



Rainbow Reflections

BULK RATE
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
CANON CITY, CO
PERMIT #30

Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of the Rockies
Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp
107 South Ninth Street, Suite B
Canon City, Colorado 81212

Volume 28, Number 3 Fall 2016

Rainbow Trail is operated and maintained under authority of a USDA Forest Service Special Use Permit. Rainbow Trail is located in the San Isabel National Forest, USDA.

Address Service Requested

Dream Team

RTLCL Brings Two Familiar Faces to the Full-Time Team

This September not only brought a change of seasons, but it also brought a change of full-time staffing at Rainbow Trail. While it is always challenging to go through transition and change, Jordan Jensen and Sam Berglund have quickly become fully integrated into this full-time team.

Jordan comes from Clive, Iowa and graduated from Luther College. She spent two years on summer staff at RTLCL as a counselor, and has remained involved in various camp events ever since. Jordan is a compassionate, empathetic, and hospitable caregiver. As our new Director of Retreat Ministries, Jordan is perfectly suited to serve any and all people who want to use RTLCL for a retreat! She is excited to grow Rainbow Trail's retreating, and



to speak with anyone who is interested in joining us at RTLCL for some R&R.

Sam Berglund is another familiar face that has come on board the RTLCL full-time team this September.



You may recognize Sam from her time as a Program Assistant this past retreat season, or possibly from her work this summer as our Travel Support Director. Both roles have prepared

Inside this issue...

- *RTLCL Senior High Gathering
- *Meet our new Program Assistants
- *Schedule and Fees for Summer 2017
- *Golden Opportunity
- *Thank You, Ben Larson!

Sam well, as she is our new Director of Compass Points and Day Camp Ministries. RTLCL is very fortunate to have a passionate and energetic person to lead these two programs.

It's not often that two incredible people join any staff at the same time. What a blessing we have in these two on staff, and as friends.

Welcome Jordan and Sam!

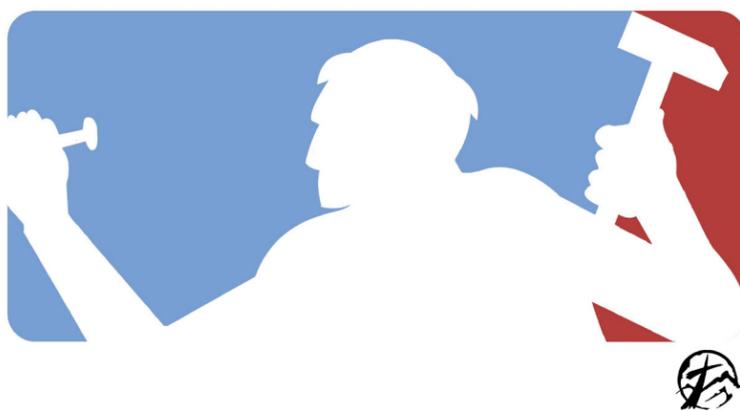
RTLCL Senior High Gathering Slated for November 18-20

Annually, the Rocky Mountain Synod plans and puts on an event known as the Senior High Youth Gathering. At this event, hundreds of high school youth from dozens of congregations all over the Rocky Mountain Synod come to one place to spend a weekend together in community, celebration, service, and learning. The event lasts only three days, but the memories and the experience far outlast the drive home.

This year, the Rocky Mountain Synod has decided to take a year of hiatus from the traditional Gathering to regroup and restructure the event for future years. In the absence of this Synodical Gathering, Rainbow Trail has spent the last few months planning and preparing for a gathering at RTLCL in its stead.

The RTLCL Senior High Gathering will consist of spirited

NAILED IT!



large group sessions led by Dan Bock of Evergreen Lutheran Church, focusing on the theme, "Reformation: Nailed It!" Bock, in celebration of the Reformation's 500th anniversary, will lead conversations and activities centered on the Reformation, and

what it means for our lives today.

These large sessions will be held in the RTLCL Pavilion, however in order to make this a usable space, RTLCL will be closing in the Pavilion with a vinyl enclosure. This enclosure is removable during other times of

the year, but it will ensure that larger events such as the RTLCL Senior High Gathering are not limited to only warm months of the year.

Among other exciting additions and giveaways that this event will entail, 25 Rainbow Trail summer staff will be back on site to lead activities, to guide discussions, and to support all who attend. These enthusiastic staffers are ramped up and ready to sing, dance, lead music, play, laugh, and serve with everyone.

The RTLCL Senior High Gathering will take place November 18-20, 2016 at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp. To register your group and for more details, go online to www.rainbowtrail.org/rtlcl-senior-high-gathering. Due to limited space on site, capacity for this event is 180. Spots are filling fast, so do not wait until the last minute! The registration deadline is the end of October.

Rainbow Trail Mission Statement

Through the ministries of Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp, God claims us, Christ transforms us, and the Holy Spirit sends us for faithful service.

Trail Boss

By Dave Jarvis - Executive Director

The pace of this fall has been amazing! Other than our week of vacation following our last week of summer camp, we have been going non-stop. Retreat season has been packed while we have been busy with budgeting for 2017 and leading strategic planning events, as well as preparations for summer 2017.

We had another incredible summer. Even with a fire evacuation thrown in during weeks five and six, nothing fazed this summer staff. I would list Senior High #1 during the evacuation at the Westcliffe school as one of the best weeks of camp I have ever been a part of. The resilience of the summer staff, the supportive adult leaders, and the amazing campers that were up for any adventure created a community second to none. Once again, we were blessed with an awesome and faithful summer staff that served over 3,000 people through all of our summer ministries. This crew genuinely loved their campers. The care they showed kids was superb. Thank you for your joy, laughter, and dedication to ministry. I hope we have a lot of you back next summer!



