



THANKS TO OUR GREAT VOLUNTEERS

January to April 2014

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| Dillon Bender | Cody Miller |
| David Bergen | Abby Musser |
| Eric Cender | Phyllis Shirk |
| Dusti Diener | Rachel Short-Miller |
| Frank Gaeddert | Ethan Spicher |
| Mary Ellen Gaeddert | Jean Spicher |
| Anita Goertzen | Jeff Spicher |
| Gloria Hostetler | Scott Thompson |
| Spike Hostetler | Courtney Wengard |
| Heidi Johnson | Roger White |
| Rachel Knight | Elisabeth Wilder |
| Les Miller | Nick Yoder |
| Pat Miller | Noah Yoder |



Dillon Bender and Elisabeth Wilder (pictured above) came to RMMC with a group of friends from Hesston College to volunteer during their spring break. The nine students helped paint, clean carpets, stain deck furniture, clean cabins, and much more. They also worked in the kitchen and facilitated snow activities during Senior High Snow Camp II. RMMC was blessed to have the group here and appreciate all they accomplished for the ministry.

TOP THINGS RESIDENT CAMPERS LOVE ABOUT RMMC

ANIMAL SURVIVAL - This game is a hands-down favorite for many campers. Campers role play animals and try to survive the fate of the food chain.



Grade 3 campers during the boat race

BOAT RACE - Younger campers make boats out of all natural materials (mostly sticks and pine cones) and float them down Four Mile Creek. These seemingly ill-fated ships surprisingly make it to the finish line by the Chapel bridge only after their captains have thoroughly soaked themselves in creek water.

CAMP SONGS - "Pharaoh, Pharaoh," "Blind Man," and "Fruit of the Spirit," are a few songs campers sing in their sleep after returning home from camp.

CAPTURE THE FLAG - This game takes over the Chapel side of camp, complete with colorful head bands and heightened competitiveness to bring the flag "home." The "flag" has been a rubber chicken, life vest, or other creative object found in the rec shed.

FOOD - RMMC's camp food is more than just hotdogs. Chicken BBQ, enchiladas, real mashed potatoes, and cinnamon rolls are just a few of the great things campers get to devour.

HIKING - Being surrounded by Pike National Forest gives campers a unique opportunity to explore the woods and have a sense of accomplishment when summiting a peak, especially when making it to Pikes Peak at 14,110'.



Grade 6&7 campers play Capture the Flag

GOD'S CREATION - Campers love being in the mountains surrounded by spruce trees, the stream, and wildlife. Many say they feel closer to God.

PERSECUTION - This night activity played with senior high campers simulates the early Anabaptists and their quest to remain safe while being pursued for their faith. This simulation gives campers a glimpse of early Anabaptist struggles.

TUBING - Grade 8&9 campers get off camp and go tubing on the South Platte River. The twists and turns of the river are certainly a thrill even if the water is frigid.

WHITewater RAFTING - Senior High campers can choose to tackle the rapids on the Arkansas River for their special activity on Tuesday, a highlight for many adventurous campers.

2014 SUMMER THEME - "LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!"

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." - Matthew 5:16

As Christians, we are called to live like Jesus and live differently than society's standards. How can we "shine" before others? We can do that by showing respect and honor to God, ourselves, others, and nature.

COME STAY WITH US!

Dates listed are available nights for ridge cabin rentals and Emmental Retreat Center

Please call with interest in available dates and to make a reservation.

