



# TRAIL CALL

A Newsletter From Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp

Winter 2008

## A Ministry Making A Difference

Even though time at Rocky Mountain can come and go quickly, the memories of natural beauty, fellowship, music, and growing in faith easily can last a lifetime.

### Snow Camps

"Helped me to get closer to God. Thank you. Camp is amazing. I'm always inspired and moved" -Jr. High Snow Camper

"A chance to get away and experience fun and fellowship in God's creation." -Young Adult Snow Camper

### Resident Youth Camps

"Fun, good place with a good heart." -Sr. High camper

"One of the best weeks of my life." -Grade 8&9 camper

"I love the camp! It spells love all over it!" - Grade 4&5 camper

### Wilderness Camps

"Invigorating. Best thing I've ever done in my life." -Sr. High Camper

"Counselors were a ton of fun and made the week complete." -Grade 8&9 Camper

### Family Camps

"It is wonderful to have an affordable option for a family of 7 to take a camping vacation together." -Family Camper

"Will never forget my experience here." -Family Camper



*Sr. High Resident campers taking in the view on Pinnacle.*



*Kay Gusler & Loren Unruh have served on the Camp Board since 1986 & 1987 respectively.*

## 40 Years of Service

After 20+ years of service to the Rocky Mountain ministry, Kay Gusler and Loren Unruh can now reflect on the many developments and milestones they were part of as Camp board members.

Kay served as Board Treasurer which meant assisting the Camp Director with manual entries for the accounting system. Over the years, Kay helped with the transition to the use of computer accounting programs.

Loren served as Board Secretary for many years and was the point person for securing the camp's water rights. After an abundance of phone calls, email messages, and legal jargon, Loren saw the culmination of his and other's efforts when the water rights for RMMC were secured last fall.

Other developments during their 20 year tenure include major changes to facilities with the construction of Solitude Center, Aspen, Director's Residence, Rocky Ridge and a new Eagles Nest. Sky-Hi-View was relocated along with the renovation of the DH/ Lodge, Emmental, Eiger Bathhouse and the Upper Room Apartments.

Program achievements include the development of curriculum for Youth Camps, expansion of Family Camps and addition of the Wilderness Camp program.

So "...well done, good and faithful servant(s)..." (Matthew 15:23). May you have been as blessed as Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp has been by your service.

## Online Registration - NEW for 2009!

Next year, campers of all ages will have the opportunity to register online for youth camps, wilderness camps and adult retreats. In an effort to streamline the registration process for both the camp and the campers, online registration will allow participants to sign-up, provide required information, and offer payment all in one sitting!

The goal is for this to be a convenient win-win for participants (and the camp) by reducing the amount of time and expense of mailing paper back and forth. Another benefit is that once your RMMC online account has been established, camper and contact information will automatically display, only requiring you to update changed information.

Paying online will also offer more payment options including paying a deposit only, the full balance, or a combination of paying the deposit up front with the balance due automatically charged at the time of the camp program. Of course, good ol' fashioned checks will still be welcome!

Another benefit of online registration is immediate feedback about space availability. If a particular program is full, the selection will be "greyed" out which lets you know that the program you are interested in is already full.

We hope you'll take advantage of this new opportunity to register for the variety of camp programs and retreats the Rocky Mountain ministry offers for all ages.

Hope to see you here next year!

## Wish List

Can you help with these specific items? Please consider supplying the need or the financial means to acquire them.

Thanks!

- Passenger van
- White Mountain (electric) ice cream machine for foodservice
- 2 Love seat sized couches
- Program laptop computer

## Our Capital Project / Volunteer Coordinators

Rocky Mountain welcomes Tom Unruh & Jill White to facilitate the continuing VISION 2012 Capital Campaign projects through the fall of 2009.



Tom grew up on a farm near Goessel, KS. Jill's family lived on her great-grandmother's farm north of Peabody, KS. They met in Marion, KS and were married in 1985.

Their mutual interest in public policy, travel, nature, and service, took them from Kansas to Washington, DC, where they spent 13 years working on national

health care and economic development issues. Seeking a change of pace, in 2001 they sold their house and moved aboard a 28-foot sailboat in California. Their sailing adventures have taken them across three oceans and 12 countries. For six of the past seven summers they have flown back to the US to work at RMMC. Tom has served as the maintenance director and Jill as the nature studies director and she also worked in the office and kitchen.

"We are excited about the coming year at RMMC and the opportunity to spend more time here where we feel our values and interests are in tune with the camp's mission," said Jill and Tom.



## Thank you Summer Staff

Andrew Brubaker	Goshen IN
Martin Brubaker	Goshen IN
Caitlin Buerge	Kansas City MO
Neil Collier	Denver CO
Veronica Curto	Argentina
Asher Fast	Boulder CO
Megan Fowler	La Junta CO
Jacob Geyer	Parnell IA
Ben Goossen	Topeka KS
Alison Gotwals	Telford PA
Annalisa Harder	Bluffton OH
Betsy Houser	Phoenix AZ
Blake Johnson	Topeka KS
Eileen Kidder	Jackson Heights NY
Meredith Lehman	Bluffton OH
Kathryn Luginbuhl	Bluffton OH
Christy Mast	Athens GA
Steve Mast	Athens GA
Bradley McKellip	Newton KS
Elizabeth Miller	Partridge KS
Indigo Miller	CO Springs CO
Jordan Miller	Lakewood CO
Kris Miller	Greeley CO
Tyler Miller	Greeley CO
Tara Pounds	Hutchinson KS
Shawn Rath	Denver CO
Alison Schmidt-Tieszen	Newton KS
Hilary Shirk	Woodland Park CO
Aaron Voth	Hesston KS
Dorothy Voth	Hesston KS
Marie Voth	Denver CO
Chloe Weaver	Nederland CO



