



TRAIL CALL

A Newsletter from Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp

Winter 2014

THANKS TO OUR GREAT VOLUNTEERS

*Food Service, Housekeeping, Maintenance,
Office, Program, Pleiades project*

May to December 2014

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VISION 2020 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



AMAZING PLEIADES PROGRESS!

In case you were wondering, the quote “Life is what happens while you’re busy making OTHER plans” applies to capital campaign projects just as much as individuals. I mean, how many building projects come with their own, built in spring water source?!



Despite increased costs and the abundance of water, the progress of the building project is nothing short of amazing. With warmer temperatures, limited snowfall, regular and frequent volunteers, amazing strides have been made. That said, there is still plenty of work to do and funds to be raised. With your help, we would like to meet (or exceed) this project timeline:

Drying in (Dec.) / Interior walls (Jan.) / Electric, plumbing, heating system, fire suppression contractors (Feb.-Mar.) / Interior insulation, drywall (Apr.) / Stucco, interior trim (May-June) / Retaining walls, landscaping, finish carpentry (July-Aug.) / Installation of light fixtures, sinks, toilets, appliances, furniture, window finishes, ribbon cutting (Sept.-Oct.)



If I have learned anything in my 14 years here at Rocky Mountain, it is that bears actually do “go” in the woods AND (more importantly) to not underestimate the power of the Holy Spirit working through God’s people who claim this ministry as their own. An amazing \$256,600 has been contributed this year alone. Additionally camp has been offered signature loans from individuals (\$250,000) to ensure progress of the building project. Both parties receive a better interest rate (loan / savings) while avoiding the expense of real estate closing costs (appraisal, mortgage fees, etc.).

And with that, an old favorite hymn of mine comes to mind which is “To God be the glory, great things He hath done”. Especially here at RMMC!

- Corbin Graber, Executive Director

COME STAY WITH US!

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

JANUARY 2015

Eagle's Nest: 1-4, 8-22, 25-31
Sky-Hi-View: 1-15, 18-31
Rocky Ridge: closed for winter
Solitude Center: 1-31
Emmental: 4-15, 18-22, 25-31

FEBRUARY 2015

Eagle's Nest: 1-26
Sky-Hi-View: 1-28
Rocky Ridge: closed for winter
Solitude Center: 1-28
Emmental: 1-5, 8-12, 15-19, 22-26

MARCH 2015

Eagle's Nest: 1-31
Sky-Hi-View: 1-31
Rocky Ridge: closed for winter
Solitude Center: 1-31
Emmental: 1-5, 8-31

APRIL 2015

Eagle's Nest: 1-15, 19-30
Sky-Hi-View: 1-30
Rocky Ridge: closed for winter
Solitude Center: 1-30
Emmental: 1-15, 19-30

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



This summer RMMC hosted two weddings, one in May and one in July. Camp always takes on a special feeling when the dining hall gets decorated, the chapel is arranged with a center aisle, and the guests are not wearing the typical "camp attire" of t-shirt and jeans. The above photo is from the wedding of Dietrich Eitzen & Andrea Birky.



KEEP CALM AND GO WILD!

The custom wilderness program this year was filled with youth (pictured) from First Mennonite Church in Denver, CO. The youth and RMMC wilderness staff had a great week together. They went rock climbing and rappelling on Monkey Rock, backpacked to Pikes Peak and Sentinel, camped out at Pinnacle, went whitewater rafting, and challenged themselves on the high ropes course at Noah's Ark Adventure Park in Buena Vista, CO.

"I had an unforgettable time with great people and wonderful activities."

"The weather was pretty good and the food was great. I'm eager to do it again."

A SUMMER STAFF'S REFLECTION

Avery Martin (pictured with Grade 3 Resident campers) returned to RMMC in 2014 as summer program director. She shares these thoughts on her summer experience.

I've learned that kids deserve respect. They are impressionable, but they aren't dumb. Don't treat them like they are. They are resilient and they are strong. They are full of surprises, and exceeded my expectations every week.

Even though my strides are shorter so I go a little bit slower and I have to stretch my legs a bit farther to go from boulder to boulder, I am just as capable of climbing a mountain as anyone taller and faster than me. It's okay not to wait for me, and please don't pity me. I love hiking and I'm blessed to be able to.

Colorado has my heart, no doubt about that.

I can fold fitted sheets like a pro, and I've learned how to clean a bathroom in record time. I've learned that showers are overrated and sleep is priceless. Sometimes I like hanging out with Jr. High kids or 4 year olds more than people my own age.

Stars are cool.

I should never try to understand time. I will never understand it, or how fast it goes.

