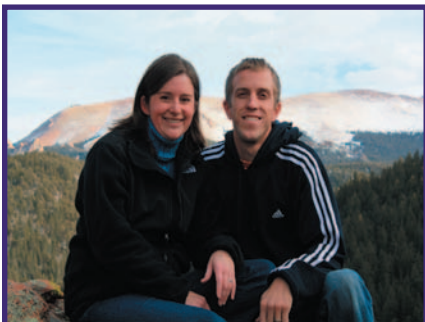


Young adults from Franconia Mennonite Church worked, played and worshipped together during their full week at Rocky Mountain.



Volunteer help is a vital part of caring for guests and facilities.

Addition of New Staff Position



Jenelle and Colin, are both Youth Ministry and Recreation graduates from Bluffton University, and have been serving in ministry the past 4 years in Westover, MD.

Part of the VISION 2012 Campaign goals established in 2002 was to maximize the use of Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp as a year-around place of retreat to program participants and guest groups. Over the past eight years through the addition of new programs (more campers) and improvement in facilities (more guest groups), the Camp Board decided last January the time had come to add an additional full time staff position to join Corbin & Mary in the work of this ministry.

Jenelle Roynon has been selected to serve as the year around Program Director. Jenelle will assist Corbin with program planning, summer staff/volunteer coordination, marketing and communications, and help Mary with food service and house keeping as needed. We welcome Jenelle and her husband, Colin to the RMMC family and look forward to the contributions of their gifts and talents.

While the addition of this position is a financial leap of faith, this significant step is motivated by fulfilling the mission statement of the camp. RMMC 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.



Rocky Mountain is blessed each summer with staff members who come from near and far to serve this ministry. Their willingness to share of their time, talents and energy makes the busy summer camping season possible.

In your words...

Quotes from 2010 Family Camp Participants

“We love this camp. We feel so spoiled and look forward to it every year. There is no other vacation we love more!”

“Our family does not live in a Mennonite Community and the Camp allows us to connect with our heritage and values.”

“It’s like coming home.”

“The best part of camp are the friendships we make. I love exposing my children to good Christian experiences.”

“Love it every time we come! Wish there were more days in the week.”

My Favorite Place

My favorite place to be is Rocky Mountain Camp. I hear the running creek, playing kids, and the nice and cool creek. I also hear the trees blowing. I smell the damp and cool air, the sweat on my face, and the wonderful food. I see the running creek, the kids playing, and the chipmunks chattering. I feel the damp air as it cools me off and I also feel the foosball handle and the vibration from hitting the ball. I hope you visit Rocky Mountain Camp soon.

By Lucas Bontrager-Waite, age 8, from Moundridge KS
description assignment from school

2010 Summer Staff

Ben Baumgartner	Hesston KS
Andrea Birky	Co. Springs CO
Ravy Chin	Cambodia
Tammy Duvanel Unruh	Newton KS
Asher Fast	Boulder CO
Megan Fowler	La Junta CO
Ali Fretz	Lakewood CO
Kevin Goering	Topeka KS
Ben Goossen	Topeka KS
Daniel Graber	Hesston KS
Nathan Graber	Denver CO
Annalisa Harder	Bluffton OH
John Harder	Bluffton OH
Jonathan Harnish	Co. Springs CO
Mariah Hostetler	Dodge City KS
Amanda Koch	Co.Springs CO
Meredith Lehman	Bluffton OH
Selvia Malak	Egypt
Chloe Martin	Hesston KS
Indigo Miller	Co. Springs CO
Rachel Nafziger	Harrisonburg VA
Shannon Neuenschwander	Dalton OH
Chad Newcomer	Mt Joy PA
Kris Rath	Moundridge KS
Ethan Rempel	Wichita KS
Benjamin Rittenhouse	East Earl PA
Sarah Rutt	Lancaster PA
Stephanie Shenk	Hamburg PA
Chris Snyder	Akron PA
Anna Unruh	Walton KS
Dorothy Voth	Hesston KS
Lauren Weaver	Hesston KS

8&9 grade Wilderness campers & counselors pose for a picture at the summit of Pike’s Peak (14,110 feet).



Select Wilderness and Resident camps offer a hike to the Peak. Many enthusiastic campers sign up for the challenge. The expansive view at the summit is well worth the breath lost along the way. Plus the accomplishment of hiking to the top is also very rewarding. Many campers comment that the hike to Pike’s Peak is a highlight of their week at camp.