There are so many people that helped make the summer of 2016 as powerful and successful as it was. Once again, we had an awesome Bible Study that helped us all understand "What's Your Call?" in the world. The writers did an amazing job of creating a study that touched real life. Everyone is wearing their necklaces from summer as a reminder. Thank you to Pastor Vera Guebert-Steward, Pastor Nicole' Ferry, Pastor Dave Risendal, Pastor Jane Jebsen, and Pastor Michael Tassler for all of the extra time you commit to our ministry to make our program better. You have been a blessing to this ministry and to me!

I also want to thank all of our partner congregations for their support of Rainbow Trail. These congregations have become the financial foundation upon which we are able to build this ministry. There have been several new congregations that have joined this group in 2016. They have given, and given very generously this year. Because of their support, along with our many donors, RTALC continues to grow and serve in new ways. There are now 60 partner congregations that contribute to this ministry. Thank you for seeing us as partners in your ministry and in the faith development of your youth and families. Invite your congregation to be a partner if they aren't already!

I also want to thank our Synod office folks for supporting Rainbow Trail in so many ways. The Rev. Kent Mueller joined us for our end of staff training banquet and worship service in which Kent commissioned our summer staff for their ministry. Bishop Jim Gonia joined us to close out our summer at our closing banquet and to lead Eucharist at worship. Thank you both for knowing the power of outdoor ministry and seeing it as a vital part of the ministries of this Synod.

I want to give a special shout out to the fire fighters who protected RTALC, the evac center workers, the Custer County Sheriff's Department, the leadership at Horn Creek Camp, and the people of Westcliffe who supported us during our evacuation.

Finally, I want to thank our full-time staff for their love and dedication to Rainbow Trail. I love this crew! They ALL truly view what they do as ministry. Whether in the kitchen, in the office, on the trail, on our site, or out at congregations, you all represent this ministry so well. Thanks for being my partner in ministry!

The land exchange process continues to move forward slowly. But we have decided not to sit idle while waiting for things to move. Rainbow Trail has begun an eight month listening process as the beginning steps of creating a new strategic plan for our organization. Our consultant did over 110 interviews this summer, hundreds have taken the online survey, and we are hosting listening post cottage meetings in Ft. Collins, Denver, Colorado Springs, Albuquerque, and Minneapolis over the next four months. Look for more information on dates, locations, and times. This process will help us gather your input as we shape the future of Rainbow Trail.

A golden opportunity has just presented itself to Rainbow Trail. We have an anonymous donor that has presented a \$50,000 challenge grant to see if we can get another \$50,000 to match it by Christmas. We are looking for 10 people to give \$5,000 or 20 people to give \$2,500 or whatever people can give over and above their normal giving. All \$100,000 will be invested in needed improvements to our site. This is a great opportunity for us! Call me or email me if you can help!

I personally want to thank Ben Larson for eight great years of service to Rainbow Trail. Ben's passion for the outdoors and for ministry has shaped our Compass Points program into one of the finest backpack programs in the country. Ben is now attending grad school at CSU. Ben, blessings on this new journey in life. You will be amazing!

Most of you know that we lost Roxy this summer. She was maybe the best camp dog ever. She served faithful for close to thirteen years. She was so loyal to our campers, an amazing hiking buddy, and the best homesickness cure for young intro and junior campers. She spent many a night in cabins with kids doing her own ministry. We had the opportunity spread Roxy's ashes on the top of Eagle Peak during Family Camp #2. Jammin and Leah were able to join Nellie and me on that journey. Lots of tears – tears of sadness but also tears of joy for a very faithful partner in life. We love you Roxy!

Thanks for the opportunity to continue to serve you through this amazing place. We have a lot of exciting things on the horizon for Rainbow Trail. 2017 is going to be amazing!!!

Dave

Day Camp Vehicle Needed

Did you know that Rainbow Trail drove over 84,000 miles last year? Do you have a gently used minivan you're considering trading in or selling? Why not donate it to Rainbow Trail and watch it live on for many more years? RTALC is in need of a reliable minivan that can seat a minimum of five people and their luggage. If you think you've got a vehicle that might benefit RTALC, email kyle@rainbowtrail.org or call (303) 902-5940. Remember, donations are tax deductible!

Pawprints on Our Hearts... Goodbye, Roxy

The Rainbow Trail community--and the Jarvis family in particular--felt a bitter sting when Roxy, the Jarvis family pet and the camp's mascot Golden Retriever, died at camp on June 20th. In her 13 years at camp, Roxy comforted dozens of homesick campers, chased hundreds of kids on ziplines, hiked with thousands of campers to Eagle Peak and other areas, and chased probably tens of thousands of tossed tennis balls. She was a gentle soul, and was great company to all. During many weeks at camp, Roxy was "booked" every evening, going happily to spend the night in cabins with the kids. But she would always come bounding across the mall in the morning, ready to help at cookout or at worship. Many people have commented through the years that a



camp dog must have the best life of anyone anywhere, and we couldn't agree more. She had a very important role to play--giving her unconditional love to anyone and everyone. In that, she was an example to us all! And she was loved, loved, loved in return. We miss you, Roxy! You were the best.

