



A NEWSLETTER FROM ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE CAMP

WINTER 2007

SUMMER CAMP REFLECTIONS

RMMC has blessed me in more ways than I ever could have imagined. Besides growing in my Mennonite beliefs, I have been blessed in many relationships; having and maintaining relationships with campers, staffers, and visitors of the camp. It is a very special place; to grow spiritually, and see God through the beautiful nature surrounding camp. You would think that you would give more than you would receive working at a camp, but it is the complete opposite. You come from camp being revived and filled with love and the feeling of belonging to a community. I love it and it will be hard not to be apart of the staff next summer.

-Chelsey Yoder (Summer Program Dir.)

EACH summer at RMMC made me realize how enriching camp is. Seeing the lives of campers change for the better make it all worthwhile. Campers have commented to me over the summers, "It's the best week of my summer", "I can't wait till next year", and "Do I have to go home?" Each experience is different but the common thread between them creates a life changing experience for everyone. It's an intensive week where youth are unconnected to the outside world – no cell phones, TV, ipods, or internet. The culture today has gotten so fast paced and limits face-to-face interaction that, when at camp, we are inevitably faced with building close personal relationships. There is nothing to distract campers or staff from seeing each other in a real way. There is so much to gain in these weeks that we are unable to do in our normal lives. God meets each of us in the change of pace we experience at camp. I am willing to say that the majority of campers and staff will never forget their camp experience. RMMC has been the opportunity for many people to refocus and energize their lives for what is really important in life. My life is a testimony to that.

-Jenelle (Musselman) Roynon (Summer Program Dir.)




The tradition of serving chicken BBQ continues on and the aroma along with the bell reminds everyone that it's time to eat!



Family Camp I participants record their accomplishment of climbing Pikes Peak (approximately 1 mile up and 4 miles across) with a photo at the top

ROCKY MOUNTAIN WEATHER STATION

NEW to the RMMC web site (www.rmmc.org) is a weather page which will let you "feel" how things are here at 9600 feet in the Colorado Rockies. Look for a web cam to come in 2008 so that you can see how things are here at Rocky Mountain!

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TEMP	WINDS	CURRENT	ALMANAC
100 75 50 25 0 -25 Fahrenheit 25.8° High 25.8° Low 16.7° Rate 0.91°/hr	 0mph NW (311°) Gust: 1mph	Humidity: 47% Dew Point: 8.4° Wind Chill: 25.8° Barometer: 30.02in Rate: 0.030in/hr Rain Today: 0.00in Hourly: 0.00in Monthly: 0.66in Total: 10.99in	Sunrise: 7:14am Sunset: 4:41pm Moonrise: 1:35pm Moonset: 3:24am Moon Day: 11  83%



Sr. High Resident campers with a great view on top of Old Baldy

WILDERNESS CAMP PROGRAM MAKING A DIFFERENCE

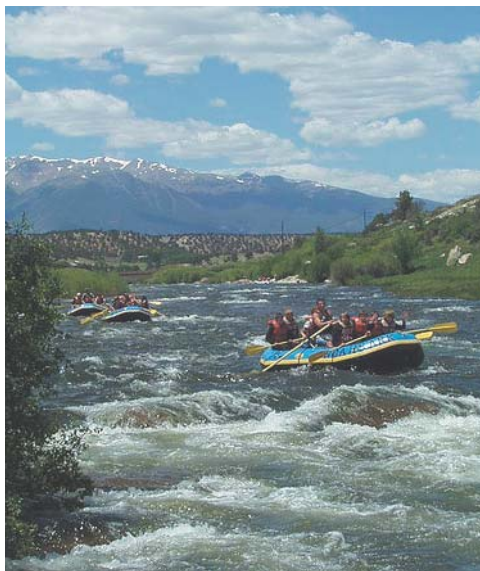
EXPERIENCING a week at Wilderness Camp is the only way that will truly allow you to understand what an amazing experience it can be. A week at Wilderness Camp is a once-in-a-lifetime type experience. Not many people have the opportunity to go rock climbing, rappelling, horseback riding, mountain biking, backpacking, peak bagging and white water rafting in a single week.