*A young family camper tests her nerve before rappelling on Monkey Rock*

# PROGRAM CALENDAR 2009

## WINTER / SPRING

January 16-18	Scrapbook Retreat
February 13-15	Jr. High Snow Camp
February 20-22	Senior High Snow Camp I
February 27-March 1	Young Adult
March 6-8	Men's Retreat
March 20-22	Senior High Snow Camp II
April 16-19	Spring Quilter's Retreat
May 22-25	Memorial Day Work & Play - <b>NEW!</b>

## SUMMER

May 31- June 6	Staff Orientation
June 7-13	Sr. High Resident
June 7-13	Grade 6&7 Wilderness I
June 14-20	Grade 8&9 Resident
June 14-20	Grade 6&7 Wilderness II
June 21-27	Grade 6&7 Resident
June 21-27	Grade 8&9 Wilderness I
June 28-July 4	Grade 4&5 Resident
June 28-July 4	Grade 8&9 Wilderness II
July 5-11	Custom Wilderness & Camp Rocky
July 11-17	Camp Pike
July 17-19	Grade 3 Resident
July 19-25	Sr. High Wilderness I
July 20-24	Family Camp I
July 26-31	Family Camp II
July 26-August 1	Sr. High Wilderness II

## FALL

August 14-16	Emmanuel Mennonite Retreat
September 4-6	Peace Community Mennonite Retreat
September 11-13	Glennon Heights Mennonite Retreat
September 18-20	Beth-El Mennonite Retreat
September 25-27	First Mennonite Denver Retreat
October 2-4	Greeley Mennonite Retreat
October 9-11	Mountain Community Mennonite Retreat
October 23-25	RMMC Annual Board & Advocate Retreat
October 29-Nov. 1	Fall Quilter's Retreat
November 6-8	Pastor/Spouse Retreat



River tubing was a new activity added this summer for Jr. High Resident campers.

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#### Staff Members

Corbin Graber, Executive Director  
 Mary Yoder, Head Cook  
 Tom Unruh & Jill White,  
 Project / Volunteer Coordinators

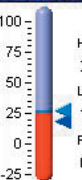
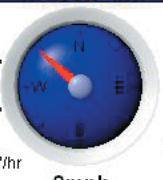

#### Board Members

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

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.

New this year, we have added a web cam to the weather station. Now everyone can "see" and "feel" what it is like here at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp.

**Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp**  
 709 County Rd 62  
 Divide CO 80814  
 12/20/07 7:09am

TEMP	WINDS	CURRENT	ALMANAC
 High 25.8° Low 16.7° Rate 0.91°/hr 25.8°	 Omph 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%



# ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE CAMP



**CAPITAL  
CAMPAIGN**

**RENEWAL  
AND  
RESTORATION**

## PROJECTS FOR 2008-09

### Chapel Renovation

- Replace large wooden doors on south side of Chapel with windows for natural lighting and better insulation.
- New floor surface.
- Add heating system for facility comfort and year-round use.
- Acquire new chairs/benches.
- Celebration of Chapel improvements scheduled for July 26, 2009.

Ministry Benefit: The Chapel has served as the spiritual gathering place for the Rocky Mountain ministry. After almost 50 years of service, the improvements are intended to allow us to enjoy and utilize this special place throughout the year.



*The chapel was built in 1959. This fall the large wooden doors were replaced with windows and greatly increase the natural light inside.*

### Year-round water for Aspen and Boys Bathhouse

- Connect winterized water line from new well to bathhouse facilities.

Ministry Benefit: Water year-round will allow additional accommodation space for volunteers and guests who come from Sept. through May. Snow Camp participants staying on the Chapel side of camp will especially enjoy nearby bathhouse facilities.

December 2008

Dear Friends of RMMC,

What a magnificent year 2008 has been for all of us at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp! We have many great memories to share as we reflect on camping and service experiences, church retreats and facilities (with improvement) all nestled serenely in God's wonderful surroundings of mountains and nature.

We sincerely thank Kay Gusler and Loren Unruh, long time board members, for their extraordinary 40 plus years of service to RMMC. Their experience and wisdom will be sorely missed! Taking their places on the board, we welcome Jean Spicher from Colorado Springs and Dave Miller from Greeley.

Many long years of effort, expense and prayer finally resulted in the judicial approval of our water augmentation plan. RMMC is now able to legally utilize the springs and well that have provided our water for the past 56 years. We have also activated our new well on the "Boy's Side" which will enhance our year-round housing accommodations.

After much hard work by our amazing volunteer core, the Eiger Bathhouse renovation was completed just before the start of the summer camping season. The new facilities have been much appreciated by all. Our chapel also has brightened considerably with installation of new windows on the south side. Next year will hopefully conclude our chapel improvements. The next major project will focus on much needed staff housing. We hope to raise enough funds in the next 2 years to start construction in 2011.

We are continually grateful for the amazing gifts of financial support and skilled volunteer help that so many of you have offered this past year. Without your help, RMMC would not be able to offer the programs and modernized facilities that our youth, families and friends of camp continue to enjoy. We invite everyone to share in the joy of contributing to our ministry of Christian Camping by sending your gift in the enclosed envelope.

Sincerely,

C. Ardell Swartzendruber  
President RMMC Board

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Funds still needed to cover Eiger Bathhouse Renovation and new well installation. **\$60,000**



*Campers and guests (along with summer staff above) were quickly impressed by the Eiger Bathhouse renovations.*

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

