



### Chapel 50th Birthday Celebrated

A celebration of the Chapel's 50th birthday and the role it has and continues to play in the life and ministry of Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp was held July 26. Two hundred eighty-six people enjoyed supper together and those that could fit, gathered in the Chapel for a dedication service. The service included personal sharing, hymn singing, a slide show of the Chapel's history, and unveiling of the new art piece above the fireplace. Afterwards, birthday cake and ice cream was served and enjoyed by all.

The renovation and improvements made to the Chapel are part of the ongoing Vision 2012 Campaign: Renewal & Restoration.



*Dennis LeFevre, Spike Hostetler and Tom Unruh put the finishing touches on the Chapel renovations by mounting the art piece created by Kayb Carpenter. Through funds provided by the Dale Miller family (and friends) in memory of Wilma Miller, the chapel renovations were completed over a 3 year period. As part of the Chapel history, Dale & Wilma (daughter of Jess Kauffman) were the first couple to be married in the Chapel after its construction in 1959.*



### These Welcoming Walls

I am proud of my life, here at RMMC. I feel a sense of usefulness, a sense of belonging, a sense of purpose. My position is one of many advantages; nestled among these trees and hills, I feel protected. Yet I am visible from distant points of the camp as well.

I am the Chapel. Although my walls are made of wood, my windows of glass, I really am made of singing, laughter, friends, memories, encouragement, tears, joys, heartaches, healing. No one can contain my being within a chunk of wood or a piece of glass.



*A record number of Sr. High Resident campers (72) singing in the Chapel during fireside worship. After many years of faithful service, work was greatly needed on the roof, structural beams, windows, ceiling, fireplace, wiring, lighting and the floor. The Chapel now features a fireplace insert, new seating, stage lighting, a screen and video projector for presentations (slide shows, powerpoint, etc.). This building with a rich history as a worship and gathering place for all who come to Rocky Mountain is now ready to serve the next 50 years!*

I have been a sanctuary for personal commitments, a haven on stormy afternoons, a place for reflection and worship, a school for learning. Music has poured forth from my rooftop.

I keep a watchful eye on children playing on the nearby ball field, on hikers climbing Monkey Rock, on canoeists on the pond, skaters in winter.

Afternoon sun lights my windows with golden beams, morning dew clings to my roof. Observing the hillside beyond the road fascinates me. Occasionally deer and elk slip across my view, undetected by anyone else. I watch for summer flowers also, as well as new growth on the trees.

During summer my favorite time is Sunday, when new campers arrive. In the evening they gather here, excitedly getting reacquainted with each other, with me.

I feel happy when someone quietly enters, seeking a place to think, to reflect, to just be alone with God. They tell Him their secret thoughts, knowing I am listening too, sharing their struggles or joys.

The serenity of this setting contributes much to my feeling of contentment. God smiles upon me, upon everyone who comes to my welcoming walls of love.

I am the chapel, the epitome of RMMC.

*-Mary M Yoder is serving her 20th year at Rocky Mountain*



*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. At \$75 per week beginning salary, the staff are reminded that the rewards are eternal and tax free, including an unlimited amount of mountain views and fresh air!*

## What do summer staff say about RMMC?

My summer at RMMC was a great blend of challenge, fun, hard work, and relaxation. I love RMMC because there can be no better place to work than among friends in the beauty of the mountains. Being on summer staff is like joining a special club for really awesome people: you get the inside scoop on everything, you serve great people and work with your best friends, and Mary is really great about having cookies when you need them most!

*-Caitlin Seals Schwanke, Administrative Assistant*

My summer at RMMC was fantastic. I love all the opportunities to be outdoors in such a beautiful setting. It is a ton of fun and I love getting to hang out with all the campers.

*-Ben Goossen, Maintenance/Construction Staff*

"Being on the summer staff is captivating: every year there is a fun new group to get to know and fun times to be ensued. The work is always fun and exciting, but it's the people and experiences that make working here so remarkable."