Grace Race Sponsors

Luther College Sponsors

- Kelsey Anderson Wilson
- Addie Choi
- Dave and Nellie Jarvis
- Lauren and David Keller
- Kirk & Trish Neubauer
- Andrew Peterson
- Brandon Reed
- Rick & Jill Reed
- Austen Smith

Augustana University Sponsors

- Dave and Nellie Jarvis
- Dave and Carissa Cruson
- Paul and Lisa Smith

Congregation Sponsors

- Abiding Hope, Littleton, CO
- Atonement Lutheran, Boulder, CO

- Augustana Lutheran, Denver, CO
- Bethany Lutheran Church, Cherry Hills Village, CO
- Bethlehem Lutheran, Longmont, CO
- Evergreen Lutheran, Evergreen, CO
- Holy Love Lutheran, Aurora, CO
- Holy Trinity Lutheran, Littleton, CO
- Mt. of the Holy Cross, Vail, CO
- St. Peter Lutheran, Greenwood Village, CO
- Trinity Lutheran, Monument, CO

CSU Sponsors

- Dave and Ruth Ryll

City Market, Canon City, CO

Brand Evolutions West, Golden, CO

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Action

24 Hours to Give Where You Live!



On Tuesday, **December 6, 2016**, Coloradans will come together again to raise millions of dollars for nonprofits like ours. Last year \$28.5 million was distributed to 1,894 different nonprofits throughout Colorado! RTALC raised \$83,677 in that 24-hour period. Our goal this year is to raise \$85,000. All funds raised will go toward the Annual Fund.

Since we are still in the middle of the land exchange process, some people have shifted their annual fund donation toward the Land Exchange Capital Appeal. But we still need our annual fund to sustain day-to-day operations. You do not need to live in Colorado to give on this day! Anyone can give from anywhere!! No matter where you live, mark your calendars for Colorado Gives!

December 6, 2016

Register for 2017 Summer Camps

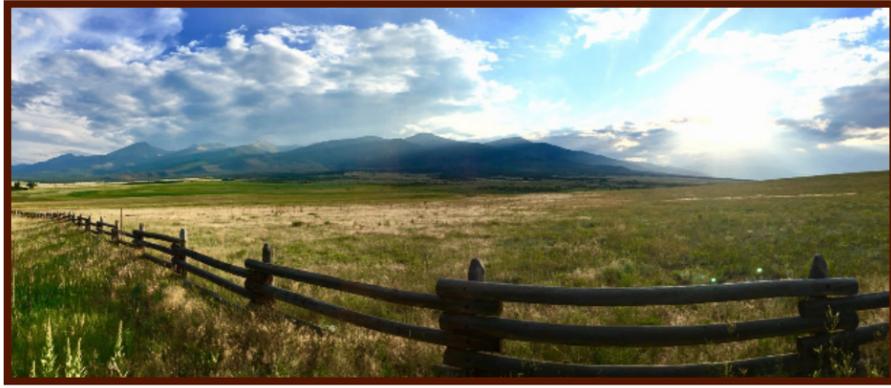
Starting November 1, 2016



Registration for 2017 opens November 1, 2016. Register early - camps will fill quickly! We encourage you to register online at www.rainbowtrail.org. You can also download the registration form and mail it in. A big thank you goes to Matt Olin who used his artistic gifts and creative talents to design an incredible brochure and postcard again this year! Brochures have been mailed

to congregations and postcards were mailed to all who attended camp this past summer. Those interested in Family Camp and Labor Day can register online as well. Registration opens on November 1st. REMEMBER - youth camps, family camps, and Labor Day will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Please don't wait to register! We look forward to spending summer 2017 with you!

Rainbow Trail Has a Golden Opportunity to Improve Its Site



A golden opportunity has just presented itself to Rainbow Trail. An anonymous donor has presented a \$50,000 challenge grant to Rainbow Trail to see if we can get another \$50,000 to match that grant by Christmas. All \$100,000 will be invested in site related projects. Aspen Lodge has been our “new” dining hall since 2000. All of the major mechanical equipment in the dining hall is nearing the end of its useful life. This would be a golden opportunity to replace the hot water booster in the dish room and the hot water heater for the kitchen. Those two pieces of equipment alone will cost \$11,000. We would also be able to add a canvas enclosure of the pavilion for winter (\$18,000), install permanent heating to the pavilion for winter (\$5,000), complete the electrical requirements

needed across the creek to run the heaters in all five cabins (\$15,000), finish the log interior remodeling of the all the remaining cabins (\$22,000), new popshop land and e-commerce point of sale system (\$11,000) and buy a back-up generator for our site (\$15,000) just to name a few of the projects. We are looking for 10 people to give \$5,000 or 20 people to give \$2,500 or whatever people can give over and above their normal giving. We already have \$10,000 committed to the match. This is a great opportunity for us! Call Dave at 719-429-1377 or email him at dave@rainbowtrail.org if you can help! If you send a check, make the check payable to Rainbow Trail and be sure to mark the memo with “Golden Opportunity.”

Words with Sam

By Sam Berglund - Director of Compass Points & Day Camp

This September has been a whirlwind up here at camp, retreats coming and going and summer 2017 bookings in full swing. Although it’s been a quick transition into this new position for me here, learning the details of the job and program responsibilities as we charge full speed towards our next summer season, there is truly no other place I would rather be and I feel blessed to live and serve in a place and community with as much love, laughter and genuine passion as this place.



This past summer was another one for the books. Our Compass Points program continued to offer kids and adults a space in God’s wild country: exploring the trails, testing their limits and growing spiritually in a safe place, apart from everyday pressures and distractions.

