



# ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE CAMP

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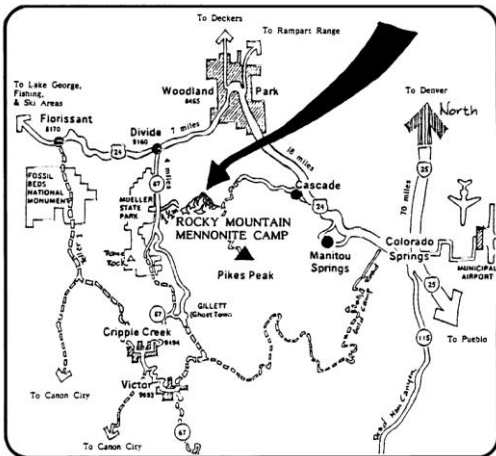
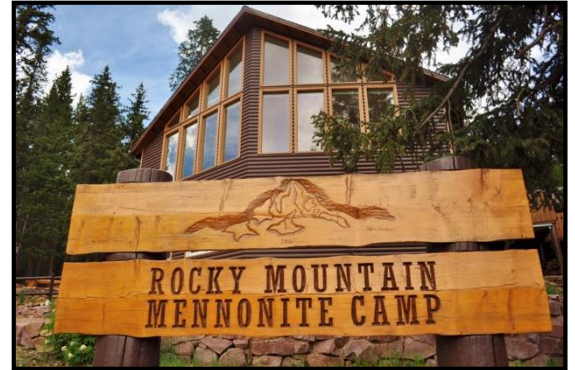
## ABOUT US

**MISSION STATEMENT** – 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.

**SETTING** - Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp is situated on the west side of Pikes Peak at 9,620 feet above sea level and is completely surrounded by Pike National Forest. Campers and guests have the chance to experience Colorado's high country wilderness, with its clear streams, conifer and aspen forests, animals, birds, wildflowers, and the wonder of the world above timberline.

**MENNONITE FAITH** – People of all faiths & backgrounds are welcome to stay with us. To learn more about the Mennonite faith, check out "What Mennonites Believe" at <http://thirdway.com/mennonites/>.

**SENSITIVITY & RESPECT** – Our goal is to provide a place where campers and guests find a welcoming and friendly environment regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin or disability.



## GETTING HERE

**DIRECTIONS** – 709 County Road 62, Divide, CO 80814

In Divide, CO (about 25 miles west of Colorado Springs on US Hwy 24), turn south on CO Hwy 67 towards Cripple Creek. Watch for the camp sign about four miles south of Divide, immediately after Mueller State Park. Turn left onto the road to RMMC/the Crags and travel 1.5 miles up the dirt road to Camp.

## MOUNTAIN LIVING

**ALTITUDE** – Camp's elevation is 9,620 feet so it is important for campers and guests to take time to adjust to the high altitude.

About one in four visitors to Colorado suffer from acute mountain sickness, the mildest form of altitude illness. Common symptoms

include headaches, shortness of breath, fatigue and dry throat. Things you can do to minimize or avoid altitude sickness include:

- Drink plenty of water before and during your time here to prevent dehydration.
- Avoid strenuous exercise (hiking, jogging, etc.) and salty foods when you first arrive.
- A good first night's rest is very helpful in giving your body time to acclimate.
- If coming from sea level or low elevation, a day or night spent in Colorado Springs (6,035 ft) will help allow your body more time to adjust to the change in altitude.



**SUNBURN** – The sun is more intense at this altitude so be mindful of how quickly sunburn can occur. Use adequate sun protection including sunscreen (SPF 15 or higher) or clothing (long sleeves, hat or cap) for outdoor activities. Reapply sunscreen periodically throughout the day as needed.

**SUMMER WEATHER** – Each day offers a sample of the seasons: spring in the morning; summer in the afternoon; fall in the evening. Even winter can be represented in early June with snow! Rain and hail storms can also come at a moment's notice just to keep things interesting. Being prepared with appropriate clothing is the key to enjoying the variety of weather the Rocky Mountains offer!

