



A Newsletter From
Rocky Mountain
Mennonite Camp

Winter 2004

New Programs at RMMC

Quilter's Retreat

A needle, a spool of thread, a piece of cloth . . . like a multi-colored patchwork quilt, the idea began as one person's dream - Barb Swartzendruber. The sound of sewing machines, talking and laughter echoed throughout the Dining Hall/Lodge as the first ever Quilter's Retreat became a reality last April.



Stitching a quilt for MCC

Three feet of snow could not deter an enthusiastic group of women stitching up a weekend of fun. Participants worked on individual projects, and a quilt for Rocky Ford's MCC Relief Sale was in frame for anyone to stitch on during the weekend.

Before the weekend ended, participants asked to schedule another retreat for November which brought many familiar faces back again as well as some new quilters. A highlight of the retreats is "show and tell" time, with "oohs" and "ahhs" resounding as everyone shows their projects. A needle, a spool of thread, a piece of cloth . . .

If you would like to join in, mark your calendar for the Spring Quilter's Retreat on April 22-24 and the Fall Quilter's Retreat on November 4-6 next year.

Custom Wilderness Trip



*Rappelling down
Monkey Rock*

For 2005, a new custom trip has been added to the Wilderness Program. It is offered to youth groups, family groups or friends of any age on July 10-16. Let us take your group (typically 7-10 people) on a Wilderness experience in the Colorado high country!

In addition to overnight backpacking, your group can select from the following activities: rock climbing, rappelling, mountain biking, horseback riding, whitewater rafting (1/2 or full day trips).

Camp provides the group leaders/guides, packs, tents, food and climbing equipment while participants bring a sleeping bag and good pair of shoes. The cost of the trip will depend on selected activities. Please contact the camp for further information and we hope you & your group will take advantage of this exciting opportunity to enjoy the outdoors!



VISION 2012 RENEWAL AND RESTORATION

PROJECTS FOR 2005

Rebuild Eagles Nest

- Scheduled Completion in May

Chalet Emmental Renovation

- New roof
- Replace windows
- Insulate between rooms for sound
- Redo interior finishes
- Replace furniture

Chapel

- New roof with metal shingles

PROJECTS ALREADY COMPLETED

Acquire 3 Acre Feet of Water Rights

- PURCHASED '03

New roof for Eiger, Jungfrau & Heidi

- COMPLETED '03

Water truck

- PURCHASED '03

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Campaign Financial Goal

from 2002 though 2012	\$500,000
Gifts Already Received	\$160,526
Future Pledges	\$20,750

Amount needed to fulfill VISION 2012	\$318,724
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To continue our pace of accomplishments, your continued support of financial gifts and volunteer time will make all the difference. Help us meet and exceed the \$50,000 needed each year to complete and fulfill projects of the **VISION 2012** Campaign.

Thanks!

The New Eagles Nest Takes Shape

What a difference seven months can make. The new Eagles Nest is now enclosed and ready for the interior finishing touches. Time is of the essence as the first guest group arrives next June!



Eagles Nest stands ready for interior work

Eagles Nest will accommodate a group of 10 to 15 individuals with three bedrooms that have queen beds and two double beds in the upstairs loft. Additional guests can stay in the loft using mattresses on the floor. A deck will be added along with the natural patio around the cabin as a place to gather outside to relax or enjoy a campfire. The beautiful view of the Pikes Peak Massif and the Continental Divide to the east and west remains breathtaking.

A first for our Ridge Accommodations is the convenience of running water to Eagles Nest during the winter. Along with a burning stove, a central furnace has been installed to make the cabin more comfortable. The addition of a furnace and running water on a year-round basis will allow the new Eagles Nest to become a self-sufficient facility similar to Chalet Emmental.

This project is a significant part of the VISION 2012 Campaign as it will better serve family groups, church groups and the Camps financial operations in the years to come.

Improvements from the original cabin include a great room for the kitchen and dining area and a living room with a wood burning stove. Bathroom facilities have significantly changed with a bathroom (toilet & sink) and the addition of a separate shower room.

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Summer Projects Accomplished

While the Eagles Nest project was underway, other needed maintenance projects were taken care of at main camp thanks again to the summer maintenance crew and many volunteers.

- ☑ Edelweiss & Aspen Painted
- ☑ New roof for Nature Center
- ☑ Larger capacity propane tanks for Dining Hall/Lodge.
- ☑ New roof for all four Quonsets on "boys" side of Camp
- ☑ Camp phone system repaired for intercom, call transfers and adding additional phone lines.