*-Megan Fowler, Health & Houskeeping Supervisor*

"Being at camp this summer was such a blessing for me. RMMC helped me grow in so many ways I can't even describe. As a residential counselor, I can't imagine spending my summer in any different way. Being part of the day to day activities and affecting camper's lives was such a highlight of the summer."

*-Philip Keeler, Counselor*

"Being on summer staff at RMMC taught me how to lead what I already knew in a different setting with new people and a new way of doing things. I was continually stretched and accepted by those working with me, as we worked together to make the summer a good experience for not only guests but each other as well. I love camp and I love seeing the various ways that God works through others to make memories and friendships."

*-Betsy Houser, Program Director*

## 2009 Summer Staff

- |                        |                |
|------------------------|----------------|
| Darin Bontrager        | Archbold OH    |
| Neil Collier           | Denver CO      |
| Tammy Duvanel Unruh    | Newton KS      |
| Matt Ellis             | Topeka KS      |
| Jean Enns              | Wichita KS     |
| Asher Fast             | Boulder CO     |
| Megan Fowler           | La Junta CO    |
| Ben Goossen            | Topeka KS      |
| Annalisa Harder        | Bluffton OH    |
| Jonathan Harnish       | Co. Springs CO |
| Laura Harnish          | Flanagan IL    |
| Betsy Houser           | Phoenix AZ     |
| Blake Johnson          | Topeka KS      |
| Heidi Johnson          | Topeka KS      |
| Krista Kaufman         | Goshen IN      |
| Philip Keeler          | Bluffton OH    |
| Amanda Koch            | Co.Springs CO  |
| Indigo Miller          | Co. Springs CO |
| Tyler Miller           | Greeley CO     |
| Camden Pankratz        | N Newton KS    |
| Benjamin Rittenhouse   | East Earl PA   |
| Alison Schmidt-Tieszen | Newton KS      |
| Caitlin Seals Schwanke | Topeka KS      |
| Chirs Snyder           | Akron PA       |
| Laura Swick            | McPherson KS   |
| Aaron Voth             | Hesston KS     |
| Dorothy Voth           | Hesston KS     |

## WERE YOU A SUMMER STAFF MEMBER, CAMPER, GUEST OR VOLUNTEER?

Share your Rocky Mountain experience by joining the RMMC group page on Facebook ([www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com))!

*Wilderness campers begin their adventure at the Great Sand Dunes National Park. The Wilderness Camp program continues to offer an "extreme" nature experience with activities of rock climbing, rappelling, overnight backpacking and whitewater rafting to pristine wilderness*



*areas in Colorado. Camp sizes are limited to ten for each session for Grades 6&7, 8&9 and Sr. High all with unique destinations!*

# PROGRAM CALENDAR 2010

## WINTER / SPRING

January 15-17	Scrapbook Retreat
January 22-24	Jr. High Snow Camp
February 12-14	Senior High Snow Camp I
February 26-28	Young Adult Snow Camp
March 5-7	Men's Retreat
March 12-14	Senior High Snow Camp II
April 15-18	Spring Quilter's Retreat
May 28-30	Memorial Day Work & Play Retreat

## SUMMER

May 30- June 5	Staff Orientation
June 6-12	Sr. High Resident
June 6-12	Grade 6&7 Wilderness I
June 13-19	Grade 8&9 Resident
June 13-19	Grade 6&7 Wilderness II
June 20-26	Grade 6&7 Resident
June 20-26	Grade 8&9 Wilderness I
June 27-July 3	Grade 4&5 Resident
June 27-July 3	Grade 8&9 Wilderness II
July 4-10	Custom Wilderness & Camp Rocky
July 10-16	Camp Pike
July 16-18	Grade 3 Resident
July 18-24	Sr. High Wilderness I
July 18-23	Family Camp I
July 25-30	Family Camp II
July 25-31	Sr. High Wilderness II