We look forward to another full summer of trips on the mountain and are already taking bookings for the 2017 season. As always we are looking for more groups and individuals that are interested in participating in the Compass Points program. If you fit this category give me a call or check out our website, I’d love to talk through options with you! (<http://www.rainbowtrail.org/compass-points/>)

The Day Camp program this year was as full as ever, sending groups all across the Rocky Mountain Synod and beyond to provide the camp experience to a vast array of church communities. The Day Camp program provides a unique opportunity for churches to connect within their congregations and local communities with the energy and programming that come with camp staff. We are continually blessed with how many different church communities we get to be a part of every single year, and staff always return to us rested, well-fed and full of kid quotes and stories from the week. Although it seems that last summer just ended, our 2017 Day Camp schedule is nearly full already and we look forward to working with a vast array of churches again this summer. If you’re interested in learning more about the Day Camp program or availability, check out our website or give me a call! (<http://www.rainbowtrail.org/summer-camps/day-camps/>)

Although the air is crisp, the leaves are red and the peaks are already slightly dusted with snow, it was only a month ago that summer came to an end for us here at Rainbow Trail. I am so blessed to get to work in a place that provides as many opportunities for God’s work as this place does. Prayers for this time of transition and learning are greatly appreciated and as always thanks for a great summer and I look forward to seeing you up here on your next visit on the mountain!

Just Jordan

By Jordan Jensen - Director of Retreats

Happy fall!



I hope all of you are enjoying the season as much as I am. Since this is my first time in the newsletter, I thought that I would take some time to introduce myself. Growing up in Iowa, I have a great appreciation for home-cooked meals, animals, and the great outdoors. Out here in Colorado, I enjoy everything that the mountains have to offer. I like to spend my free time hiking, camping, and trying new coffee shops. If you have any great hiking or coffee shop suggestions, let me know! I also enjoy ice cream, travel, and the smell of pine.

This past summer I was able to spend a lot of time traveling and quite a few days on-site at Rainbow Trail, being a part of summer programming. It was fun to get to know the staff and campers that I had never met and to reconnect with those that I have spent time with before. Throughout the past four months, I was lucky to celebrate with five different couples in various weddings. It was a blast smiling and dancing with them all across Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, Colorado, and North Carolina.

Throughout the past couple of months, I have been transitioning into the new position of Director of Retreat Ministries here at Rainbow Trail. It has been a whirlwind of adventures and experiences as I learn to navigate this new role. I am looking forward to the opportunity to develop this part of Rainbow Trail’s ministry and to assist others in developing their own retreats. It is wonderful being able to learn and grow in a community as supportive as this one. Thanks to you all!

Our fall has been busy with multiple retreats and planning for events like Grace Race and the RTLC Senior High Gathering. We have had plenty to do. However, in the time that I have stepped away from the office, I have been able to do some of the things that I love. Recently, I was able to do some exploring in Rocky Mountain National Park where the colors of the aspens have changed to brilliant yellows and oranges and the elk are bugling. I have also attended a couple of concerts and watched the Rockies win a game at Coors Field. I feel amazingly blessed to live in a state that allows me to partake in such a wide range of experiences.

I hope, that in the coming months, I have the opportunity to meet many of you and serve you in this new position. Enjoy the changing of the trees and the crisp fall air. I look forward to meeting you all soon!

2017 Summer Schedule

The Rainbow Trail summer 2017 schedule has been set. The fee will be \$435 for all youth camps, with the exception of Intro Camp, which will be \$215. The week of August 13-19 has a special rate of \$415. Family camp fees are \$435 for adults (ages 19 and older), \$325 for teens (ages 13-18) and \$220 for ages 4-12. There is no charge for kids under age 4. **Be sure to register early!**

- May 26-29.....Memorial Day Work Weekend
- May 29-June 10.....Staff Training
- June 11-17.....Junior High #1
- June 18-21.....Intro To Camp #1
- June 18-24.....Junior #1
- June 21-24.....Intro To Camp #2
- June 25-July 1.....Confirmation #1
- July 2-8.....Family Camp #1
- July 9-15.....Senior High #1
- July 16-22.....Confirmation #2
- July 23-29.....Senior High #2
- July 23-29.....Open Sr. High Compass Points
- July 30-August 5.....Open Jr. High Compass Point
- July 30-August 2.....Intro #3
- July 30-August 5.....Mixed Junior #2/Junior High #2
- August 6-12.....Family Camp #2
- August 13-19.....Mixed Junior #3/Junior High #3
- September 1-4.....Labor Day Family Weekend

To find out more about these camps, our summer brochure can already be found at our website, www.rainbowtrail.org. You can also find a full set of our registration policies on our website.

Grade Levels as of Fall 2017

- Intro to Camp = entering 2nd - 3rd grade
- Juniors = entering 4th - 6th grade
- Junior High = entering 7th - 8th grade
- Senior High = entering 9th-12th grade

Please note: Lutherans of the Rocky Mountain Synod, ELCA have registration priority until January 1, 2017 This applies to all camps, including family camps.

Upcoming Events

Confirmation Retreat

November 4 - 6, 2016



Confirmation leaders and students: this retreat is for you! Bring your fellow confirmation class friends, a couple of adult leaders and your pastor to this awesome weekend of faith-building, worship, fellowship and play.

The subject of this year's confirmation retreats is "Diving Deep." Deaconess Kristen Baltrum will be leading large group sessions. Baltrum currently serves as the Director of Faith Formation at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. She was consecrated to the Lutheran Deaconess Association in Valparaiso in 1993 and has been doing Youth Ministry in some form ever since.