MAY 2014

Eagle's Nest: 1-14, 18-24, 30-31
 Sky-Hi-View: 1-22, 25-29
 Rocky Ridge: closed for winter
 Solitude Center: 1-31
 Emmental: 1-14, 18-31

JUNE 2014

Eagle's Nest: 11-15, 18-28
 Sky-Hi-View: 7, 16
 Rocky Ridge: 7-12, 15-19, 23-27
 Solitude Center: 7-14, 25-30
 Emmental: 7-18, 22-28

JULY 2014

Eagle's Nest: 3, 12
 Sky-Hi-View: 3, 20
 Rocky Ridge: 3, 16-17
 Solitude Center: 1-3, 17, 25-26
 Emmental: 3

AUGUST 2014

Eagle's Nest: 1, 17-28
 Sky-Hi-View: 25-28
 Rocky Ridge: 6-7, 12-14, 17-22
 Solitude Center: 6-8, 12-31
 Emmental: 17-22, 27-28



Diane Fowler (pictured above in foreground) works on her scrapbook during the 10th annual Scrapbook Retreat led by Michelle Van Wie. "Scrappers" gather to save memories in creative books. Some design their scrapbooks with paper and stickers while others create with a laptop and internet.



WHAT DOES THE FOX SAY?

A red fox began to hang around camp soon after the trending song "The Fox" became popular. These beautiful creatures hunt rodents for food and are very resourceful giving them the reputation for intelligence and cunning. One evening a fox on bobcat hill began to call to another fox near the Chapel, answering the question "what does the fox say?" The sound is very similar to a bark. Want to hear it for yourself? Search "red fox" on NationalGeographic.com for an audio clip.

DID YOU KNOW?

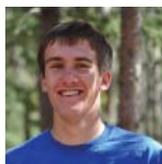
Mary Yoder's 25th year at camp - We are celebrating 25 years of service from Mary Yoder this year as she has shared her skills of cooking, cleaning, office administration, quilting and kitchen supervision with countless volunteers and summer staff over the years. Be sure to say hello and thanks to Mary when you visit!

Harvey Carter's land sold to The Broadmoor - The closest neighbor to camp, Harvey Carter, lived alone on 300 acres at the end of the road beyond the Craggs campground. In 2012, Harvey passed away after years of trying to turn his land into a family-friendly ski resort. The land was for sale and this past fall was purchased by The Broadmoor Hotel. The current understanding is for the Broadmoor to make a land swap with the National Forest. This is great news as the Carter land will then become National Forest property allowing all hikers access through the property to great destinations like Ice Falls, Putney Gulch, and Sentinel.



Sr. High campers hiking towards Sentinel

Returning Summer Staff - These great summer staffers of past years have decided to come back to camp, along with many new faces too. It's going to be a great summer!



Top: Kendal Slabach Brubaker, Makayla Epp, Elsa Goossen, Sara Gragg, Alicia Hofer

Bottom: Avery Martin, Riley Sprunger, Lauren Weaver, Bryan Yoder

WHAT YOU SAID...

"The food is excellent. Hospitality is extraordinarily great. Looking forward to the new place (Pleiades). Keep doing this great job. We love quilting here."

- The Blockheads Quilters retreat

"Time to get away from the stress of life and focus on God and friendships and building relationships."

- Sr. High Camper, about things he appreciated most about Snow Camp



Two 'sheets' of human curling (where people in tubes replace curling stones) lanes were needed (an RMMC first) for the round robin tournament during the annual MSMC Men's Retreat. This RMMC created game is a highlight for many campers and guests who enjoy the strategy of chess mixed with the impact of bumper cars.



ROCKY MOUNTAIN MENNONITE CAMP

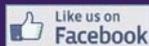
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VISION 2020
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE




JOIN US IN COMPLETING OUR FIRST VISION 2020 PROJECT!

Dear friends of RMMC,

With another winter practically in the bag and the glow of a very good run of snow camps and retreats still hanging in the trees, we turn our attention to an exciting new phase at RMMC. Preparation and planning for the summer is well on its way – including the selection of staff, program themes, and projects. It is truly a work of God how it all comes together and it is an honor to be a part of this very vital and evolving ministry.

As you are likely aware, this is the summer we intend to embark on camp's biggest building project ever – the combination of Pleiades, the Infirmary, and the addition of new permanent staff housing into one large building just uphill from the Eiger bath house. The objectives of the project have been carefully considered; 1) an energy efficient building that fits the décor of camp that will fill the needs of the year-round camping program. 2) To avoid being a disruption to the activities of the 2014 camping season by waiting until mid-July to begin – with the goal of getting the building dried-in by first snow. 3) Finished by the beginning of the 2015 camping season. 4) To accomplish all this and still meet our budget of \$300k.