## FALL

August 13-15	Emmanuel Mennonite Retreat
September 3-5	Peace Community Mennonite Retreat
September 3-6	Labor Day Work & Play Retreat
September 10-12	Glennon Heights Mennonite Retreat
September 17-19	Beth-El Mennonite Retreat
September 24-26	First Mennonite Denver Retreat
October 1-3	Greeley Mennonite Retreat
October 8-10	Mountain Community Mennonite Retreat
October 28-31	Fall Quilter's Retreat



What campout would be complete without a "hobo" dinner as these Grade 6 & 7 campers get ready to enjoy their meal around the campfire.



Grade 4&5 Resident campers proudly displaying their watercraft (made of all natural materials) before the annual boat race!

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



### ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE CAMP

709 County Rd 62  
Divide Colorado 80814  
phone: 719-687-9506  
fax: 719-687-2582  
email: info@rmmc.org  
online: www.rmmc.org

#### STAFF MEMBERS

Corbin Graber, Executive Director  
Mary Yoder, Head Cook

#### BOARD MEMBERS

Ardell Swartzendruber, President  
Jodi Miller, Vice President  
Jean Spicher, Secretary  
Dennis LeFevre, Treasurer  
Mark Bechler  
Diane Fowler  
Lisa Longacher  
Dave Miller

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.

Member  
  
Christian Camp and  
Conference Association

Member  
  
Mennonite  
Camping  
Association

# ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE CAMP



## VISION 2012

CAPITAL

CAMPAIGN

RENEWAL AND RESTORATION

### ON "SURPRISES"

The quote "life is what happens when we're making other plans" is all too true most days and we learned this past summer that capital campaigns are no exception. And when "life" offers a failed septic system, ignoring the problem and the significant expense is certainly not an option (until you have to use the restroom, anyway).

So another THANK YOU for the generosity of those offering prayer support, financial support and volunteer time which made it possible to get the system operational in only one month and without the need to borrow money utilizing operating reserves to pay the bills as they came due.

That said, if you have not already taken the opportunity to contribute financially, please help with the remaining \$60,000 needed to pay for the septic system. Gifts can be mailed by check or given online at [www.rmmc.org](http://www.rmmc.org).

As a result of this "life" experience, the camp board has revised the list of remaining VISION 2012 Campaign goals to match in faith the continued financial support until the completion of this campaign is celebrated!

-Corbin Graber is serving his 9th year at Rocky Mountain



As part of the surprise septic system, tanks were installed below the Dining Hall / Lodge. While the system is operational, work still remains to reclaim the disturbed ground to keep it from eroding next summer. So if you missed your opportunity to contribute or volunteer, there is still more to do!

### 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**  
 Operational 2009



*A fruit bouquet was part of Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp's thank you to Lynn Horner for his nine years of service on the Camp Board. Lynn most recently served as Vice President and was part of developing and implementing the VISION 2012 campaign goals. Diane Fowler (also from La Junta CO) has agreed to fill this opening and will continue to represent different geographic regions on the board. Thanks to Lynn & Diane for your service!*

### CAMPAIGN PROJECT GOALS (REVISED)

Surprise Sepic System Project  
 Reclamation of disturbed ground

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

- Add insulation to cabins
- New roof for cabins
- Put in enclosed bathroom facility.

Improve Pond (\$15K)

- Dredge pond of sediment build-up for water activities and year around fish habitat.

Replace Aging Vehicles (\$20K)

- Replace Wilderness program Suburbans with van.

Improve Beaver Hogan Facility (\$15K)

- Camp owns property at the bottom of the road near highway 67 called "Beaver Hogan" which has an old log cabin on it. With a well, electricity and a septic system, it offers the possibility for additional long term staff housing or other ideas. The current facility is unusable as an accomodation.

**Come join us to help with these projects!**