A bit about the theme: Scuba Diving. When we go scuba diving, we need to "gear up" so that we can freely explore

the mysteries of the deep. All of our gear has a certain purpose that helps us to "dive deeper" into our baptismal waters and discover all that God is calling us to. What does it really mean to be immersed in the waters of baptism? How does this play out in our daily lives? Throughout this retreat, we will explore what those different pieces of gear are, how they work, and even try on some actual scuba gear!

Confirmation classes get a chance to discuss what they have learned with their class, and to play together in the beautiful Sangre de Cristos. Our world is hungry for Good News so come and join us on the mountain; that you may dive head first into a more spiritually driven life and take it home with you!

The cost for these retreats is \$95 per confirmation student and \$70 for each adult. You can find more information and register your group on the Rainbow Trail website www.rainbowtrail.org. Look under the "Retreats" tab or call Ben Jarvis at 719-276-5233 or email him at ben.jarvis@rainbowtrail.org. Register soon as spaces are filling quickly!

Adventfest

December 2 - 4, 2016

Don't get caught up in the hectic holiday hustle and bustle. Come get away and retreat to RTALC and celebrate the real reason for the season: Jesus. Adventfest is a great way for families to prepare for the arrival of our Lord. The worship services will focus on the four Sundays of Advent, and will be led by Pastor Chad and Aly Kohlmeyer.

There will also be time for kids and adults to create great Christmas gifts. Adult crafts for this year include stained glass, woodcarving, dipped candle making, wooden lamps, pinecone Christmas wreaths, fused glass and pottery glazing, aspen log candle holders, and woven baskets. Adults and kids ages 13 and older are able to participate in two crafts during the weekend. Each craft costs \$12.00 for instruction and materials. Kids' Korner includes a variety of things including sledding (weather permitting), crafts, cookie baking, and games! Kids' Korner is for kids ages 4-12. Babysitting will also be available during the weekend. Both Kids' Korner and babysitting cost \$15.00 per person for the weekend. In addition, you can cut your Christmas tree off of RTALC's site for only a \$10 Forest Service permit

fee. This has all the makings of a great family tradition!

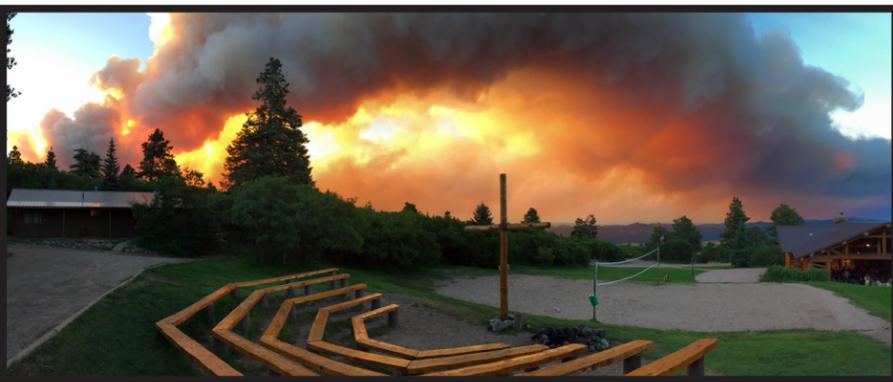
Adventfest starts on Friday evening and runs through lunch on Sunday. This is a great weekend to relax and truly enjoy the season with your family. The cost of this weekend of fellowship and renewal is \$80 for adults and \$40 for kids ages 4-12. Kids 3 and under are free (crafts are additional).

Registrations are due no later than November 26th. Space is limited and a 50% non-refundable deposit is due with your registration. You can register online!



Take Two

RTLC Evacuated from Forest Fire... Again



Five years ago, on the very first afternoon of camp, the staff and Junior High campers of Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp evacuated from our beautiful site in Hillside, CO due to the close proximity of the Duckett Creek Fire. The group was relocated to the Custer County High School in Westcliffe on Sunday afternoon, and eventually to Horn Creek, another camp on the Sangre de Cristo range.

Fast forward to Senior High Camp, the week of July 10, 2016. Smoke loomed on the horizon to the north starting Sunday afternoon from the Hayden Pass Fire. While the Sheriff assured everyone that there was no danger of the fire reaching RTALC, the constant visual of the plumes of smoke was a unique sight to say the least. On Tuesday afternoon, the Sheriff gave orders of evacuation, as the fire had gotten within 1.5 miles of camp. After some quick packing and dinner together, 180 campers, staff, and adult leaders, many of whom were present for the 2011 evacuation for Junior High Camp, made their way, yet again, to Custer County High School in Westcliffe.

For the rest of the week, camp continued. Campers made plans for their days (including creative ideas like synchronized sock skating), counselors led Bible study, and Village of the Day themes were as rich as always, including the theme on evacuation day: "God's Slumber Party: Where Everyone is Welcome." This

theme was especially fitting as the whole camp slept on cots in the gymnasium for the remainder of the week in the slumber party of a lifetime. Those staff, campers, and adults made that week into a journey. In what could have been a chaotic and scary situation, this group decided to enjoy the adventure, and each other. They worshipped together, prayed together, and played together. Life is never perfect, but this group displayed what it looks like to live in community, to trust in God, and to make the most of a tough circumstance.

After some conversation and planning, the following week of Confirmation Camp was held at Horn Creek, who had just one week the whole summer vacant on their site. It happened to be the week that RTALC was evacuated. God works in mysterious ways. Horn Creek, as in 2011, welcomed this Rainbow Trail group with open arms, and made every concession possible to ensure a great week at their site.

