



The Vision of 2012 Begins!

The Vision 2002 campaign has been successfully completed and the 50th anniversary of the Camp has been celebrated. The board has developed a new strategic plan and campaign entitled **Vision 2012 - Renewal & Restoration**. This new plan will guide the development of programs and facilities at RMMC through 2012.

Throughout the strategic planning, the program and ministry of Camp was the purpose behind facility improvements. For example, the renovation of the Eiger Bathhouse is to upgrade and balance the number of facilities (showers, sinks, toilets) in both the male and female restrooms. This need is a reflection of the success of Family Camps which serve an equal number of males on what is typically the “girls” side during youth camps.



The Chapel with its original wood shingles needs a new roof that is fire resistant and attractive

While the 2002 Vision campaign included new building projects, The new Vision Campaign will improve and upgrade existing facilities to better serve campers and guests in the years ahead.

The financial goal for the new campaign is \$500,000 over 10 years. To meet the goal we are needing \$50,000 each year in gifts and pledges. This first year, we have already received \$37,000 and looking for \$13,000 (or more) by year end. We look forward to hearing how you can take part in our mission and ministry if you have not already responded. Your continued support of **Vision 2012 - Renewal & Restoration** and the Rocky Mountain Camp ministry through volunteering, financial gifts, and prayer is greatly appreciated.

Vision 2012

Renewal and Restoration Projects

Acquire Water Rights

- Acquire 3 Acre Feet of water
PURCHASED '03
- Drill well on south side of camp

Rebuild Eagles Nest-

Work to begin Spring of 2004!

Renovate Emmental

- Re-roof
- Repair or replace windows
- Insulate between rooms for sound
- Redo interior finishes
- Replace some furniture

Renovate Eiger (Bathhouse)

- Re-roof - *COMPLETED '03*
- Renovate bathrooms

Repair Infirmary Foundation

Renovate Chapel

- Re-roof
- New flooring, furnace
- Fix windows, South wall

Renovate Staff Accommodations

- Staffville
- Pleiades

Replace Aging Vehicles

- Truck to haul water - *PURCH. '03*
- Wilderness program vehicles

Improve Pond, Beaver Hogan & Quonset Cabins

Total Funds Needed - \$500,000

Volunteers Needed for Eagle's Nest

With the beginning of the Eagle's Nest project less than six months away, we want to schedule volunteers through it's completion by 2005. Eagle's Nest is already reserved completely for July & August 2005! Skills needed for the different parts of the project include: removing current building, foundation work, framing, roofing, electrical, plumbing, furnace/duct work, finish/trim, cabinetry, floorcovering, cleaning, etc.

Please consider coming as an individual, a family or a church group. All are welcome to come for a day, a weekend, a week or more. As a volunteer, we will take care of the food and housing during your time here at Camp.

We are excited to have people already identified to help with the cabinets and heating system for this project. The current priority is to identify coordinators of the project on a longer term. Especially needed are folks familiar with setting logs for a log structure. Please contact the Camp if you or someone you know can help with this need.

Arlin Buller was recognized at the Board & Advocate Retreat for his 17 years of service on the Rocky Mountain Board. Recently moving to Kansas he will complete his board term in May '04.



Eiger receiving a new roof this summer

Wild About Rocky Mountain!

How can I begin to describe my experience with RMMC? At age one I was riding in a backpack up to destinations like Eagle's Nest. At eleven I was lost coming down from Old Baldy at night. For the last twelve years I've been a part of the Family Camp experience. For the past three summers I've been leading youth at wilderness camp—hiking, rock climbing, rafting, laughing almost constantly watching the miles and the mountains pass from the driver's seat of an old Chevy Suburban.

I have been challenged by the legacy of my predecessors, by my fellow counselors, by campers requiring unbelievable attention, and by other campers who were in many ways already more capable leaders than myself. I have been motivated by the campers who keep coming back, by marble size hail, by aching muscles and enormous blisters, and by outdoor culinary failures like "oreo pudding" and "spaghetti soup." I have been inspired by trees growing from boulders, by fields of waist-high wildflowers, and by looking down upon a rainbow. These are the things I am going to miss, and these are the things that will continue to call me back.

-Lowell Wyse



Wilderness campers on backpacking trip

Volunteers Making a Difference

- Kitchen workers during the summer and weekend retreats
- New Roofs for Eiger, Heidi, Jungfrau and Trails End
- Van drivers from Kansas for youth camps
- Heidi & Jungfrau received new paint and repaired wood work
- Handmade blankets and comforters for beds
- New lights in Jungfrau
- Trees thinned around facilities by Colorado MDS group
- Refinished floor in Berne Dining Hall - It really looks like new!
- Preparation for new propane tanks behind Dining Hall /Lodge

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PROGRAM CALENDAR 2004

Winter / Spring

February 13-15	MYF Snowcamp I
February 27-29	Young Adult
March 5-7	Mens Retreat
March 19-21	MYF Snowcamp II
April 23-25	Quilter's Retreat (New!)

Summer

May 30-Jun. 5	Staff Orientation
June 6-12	Sr. High Resident
June 6-12	Grade 8&9 Wilderness
June 13-19	Grade 8&9 Resident
June 13-19	Grade 6&7 Wilderness I
June 20-22	Grade 6&7 Resident
June 20-26	Grade 8&9 Peak Wilderness
Jun. 27 - Jul. 3	Grade 4&5 Resident
Jun. 27 - Jul.3	Grade 6&7 Wilderness II
July 16-18	Grade 3 Resident
July 18-24	Sr. High Wilderness
July 19-23	Family Camp I
July 25-30	Family Camp II
August 1-6	Family Camp III

Fall

August 20-22	Emmanuel Mennonite Retreat
September 3-5	Peace Mennonite Retreat
September 11-12	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 22-24	RMMC Annual Board & Advocate Retreat
November 12-14	Ministers In Retreat



Family campers enjoy a sunny day of tubing on the South Platte River



Campers getting ready for overnight campout

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED



The hike to Pikes Peak this summer included bighorn sheep sightings

THANK YOU! - Summer Staff of 2003



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- J.J. Birky - Colorado Springs CO
- Shannon Blosser - Wauseon OH
- Ya-Wen "Grace" Chang - TAIWAN
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