**WINTER WEATHER** – Colorado winter temperatures range from -10°-0°F at night to a high of 35°-45°F during the day. Because of low humidity (8-10%) temperatures feel like 45°-65°F. Sunshine makes all the difference with an average of 300 days of sun per year. Clothing items to bring include: warm winter coat, snow pants, gloves, snow boots, and hat.



**PATHS & WALKWAYS (WINTER)** – Be aware that paths and walkway conditions (especially on slopes) are a direct result of changing weather conditions (snow, melting & freezing temperatures). While the camp will do its best to remove snow and spread gravel, we need your help to take care and caution as you walk.

**WINTER DRIVING CONDITIONS** – Be aware that road conditions are a direct result of changing weather conditions (snow, melting and freezing temperatures). While we plow the road to camp and to facilities, plan for the conditions to be snow packed and slick. Four-wheel drive vehicles and two-wheel drive vehicles with chains or bands are recommended.

**VEHICLES** – The Forest Service permits motorized travel on only the two main roads in the camp area and at a safe speed (15mph max). Four wheelers and dirt bikes are not permitted due to noise and camper/guest safety.

## **CREATION CARE**

**CAMPFIRES** – Campfires are allowed only in established fire rings and subject to Teller County fire ban regulations. Contact the camp office for the current fire ban status. Do not leave fires unattended and thoroughly extinguish fires with water before leaving. Use metal containers for disposal of ashes or briquettes. **Contact the office or emergency personnel (911) immediately in case of an uncontained fire.**

**PIKE NATIONAL FOREST** – Use of the surrounding Pike National Forest land is dependent on the observance of Forest Service regulations. Your help in protecting this environment and abiding by the rules for visitors is appreciated.

**STREAMS & POND** – Please help us keep the mountain streams clean and do nothing that would pollute them. While clean, it is unsafe to drink from the stream and pond. Children require supervision by an adult when playing near the stream and pond. It is recommended that everyone wear a life vest when playing on the pond.

**TRAILS** – Please stay on trails and roadways when hiking. This allows the plants to maintain a strong root system and prevents the fragile hillsides from eroding away.

**TRASH & RECYCLING** – Litter should be put in trash receptacles to maintain the natural beauty of the mountains. Recycling bins are located in the foyer by the Dining Halls and in cabins with kitchens or kitchenettes.

**WILDFLOWERS, TREES, & ROCKS** – Please do not pick wildflowers or other plants. Leave natural and historical objects in their place for others to observe and enjoy. Standing trees, living or dead, must not be cut or carved. Rocks are not to be rolled or thrown from high places or thrown at any time.

**WILDLIFE** – Please enjoy wildlife from a distance and leave wildlife alone in their habitat.

## **NEARBY STORES AND SERVICES**

*DIVIDE, CO* – A small town about 6 miles from camp offers the nearest groceries, gas station and restaurants.

*WOODLAND PARK, CO* – A larger town about 13 miles east on Hwy 24, has grocery, hardware and drug stores, a laundromat, banks, an emergency care center, a hospital, restaurants, and shops.

*TRADING POST* – Campers and guests have the opportunity to purchase snacks, drinks, postcards, T-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. at our Trading Post. In the summer months the Trading Post is located outside beside the Dining Hall and in the Fall/Winter/Spring it is located at the Office.

## **YOUR STAY WITH US**

**ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE** – Arrival time is 4:00 pm and departure time is 11:00 am. You may request to extend your stay if no group is arriving in your facility at an additional fee of 10% per hour based on the facility cost.

**ACCOMMODATIONS** – As there is no daily housekeeping service for cabins, we need your help in cleaning and keeping your facility in order while you are here. Please be sure to:

- Turn off lights if you are the last person to leave a room or building
- Make sure outside doors close behind you
- Adjust the thermostat rather than opening a window
- Only have food in kitchen/dining areas of your cabin
- Put everything back as you found it (recreation equipment, table & chairs, etc.), gather trash, wash dishes (if any), and take all personal belongings home

**AMMENITIES** – Please bring personal toiletries for your stay as we do not provide soap, shampoo, etc. Sheets, towels, blankets, and pillows are provided in Emmental, Pleiades, Upper Aspen, Eagle's Nest, Rocky Ridge, Sky-Hi-View, and Solitude Center. For Chalets, Rustic Cabins, and Park Ridge, linens are not included and can be rented with advanced notice of your stay. Laundry facilities are not available for guests.