Although these activities are adventurous, provide breathtaking views and are just down right fun, they only provide the platform for the two most memorable parts of Wilderness Camp, forming amazing friendships and unique worship opportunities. Campers form amazing friendships in just one week. There is a bond that forms after spending nearly every waking moment for a week in the woods with a group of less than 10 other like-minded campers while having been with each other through fits of laughter, sweating, crying, hiking through pristine wildernesses, friendships in a tent during rainstorms, preparing amazing meals, singing worship songs and standing at the tops of mountains together.

Also, we all know that God is experienced in many different ways. Many of our campers find that they often understand God best when they are in the wilderness. It is very difficult to stand at the top of a mountain peak peering over the world after struggling to the top while having deep discussions with a group of your closest friends and not find something to praise God for.

When you take out away the busyness of their lives and just let campers experience nature to its full extent, experiencing God comes naturally. Wilderness Camp is life changing for many people. After spending 7 years as a camper and another 7 years as a wilderness staffer, I can tell you with complete conviction that this is an amazing opportunity!

-Jacob Miller
(Wilderness Director)



Grade 6&7 Wilderness Campers begin their white water rafting adventure on the Arkansas River near Buena Vista Colorado



THANK YOU SUMMER STAFF OF 2007

CAMP continues to be blessed by the young adults and volunteers who serve the many campers and guests who come each summer. They graciously give of their time and their talents to make this ministry possible. And while the financial gain is modest, the reflections of long time (14 summers between them) staffers Chelsey, Jenelle and Jacob demonstrates well the amount of impact on those who participate in this ministry.

Dylan Books	Albuquerque, NM
Amy Bradshaw	North Newton, KS
Andrew Brubaker	Goshen, IN
Alex Caskey	Goshen, IN
Sophal Cheng	Cambodia (IVEP)
Betty Esau	Beatrice, NE
Asher Fast	Boulder, CO
Megan Fowler	La Junta, CO
Elizabeth Goering	Newton, KS
Leonardo Chavarria	Honduras (IVEP)
Ben Goossen	Topeka, KS
Alison Gotwals	Telford, PA
Ben Graber	Goshen, IN
Laura Harnish	Flanagan, IL
Spike & Gloria Hostetler	Harper, KS
Scott & Christa Jantzen	Tuscon, AZ
Nicholas Janzen	Hesston, KS
Tony Janzen	Elkhart, IN
Eileen Kidder	Jackson Heights, NY
Jacob Miller	Lakewood, CO
Jordan Miller	Lakewood, CO
Kris Miller	Greeley, CO
Krista Miller	Hesston, KS
Jenelle Musselman	Pocomoke City, MD
Whitney Pankratz	Hesston, KS
Ivannia Perez	Cassopolis, MI
Shawn Rath	Moundridge, KS
Kara Schmidt	Newton, KS
Hilary Shirk	Woodland Park, CO
CJ Unruh	Perryton, TX
Aaron Voth	Hesston, KS
Marie Voth	Hesston, KS
Layne Wyse	Camden, MI
Chelsey Yoder	Highlands Ranch, CO

EIGER BATHHOUSE RENOVATION

PROGRESS continues as we build our way back to completion. Currently we are working on walls and plumbing. Family Campers have already favored the Dining Hall/Lodge side of camp in anticipation of taking advantage of the new bathhouse next summer.

Welcome improvements include:

- in floor heat
- changing space for showers
- additional number of facilities for male side of bathhouse.
- family and handicapp accessible bathroom
- upgrade laundry room facilities
- two apartments upstairs to accommodate volunteers

Please consider how you might be able to contribute to this important project!



Leon Stutzman helps direct concrete into the Eiger Bathhouse

VISION 2012 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Amount received as of November 2007	\$367,030.00
Amount needed to fulfill VISION 2012	\$132,970.00
Cash on hand for Eiger Bathhouse renovation	\$26,089.00
Estimated cost Eiger Bathhouse renovation	\$75,000.00

CAPITAL PROJECT/VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS

LIVING and serving at a Mennonite Camp is not new for Gary & Judy Blosser. They met while serving on summer staff at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center in 1974; worked several days at Camp Amigo and RMMC while traveling with the Living Stones VS Team in 1975; took their youth group to Camp Hebron snow camp in 1976; enjoyed two weeks as counselors at Lakewood Retreat in 1979; and best of all worked as summer staff at RMMC in 1972, 1992 and 1999.