Work on the Nature Center roof

Reflections of a Summer Camp Pastor

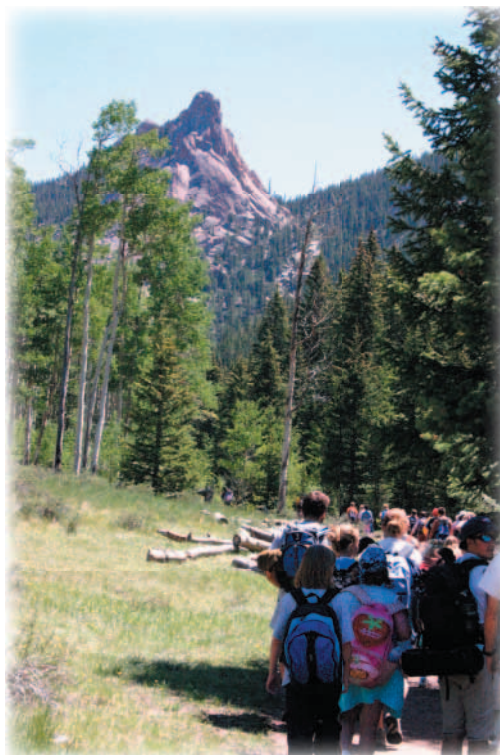
Stories. Ever since campfires and talking came into being, there have been stories. Even with all our modern technology there exists a no more fantastic place for stories to come alive than around a campfire. I still see in my mind the children and staff, full of life, drinking in every last drop of a story as the firelight danced across their faces.

We went all sorts of places, via story, during my week at camp; with Moses in the wilderness; with Elijah as ravens brought bread; Menno hiding in plain sight on a wagon; Lawrence Hart and stories of being both Mennonite and Cheyenne; German Christmases with early MCC workers; the staff and campers own stories of being called and led by God. We even heard a story about a boy from Limon whose pastors told stories and encouraged his music and going to camp, the same camp where he made some of his best friends and got to try out his gifts. The same Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp is where he proposed to his wife and returned years later to continue to pass on stories and music! And the campers even guessed who it was by the end of the story.

But I didn't just tell stories. We shared stories. Singing freshly made up songs at the top of our lungs in the pouring down rain to stave off the cold and wet and get us back to camp. Surprise visits by mice in the out house. Watching ravens soar below us as we ate lunch on Eye Brow. Listening quietly for God. Looking in faces for new friends. Imagining what God might provide for the next chapter of our own stories and realizing that now we are part of each others stories and of a much bigger story.

I told stories. The children and staff gave me life and hope. Also a nice pencil drawing of me playing banjo! I'm not sure how to even write about the hope their stories gave me - plans, dreams, ideas, the sheer joy and innocence of youth. I have a "prayer shirt" - a camp t-shirt filled with the names of staff. I continue to pray for them and to thank God that they are in the world, part of God's wonderful story.

And back at camp the firelight still dances and stories continue to be born.



The Crags trail with Pinnacle in the distance

*Dave Foncannon
Pastor of Pueblo Mennonite Church*

PROGRAM CALENDAR 2005

Winter / Spring

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 1-3	Women's Retreat
April 22-24	Spring Quilter's Retreat

Summer

May 29 - June 4	Staff Orientation
June 5-11	Sr. High Resident
June 5-11	Grade 6&7 Wilderness
June 12-18	Grade 8&9 Resident
June 12-18	Grade 6&7 Peak Wilderness
June 19-25	Grade 6&7 Resident
June 19-25	Grade 8&9 Wilderness
June 26-July 2	Grade 4&5 Resident
June 26-July 2	Grade 8&9 Peak Wilderness
July 10-16	Custom Group Wilderness Trip NEW! (for family, youth or church groups)
July 15-17	Grade 3 Resident
July 17-23	Sr. High Peak Wilderness
July 18-22	Family Camp I
July 24-29	Family Camp II
July 24 -30	Sr. High Adventure Wilderness
July 31-August 5	Family Camp III

Fall

August 19-21	Emmanuel Mennonite Retreat
September 2-4	Peace Mennonite Retreat
September 10-11	Glennon Heights Mennonite Retreat
September 16-18	Beth-El Mennonite Retreat
September 23-25	First Mennonite Denver Retreat
Sept. 30-Oct 2	Greeley Mennonite Retreat
October 7-9	Mtn. Community Mennonite Retreat
October 21-23	RMMC Board & Advocate Retreat
November 4-6	Fall Quilter's Retreat
November 11-13	Pastor/Spouse Retreat



Family Camp participants crossing the pond



Grade 4 & 5 campers enjoy sitting around the fire during campout

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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.





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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



THANK YOU! - SUMMER STAFF OF 2004



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