I will never underestimate myself again. I hope that everyone can have a time in their life when they are pushed to do more than they ever thought they would be able to do.

Fantastic summer. Incredible people. Spectacular place.



WHAT YOU SAID...

"The reason I keep coming back (besides the mountains) is seeing how the campers grow and change every summer."

- Lauren Weaver,
summer staff from 2010-2014

"Thank you for working so hard to make our stay fun!"

- Church Retreat guest



Senior High Resident campers (pictured here at Pig Rock) were a part of the 600 plus campers that came to RMMC this summer, surpassing recent camp numbers.

2014 registrations were:

- Resident Camps - 291
- Wilderness Camps - 52
- Family Camps - 286

Fun weeks filled with great campers!



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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.



NEW ONLINE REGISTRATION WEBSITE

Camp has a new online registration site! New features were released by CampBrain (our database host) seeking to improve and streamline the registration process. Some of the benefits hopefully include:

- User-friendly / intuitive
- Register multiple campers at one time
- New "Return to Pay" feature after initial registration
- Access your Household Account / Registration Confirmation at any time

Returning users will enter their previous sign-in email address and select password reset to create a new password. New users can create a new account.



Family Camp II arts & crafts

DID YOU KNOW?

Bern Room Windows Uncovered

A bulletin board covered three windows in the Bern dining hall for many years. While it had served its time well, it was decided to bring back the natural light the windows offered. Now more light makes its way in to the ping pong table and rest of the dining hall. The pictures below represent before and after.



Camper Scholarships

RMMC has been blessed with financial donations to help ensure that finances are not a barrier for any camper to attend camp. This year \$2,120.50 was given to 25 campers to help with their registration and coordinated transportation costs.

Wilderness Program Adds GPS To Hiking Gear

Wilderness campers and staff traveled with a SPOT satellite GPS messenger device on their adventures to keep them in touch with camp. The device offers the following:

- **SOS:** Emergency contact - notify emergency services for immediate assistance.
- **Help:** Non-emergency contact - notify camp only that an emergency has occurred and camp should respond as soon as able.
- **Problem:** "There is a problem" contact - notify camp that everyone is ok and camp will be contacted as soon as in cell phone range.
- **Check-in/OK:** "All is well" contact - notify that the group is ok and having fun.

Additionally, the RMMC office, along with families of campers can track the progress of the wilderness group via an online map. The goal is to offer peace of mind for all when cell phone service is not available.

Rocky Mountain Nursery

A doe and a vixen both chose to raise their young at RMMC this past spring and summer. The doe had two fawns and the vixen had three kits (pictured). These animal families were frequently spotted around camp and a delight to see.

Kansas Van Transportation

Each year, transportation to and from Hesston, KS is offered to campers to help in the commute to camp. A big thank you to Jim Mason for coordinating this option! And thanks to those who drove a van to/from camp this summer: Rich Johnson, Todd Krehbiel, David LeVan, Randy Luig, Becky Mason, Gary Oyer, Paul Regier, Allen Schrag.



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YOU'VE BEEN SPOTTED!

We spotted five previous summer staff wearing their RMMC shirts while on a 40 mile, three day canoe trip on the Current River in Missouri. Thanks Jacob, Peter, David, Wade, and Peter, for sharing RMMC in the Ozarks! Share your "spotted" photo with us. Email jenelle@rmmc.org

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 16-18
Scrapbook Retreat

January 23-25
Junior High Snow Camp

February 13-15
Senior High Snow Camp I

February 20-22
Young Adult Snow Camp

February 27 - March 1
Men's Retreat

March 13-15
Senior High Snow Camp II

April 16-19
Spring Mennonite Quilters Retreat

May 22-25
Memorial Day Work & Play



Snow campers compete for the ball in the popular game of broomball.

COMMUNICATING WITH YOU

A lot of things happen at camp all year long, and not just because of a new building project. Weekends are filled with church retreats, ridge cabin guests, volunteers, snow camps, and hopefully a lot of snow to play in. With all the happenings, we would like to stay in touch with you. There are multiple publications sent electronically and in print to help us stay connected.



Weekly Update "Vision 2020 Weekly" (electronic)

- Highlights the Capital Campaign's current project
- Includes the campaign's financial progress
- Features volunteers who help at camp each week



Monthly Update "News from RMMC" (electronic)

- Highlights the past month's activities
- Includes upcoming events and available rental cabins
- Features a "You've Been Spotted" photo



Seasonal Update "Trail Call Newsletter" (electronic & print)

- Highlights the past few months' activities
- Includes articles from all areas of camp (program, food service, wildlife, etc)
- Includes Capital Campaign information and progress
- Features a "You've Been Spotted" photo



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