Why? Why take time away from making a living to volunteer at a Christian camp? "It's simple, we have seen God at work through the ministries of Christian camps. The potential for spiritual growth is enhanced as one takes time away from the routine of life to enjoy the beauty of nature with other Christians."

In July Gary completed 13 years of pastoral ministry at North Clinton Mennonite Church. As he serves at RMMC he & Judy are discerning their next steps in ministry. Gary says, "When Moses wanted to meet with God he climbed a mountain; when Jesus prepared for His ministry, He went into the wilderness. So we are expecting to hear from God while here in Colorado enjoying the beauty and other staff at RMMC."

PROJECTS ALREADY COMPLETED

- Acquire 3 Acre Feet of Water Rights
 - PURCHASED '03
- New roof for Eiger, Jungfrau & Heidi
 - COMPLETED '03
- Water truck
 - PURCHASED '03
- Wilderness Vehicle
 - PURCHASED '05
- New Eagles Nest Cabin
 - COMPLETED '05
- Chalet Emmental Renovation
 - COMPLETED '06
- Chapel Roof
 - COMPLETED '06
- Well Drilled on Chapel side
 - COMPLETED '06
- Chapel side windows replaced
 - COMPLETED '07

PROJECTS YET TO COME

- Continue Chapel Improvements
 - New floor covering.
 - Add heating system use.
 - Acquire new chairs/benches
- Improve Staff Housing
 - Renovate Pleiades female accommodations.
 - Renovate Staffville male accommodations.
- Repair Infirmary Foundation
 - Fix or replace facility
- Renovate/replace Quonset Cabins
 - Improve facilities for youth and family campers
- Improve Pond
 - Dredge pond of sediment for water activities and to support year around fish habitat.
- Replace Aging Vehicles
 - 2nd wilderness vehicle
 - Housekeeping vehicle
- Improve Beaver Hogan Facility
 - Consider housine options for this property at bottom of road

To continue our pace of accomplishments, your continued support of financial gifts and volunteer time makes a difference. Help us meet and exceed the \$50,000 needed each year to complete and fulfill projects of the VISION 2012 Campaign. 100% of individual gifts go toward Capital improvements!

PROGRAM CALENDAR 2008

WINTER / SPRING

January 18-20	Scrapbook Retreat
February 8-10	Jr. High Snow Camp
February 15-17	Senior High Snow Camp I
February 22-24	Young Adult Snow Camp
Feb. 29-Mar. 2	Men's Retreat
March 14-16	Senior High Snow Camp II
April 3-6	Spring Quilter's Retreat
April 25-27	Ecology & Faith: Our Food

SUMMER

June 1-7	Staff Orientation
June 8-14	Sr. High Resident
June 8-14	Grade 6&7 Wilderness
June 15-21	Grade 8&9 Resident
June 15-21	Grade 6&7 Peak Wilderness
June 22-28	Grade 6&7 Resident
June 22-28	Grade 8&9 Wilderness
June 29-July 5	Grade 4&5 Resident
June 29-July 5	Grade 8&9 Peak Wilderness
July 6-12	Custom Group Wilderness
July 18-20	Grade 3 Resident
July 21-25	Family Camp I
July 20-26	Sr. High Wilderness
July 27-August 1	Family Camp II
July 27-August 2	Sr. High Peak Wilderness
August 3-8	Family Camp III

FALL

August 15-17	Emmanuel Mennonite Retreat
August 29-31	Peace Community Mennonite Retreat
September 6-7	Glennon Heights Mennonite Retreat
September 12-14	Beth-El Mennonite Retreat
September 19-21	First Mennonite Denver Retreat
Sept. 26-28	Mountain Community Mennonite Retreat
October 3-5	Greeley Mennonite Retreat
October 24-26	RMMC Annual Board & Advocate Retreat
Oct. 30-Nov. 2	Fall Quilter's Retreat
November 7-9	Pastor/Spouse Retreat



Grade 6&7 Resident Campers created this inspirational welcome on the door mat of their cabin to welcome the mystery housekeeper who inspects the cabin while they are away



Wilderness Campers at Park Ridge enjoyed a rainbow last summer

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



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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.