We cannot express our gratitude to the Sheriff and his staff, countless firefighters, Custer County High School, and Horn Creek for their sacrifices, their hospitality, and their undying care for this community. Lastly, thank you, parents for trusting us with your kids. Because of those individuals, program carried on seamlessly, and our campers have a memory for a lifetime.

We Need to Hear From You

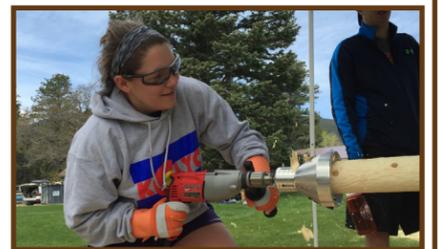
RTLC Leading Multiple Listening Posts as Part of the New Strategic Plan Process

Rainbow Trail continues to push forward with the land exchange process. The process has slowed down recently as we wait our turn. But the Rainbow Trail Board have decided not to sit idle while waiting for things to move. RTALC has begun an eight month listening process as the beginning steps of creating a new strategic plan for our organization. Our consultant performed over 110 interviews this summer, hundreds have taken the online survey, and we are now hosting listening post cottage meetings to gather your insights about what you love about this ministry and your hopes for its future. We have already held two events in Denver but will be hosting

several more events at the beginning of 2017. There will be a listening post in both Ft. Collins and Colorado Springs on January 7th, in Albuquerque on January 28th, and in Minneapolis on February 11, 2017. We are also planning to add additional gatherings in the Denver area in January as well. Look for more information in emails and on our website for locations and times for these events. We also need as many of you as possible to take the online survey as well. The survey can be found at <https://www.research.net/r/rainbowtrailssurvey>. This process will help us gather your input as we shape the future of Rainbow Trail. We look forward to hearing from you!

2017 Memorial Day Work Weekend

Memorial Day has become as much a tradition at Rainbow Trail as anything else we do. We typically have over 100 people that come and join in this annual work weekend to get camp ready for summer. If the list of projects from last year is any indication (Columbine now has matching railings around the deck and also has an updated planter out front for the newly planted columbines! Upstairs Juniper now has a wood stove hearth that should be up and running before the snow flies. Downstairs juniper received a water diversion system to keep people dry when getting their medications from the nurse during the summer. Golden Banner has been totally transformed with a new hardwood floor and interior log siding. You wouldn't believe it's the same cabin! The front door of Aspen was replaced to keep winter heating costs down, third bridge was completely rebuilt and a new



sign in memory of Rev. Don Simonton was added to the road leaving camp), we'll be sure to have another busy and memorable weekend! Call the Canon City office at (719) 276-5233 or email Dave at dave@rainbowtrail.org to reserve your spot at this fun and rewarding weekend. This weekend does fill up quickly and typically has a waiting list. Reserve your spot today!

Jam Session

By Ben Jarvis - Director of On-Site & Bridging Borders

I'm really unsure where to start this article after all that has happened this summer. In the course of the 13 weeks of summer, we were evacuated for another forest fire, lived out of a school, moved to Horn Creek (again), lost Roxy, said "good-bye" to Ben Larson, hired two new full-time Directors, had 14 campers during week 10, and I attended multiple weddings. While there were some incredible experiences scattered throughout these past months, I'm happy to have some slower days on this side of summer.



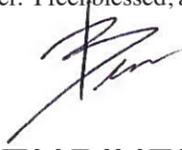
Looking back on these experiences, though, I have to say that evacuation the second time around felt almost normal. Not that I want to do it again, but I will say that experience has a way of teaching you preparedness. Anyway, I wanted to personally thank everyone who assisted in the evacuation, participated in the evacuation, or trusted us with their kids during evacuation. It speaks volumes to us that parents have confidence in our staff to keep their kids safe, and that they will come home with a wonderful experience. I learned so much from that week, and from those Senior High youth. Ironically, there was a lot of overlap of those who were evacuated in 2011, and those campers evacuated in 2016. I'm sure that none of us will forget this summer anytime soon.

I also want to personally thank our staff for this summer. Every single person on staff this year profoundly impacted hundreds of people. They showed their love for each other and their dedication to campers through selflessness and compassion. I have to fight back tears when I think of how blessed I feel to have been surrounded by so many great individuals this summer. Whether on the road, in another country, leading Day Camp at congregations, evacuated to a high school, or on trail, this staff consistently showed God's light and were the hands and feet of Christ for 13 weeks. Know the impact that you have had is vast and will continue to grow, long after you have worked at RTLCL. I love you all, and I am proud to have worked alongside such an amazing staff.

Speaking of staff, I am ecstatic about the RTLCL Senior High Gathering coming up on November 18-20. We'll have 25 summer staff returning to work that event! We've been working every spare minute to try and solidify every detail to make that weekend a mountaintop experience to remember for each and every participant.

Finally, I want to extend a personal "thank you" to Ben Larson for his time at RTLCL, but also for his time invested teaching and working with me personally. Thank you, Ben, for your patience, ideas, and dedication over the last 3 years working together. Best of luck as you go from this place. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to Jordan, Sam, Katie, and Chad! I am so excited to work with the four of you, and cannot wait to see how this place will flourish under your work.

As I said, a lot has happened since our last newsletter. I feel blessed, and I hope to see many of you up at camp in the coming months!



HELP RTLCL WITH YOUR THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

If you are a Thrivent Financial member, we need your help! We set a Thrivent Choice goal for 2016 of \$47,000 and we still think that goal is very attainable. With that kind of increase, not only can we continue to provide camperships but we can also possibly upgrade some of the equipment on our site.