**BATHHOUSES** – Our mountain water is very precious to us so please turn off sinks when brushing your teeth and minimize shower time. Any personal items should be taken back to your accommodation to allow space for other guests to use the facility and keep the bathhouses clean.

**EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES** – Please notify staff of anything that is broken or needs repair. Repair or replacement of camp property improperly used or lost by guests is their financial responsibility.

**LOST & FOUND** – Any item left behind by a guest will be kept for two weeks and then donated to charity.

**CELL PHONES** – Cell phone reception is limited at main camp. Ridge accommodations (Eagle's Nest, Rocky Ridge, and Sky-Hi-View) can get limited service based on the cell carrier. A land line phone is available in the office lobby for guest use.

**WI-FI** – A Wi-Fi signal is in various locations around camp. Because of camp's remote location and availability of high internet speeds, video or music streaming is not available.

**SUPERVISION** – Surrounded by National Forest, children of families should be supervised by an adult at all times. Church youth groups or school groups are required to have one adult supervisor for every five youth.



**QUIET HOURS** – In consideration of others, noise should be kept to a minimum between 10:30 p.m. – 8:00 a.m.

**SIGNS** – Anyone wishing to display signs on camp property must do so only with permission of the camp office.

**SMOKING** – RMMC is a smoke free facility. Smoking is only permitted in the outside designated areas, and only when a fire restriction is not in place. Every precaution must be taken to prevent a forest fire.

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING THE FOLLOWING TO CAMP –**

Pets (large or small)	Firearms	Illicit drugs	Dirt bikes	Fireworks
Alcohol	Tobacco	Marijuana	Four Wheelers	Drones

**ACTIVITIES AT CAMP –**

OUTSIDE

Basketball court	Sand volleyball court	Inspiration Point Fire Ring	Fishing
Disc golf	Horseshoes	Hiking	Nature Center
Aspen Ridge Nature Trail	Goldmine Amphitheatre	Pond	Kayaking
Monkey Rock			

INSIDE

Card & Table Games	Foosball
Shuffleboard table	Table tennis

WINTER

Tubing Run	Broom Hockey
Snowshoeing	Human Curling
Cross-country skiing*	Ice skating*

*\*equipment not provided*



**FOOD SERVICE**

**FOOD OPTIONS** – RMMC is pleased to offer a great selection of food choices to our campers and guests. Our staff work hard to provide a quality meal at an affordable price. Fresh fruit, bread, jelly, hot tea, and a Keurig machine are always available in the dining areas. Meals include a main dish option, vegetarian option, salad (lunch & supper), and dessert (lunch & supper) along with beverages (water, coffee, hot chocolate). RMMC is not a peanut/nut free location since we serve a variety of campers and guest groups utilizing their own kitchen facilities.

**FOOD SERVICE AVAILABILITY** – Guests are required to utilize food service from camp unless eating away or staying in an accommodation with a kitchen or the campground. Facilities with a kitchen include: Emmental, Eagle’s Nest, Rocky Ridge, Sky-Hi-View, Solitude Center, and Park Ridge. For facilities with kitchens, plan to bring all cooking ingredients with you, including salt, pepper and condiments.

**FOOD ITEMS** – Please keep all food items out of accommodations without a kitchen to avoid small (or big) furry critters interested in visiting the facility.

**CAMP MEAL SERVICE** – Food service is only available for groups of 12 or more people unless another guest group is already eating meals. All meals will be served for the summer season (June 1 - August 1). Please contact camp two weeks in advance about menu offerings or special dietary considerations. Standard meal times are:

*Monday - Saturday: Breakfast – 8:00 am, Lunch – 12:30 pm, Supper – 5:30 pm*

*Sunday: Brunch – 10:30 am (continental breakfast included with brunch - 8:00 am), Supper – 5:30 pm*