PROGRAM CALENDAR 2011

WINTER / SPRING

January 21-23	Scrapbook Retreat
January 21-23	Jr. High Snow Camp
February 18-20	Senior High Snow Camp I
February 25-27	Young Adult Snow Camp
March 4-6	Men's Retreat
March 18-20	Senior High Snow Camp II
April 14-17	Spring Quilter's Retreat
May 27-30	Memorial Day Work & Play Retreat

SUMMER

June 5-11	Staff Orientation
June 12-18	Sr. High Resident
June 12-18	Grade 6&7 Wilderness I
June 19-25	Grade 8&9 Resident
June 19-25	Grade 6&7 Wilderness II
June 26-July 2	Grade 6&7 Resident
June 26-July 2	Grade 8&9 Wilderness I
July 3-9	Grade 4&5 Resident
July 3-9	Grade 8&9 Wilderness II
July 10-16	Custom Wilderness & Camp Rocky
July 16-22	Camp Pike
July 22-24	Grade 3 Resident
July 24-30	Sr. High Wilderness I
July 24-29	Family Camp I
July 31-August 5	Family Camp II
July 31-August 6	Sr. High Wilderness II

FALL

August 19-21	Emmanuel Mennonite Retreat
September 2-4	Peace Community Mennonite Retreat
September 2-5	Labor Day Work & Play Retreat
September 9-11	Glennon Heights Mennonite Retreat
September 16-18	Beth-El Mennonite Retreat
September 23-25	First Mennonite Denver Retreat
September 30-Oct 2	Greeley Mennonite Retreat
October 7-9	Mountain Community Mennonite Retreat
October 27-30	Fall Quilter's Retreat
November 4-6	Pastor/Spouse Retreat



Campers sing songs to our Creator around a campfire at Inspiration Point.



During MennOlympics, resident campers race to help their team during the relay.

Trail Call is published each winter by Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp.



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VISION 2012

RENEWAL AND RESTORATION

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ARE WE THERE YET?

A favorite Bible verse of mine is from Hebrew 12:1-2 "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith."

Most days, perseverance is a necessary part of our faith, our vocations and our relationships. It certainly applies to capital campaigns! Thus far, we have certainly seen our share of planned and unplanned challenges since we began this journey in 2002. What has remained steady however, is the faithfulness of God and God's people who have generously offered their time (volunteers) and resources (\$660,000 campaign total thus far). May God bless each gift and each giver. So a word of THANKS to all who have gone the extra mile especially with the surprise septic system project and we welcome those who would like begin their support.

True to any race, there is still a little farther to go with the VISION 2012 campaign and we ask for your help in finishing the campaign goals yet to be accomplished. May the cloud of witnesses of this ministry inspire and encourage us to the finish line.

-Corbin Graber, Executive Dir.



The area around Trading Post received new stairs and seating for campers and guests to enjoy. The lids to the new grease traps are seen at bottom in the path.

CAMPAIGN PROJECTS COMPLETED

Acquire 3 Acre Feet of Water Rights

Purchased 2003

New roof for Eiger, Jungfrau & Heidi

Completed 2003

Water truck

Purchased 2003

Wilderness Vehicle

Purchased 2005

New Eagles Nest Cabin

Completed 2005

Chapel Roof

Completed 2006

Chalet Emmental Renovation

Completed 2006

Well Drilled on Chapel side

Completed 2006

Eiger Bathhouse Renovation

Completed 2008

Chapel Renovations

Completed 2009

Surprise Septic System for Main Camp

Completed 2010



Sowers of the seed volunteers and staff worked together to reclaim the disturbed ground above and below Emmental Retreat Center. Shovels, rakes, mulch, seed and determination were the key ingredients in covering the dug up ground from the installation of the surprise septic system.

CAMPAIGN PROJECT GOALS (REVISED)

Improve Pond (\$15K)

Dredge pond of sediment build-up for water activities and year around fish habitat (scheduled fall 2011)

Improve Beaver Hogan Location (\$20K)

Purchase and place manufactured home (from our neighbor at the bottom of the hill) to make space for the new staff family. Until completed, Jenelle & Colin will stay in the upstairs apartment of Aspen

Replace Aging Vehicles (\$20K)

Replace Wilderness program Suburbans with van

Improve Staffville - male summer staff accommodations (\$25K)

Add insulation to cabins
 New roofs for cabins
 Provide bathroom facility

Join in as we "race" toward the finish line of our Vision 2012 Campaign!