Here is how you can help. You will need to go out to their website each quarter to direct your Thrivent Choice dollars. This is the only way to ensure that your Thrivent Choice dollars will

make it to Rainbow Trail each quarter. Go to <http://www.rainbowtrail.org/donate/thrivent-choice/> and follow the steps to make your designation.

If you have friends that are Thrivent members and who have not designated their Thrivent Choice dollars, please encourage them to designate those Thrivent Choice dollars to Rainbow Trail. We heard that there was still close to \$1 million dollars in Choice dollars NOT distributed last year. Help us change that! You can make a world of difference!!

LED Light Bulbs

Rainbow Trail is going green(er)! A few years back, all light bulbs onsite were changed out to CFL bulbs. As those bulbs start to go out, they are being replaced with LED equivalents that will last for years to come and cut down even greater on energy consumption. If we were to purchase LED bulbs for all of our buildings, it would cost between two and three thousand dollars! To help cushion the expense, we are asking for donations of dimmable LED light bulbs over the coming years. In an effort to keep things consistent, we have selected two readily available light bulbs that can be donated and brought with you the next time you come to camp. Check out our Needs and Wish list either in the newsletter or online for more details.

ANN (JARVIS) SMITH MEMORIAL LAND EXCHANGE FUND

Anonymous
David & Karen Aarestad
Scott Arndt
Roger & Jane Barrack
Black Forest Lutheran Church
Jerry Berg
David Lee & Lisa Brown
Larry & Lavona Brown
Kellie & Jason Davis
Trudy Dierschow
Jessica & Nick Ehrhardt

Kerry & James Forbes
Todd & Jill Grivetti
Stanley & Evelyn John
The Estate of Maxine Johnson
JD & Kristen Kessler
Kevin & Catherine Lawrence
Kim & John Olson
James & Lyndi Perry
Mark & Sharon Pope
Disa Skaff
Roger Thompson

Rainbow Trail Welcomes Katie and Chad!

This September, Rainbow Trail welcomed two new program assistants for the 2016-2017 retreat season. We can't wait for you to meet them! They bring amazing gifts to this ministry, valuable experience, and will be an asset to all we serve this retreat season. Come visit us this retreat season and get a chance to know these two!



Katie Scherr

Katie grew up in Wisconsin and found her way out to Colorado two years ago, after graduating from Luther College. Some of her favorite things include cows, fall colors, and playing outside. Katie worked at Rainbow Trail in the summers of 2013 and 2014 and is excited to return to the team as a Program Assistant for this retreat season! She dedicated her last year to volunteering at New Legacy Charter School through Urban Servant Corps in Denver and is grateful to use this year to continue connecting with new people through ministry.



Chad Nelsen

Born and raised in Iowa, Chad is excited to be living in the mountains. Camp has always been an important part of his life, as Chad's parents starting bringing him to family camp in South Dakota as a baby. He also spent three summers on staff at RTLCL. After graduating from Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa in 2015, Chad served with the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission program in Rwanda for one year. He is eager to continue assisting in the fantastic ministry of Rainbow Trail.

The Program Assistant position is designed to give interested individuals a chance to experience full-time outdoor ministry. Program Assistants serve from September through May and help in all aspects of Rainbow Trail's ministry. If you would like more information, please contact the camp office.

DESIGNATED GIFTS

Anonymous
Augustana Foundation Fund, Denver
Ron & Olga Augustson
Bethany Lutheran Church Foundation, Cherry Hills Village
Miles & Kim Brown
Faith Lutheran Church, Golden
Ray & Nicole' Ferry
Paul Hadland
Dave & Nellie Jarvis
Heather Land
Dawn & Brent Meyer
Laurie & Clayton Mohler

Jill & Doug Monsen
James & Judy Myra
Marcia Oppermann
Kevin & Deney Perkins
Vernon Pettit
Kristen & Mike Saathoff
Randy & Lisa Schrader
Teak & Clifford Simonton
Allan & Karen Spies
May & Michael Tassler
Westby Coon Prairie Lutheran Church, Westby, WI
Marsha Yosten

GIFTS IN KIND

Ascension Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs
Paul & Marcia Dahlgren
Greg Dew
Bob & Margie Dugan
Sandy & Scott Elvington
Kris Ericson
Faith Lutheran Church, Golden
Fred & Janice Ehlers
Grace Lutheran Church, Boulder
Scott & Janet Harrison
Karel & Tom Hemler
Dave & Nellie Jarvis
Jane Jebson
Art Kraus & Michelle Stone Kraus
Ben Larson
Roger & Claudia Larson
John & Pam Marietta

Doug Mathison
Kim Nelson
Brad & Carissa Nietfeldt
Chris & Abbey Raap
Dave & Betsy Risendal
Laurel & Jeff Roberts
Mike & Susan Rush
Joan Ryan
Michael & Kristen Saathoff
Hanne & Kip Schauer
Robert & Michelle Thomsen
Chris & Gail Tucker
Roberta Wentworth
Steven Westcott & Deborah Agar
The Estate of Jeff White
Bob & Joyce Witte
Laura Wouters

Site to Sight

By Kyle Larson - Director of Site and Facilities

Happy fall! I hope everyone is enjoying the best season of the year! The colors at camp have taken their time turning this year but are finally in full swing. I for one am glad to feel the cool air and to have a bit of a break from the fast pace of summer.