We think we have everything we need to get this done - almost. The very talented and capable Ardell Swartzendruber will serve as general contractor for the project and details-oriented Tom Unruh will serve as project coordinator – supported by the rest of camp staff. But we also need you! All of you. It is, after all, the strength and essence of RMMC that those of us who believe in this ministry pull together to accomplish its goals. This project will be no exception and will be a triumph for us all. Please join in, however you are able.

Ed Shirk, RMMC Board President

HOW WILL THIS PROJECT SUPPORT THE RMMC MINISTRY?

Providing a variety of programs along with a variety of facilities is a unique challenge. The proposed design above will provide the following benefits to the camp's ministry:

- ❑ Accessible sleeping rooms with inside bathrooms near the DH/Lodge.
- ❑ Rooms for two persons to better serve increasing number of adult program retreats, church groups and volunteers.
- ❑ Provide a comfortable and functional infirmary for youth camps as required by our child care license.
- ❑ Improve female summer staff accommodations.
- ❑ Add needed permanent staff housing.
- ❑ Save money with improved energy efficiency (insulation, windows, etc.).
- ❑ Relocate staff lounge (now in Langnau room in DH/Lodge) to provide a new office entrance and lounge area for guests in DH/Lodge year around.

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YOU'VE BEEN SPOTTED!

We spotted Grace Boehm (Merriam, KS) wearing her RMMC staff shirt and assisting her friend Irene on the slackline at Goshen College. Thanks, Grace, for sharing RMMC with Goshen! Share a "spotted" photo with us. Email jenelle@rmmc.org.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1-7
Colorado Roots Music Camp
(guest group)

June 8-14
Senior High Resident Camp
Grade 6&7 Wilderness I Camp

June 15-21
Grade 8&9 Resident Camp
Grade 6&7 Wilderness II Camp

June 22-28
Grade 6&7 Resident Camp
Grade 8&9 Wilderness I Camp

June 29 - July 5
Grade 4&5 Resident Camp
Grade 8&9 Wilderness II Camp

July 6-12
Custom Wilderness
Camp Rocky (guest group)

July 12-18
Camp Pike (guest group)

July 18-20
Grade 3 Resident Camp

July 20-26
Family Camp I (ends July 25)
Senior High Wilderness I Camp

July 27 - August 2
Family Camp II (ends August 1)
Senior High Wilderness II Camp

WE NEED YOUR HELP IN SUPPORT OF VISION 2020!

Financial gifts of \$300,000 are needed to complete this project along with a significant number of volunteers. Please consider how you can support this project and other Vision 2020 projects with generous gifts of time (volunteering) and resources (financial, donated materials, equipment, etc.).

Tom Unruh has agreed to serve as the Capital Project Coordinator and will work with volunteers throughout the project. Volunteers will also be treated to good meals, courtesy of Mary Yoder, along with a comfy place to stay.

Come as an individual, as a family or as a church group and be part of making the Rocky Mountain ministry possible for current and future generations!

COMMUNICATING WITH YOU

RMMC enjoys staying connected with you and your family through various forms (camp website, Facebook page, printed publications) and now we hope to share news with you through email. While we will continue to print and mail the seasonal Trail Call and the summer camps brochure, we will also email electronic copies of these publications for your convenience. New in June, we will begin emailing a monthly update. In order to stay in touch with you this way, we appreciate having your updated contact information.

If you do not wish to receive RMMC publications in print version (and save camp about \$3.90/year) or receive the electronic versions, please contact camp. We hope you enjoy hearing news about the RMMC ministry, your place of retreat in the Colorado Rockies!



Volunteers rake rocks off of the rec field in 2012. Soil from the dredged pond was placed on the field to make a level playing area and was seeded for grass, all part of the Vision 2012 campaign.