Our site continues to get better and better each year largely due to the incredible outpouring of generosity that occurs on Memorial Day work weekend. This year's weekend was filled with several smaller projects as opposed to the normal larger projects. I thought it really gave people the opportunity to plug into things they were passionate about. Columbine now has matching railings around the deck and also has an updated planter out front for the newly planted columbines! Upstairs Juniper now has a wood stove hearth that should be up and running before the snow flies. Downstairs juniper received a water diversion system to keep people dry when getting their medications from the nurse during the summer. Golden Banner has been totally transformed with a new hardwood floor and interior log siding. You wouldn't believe it's the same cabin! The front door of Aspen was replaced to keep winter heating costs down, third bridge was completely rebuilt and a new sign in memory of Rev. Don Simonton was added to the road leaving camp. As always, a huge thank you is in order for the contractors who give up their Memorial Day weekend and share their gifts with this ministry. I hope you know the incredible impact you make each and every year. The list is already started for next year!

Summer 2016 certainly had challenges that we couldn't have anticipated when we started. A forest fire is never in the plan but our staff was unbelievably adaptable and made kids feel like nothing had changed. In comparison to the 2011 fire, this one was by the book. It was cool to see fire lines being set and actually stopping the fire when and where it was supposed to stop. We had incredible support from the Custer County Sherriff's Office, the Zulu commander, Tiddle, and all other personnel assigned to protect our site. A sincere thank you goes out for all the hours that were spent planning and protecting a place that's so near and dear to our hearts. Thank you also to the Custer County School District as well as Horn Creek for taking great care of us in our time of need. I couldn't have made it through the summer without the help of Kirby Olson, Sandy Simonton and the whole camp hand crew. Guys, thanks for the giving hearts you had this summer. It may not have felt like it every day but know that you had an impact on everyone who was a part of this ministry. The Holy Spirit was truly at work in each and every one of you as we navigated the summer. Thanks!

Personally, my life outside of work has been exhausting. As crazy as it may seem, the fast pace of summer actually gave me a great emotional break from the all-consuming renovation of my house. It's been just over a year of renovation and things are starting to come together. I'm planning on taking a bit of a vacation before winter hits but hope to have everything insulated and sheetrock hung before it gets too cold. I know it will be worth the work when it's done, it has just proven to be way more work than I had anticipated. I'm very much looking forward to the day when I have nothing to do on a day off. Hopefully that day is right around the corner.

Till next time,

Kyle



THANK YOU, BEN LARSON!

We want to extend a very heartfelt and sincere thank you to Ben Larson. Ben served over 8 years at Rainbow Trail as the Director of Compass Points and Day Camp Ministries. It would be an insult to his time here to say that that's all that he did, though. Ben transformed the programs he led, and left a lasting mark on this ministry and on all who had the pleasure of interacting with him. We will dearly miss you, Ben. Best wishes as you go out in courage, good friend.



PARTNER CONGREGATIONS

These congregations have committed to partnering with Rainbow Trail by supporting the ministry through their congregation's budget.

Abiding Hope Lutheran Church, Littleton
 Advent Lutheran Church, Olathe, KS
 Advent Lutheran Church, Westminster, CO
 All Saints Lutheran Church, Austin, CO
 All Saints Lutheran Church Miriam Circle, Austin, CO
 Amazing Grace Lutheran Church, Littleton
 American Lutheran Church, Grand Junction
 American Lutheran Church ELCA, Grand Junction
 Ascension Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs
 Ascension Lutheran Church Women, Colorado Springs
 Atonement Lutheran Church, Boulder
 Atonement Lutheran Church, Lakewood
 Augustana Lutheran Church, Denver
 Augustana Foundation Fund, Denver
 Bethany Lutheran Church, Cherry Hills Village
 Bethany Lutheran Church Foundation, Cherry Hills Village
 Bethany Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg, TX
 Bethel Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs
 Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Los Alamos
 Black Forest Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs
 Centennial Lutheran Church, Englewood
 Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, Santa Fe, NM
 Christ Lutheran Church, Highlands Ranch
 Christ the King Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs
 Christ the King Lutheran Church, Denver
 Christ the King Lutheran Church, Durango
 Christ the Savior, Aurora
 Christ the Servant, Louisville
 Community of Joy Lutheran Church, Rio Ranch, NM
 Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, Broomfield
 Cross of Glory Lutheran Church, Denver
 Cross of Hope Lutheran Church, Albuquerque, NM
 Elim Lutheran Church, Odgen, UT
 Epiphany Lutheran Church, Denver
 Evergreen Lutheran Church, Evergreen
 Faith Community Church Outreach, Longmont
 Faith Lutheran Church, Golden
 Faith Lutheran Church, Security
 First Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs
 First Lutheran Church, Gypsum
 First Lutheran Church, Longmont
 Glory of God Lutheran Church, Wheat Ridge
 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Glenwood Springs
 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Denver
 Grace Lutheran Church, Boulder
 Grace Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs
 Grace Lutheran Church Women of the ELCA, Colorado Springs
 Grace Lutheran Church, Casper, WY
 Grace Lutheran Church, Waseca, MN 56093
 Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Wheat Ridge
 Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Overland Park, KS
 Holy Ghost Lutheran Church, Fredericksburg, TX

Holy Love Lutheran Church, Aurora
 Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church, Lakewood
 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Littleton
 Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Women of the ELCA, Littleton
 Hope Lutheran Church, Westcliffe
 Immanuel Lutheran Church, Greeley
 King of Glory Lutheran Church, Arvada
 King of Kings Lutheran Church, Pueblo
 Lord of the Hills Lutheran Church, Centennial
 Lord of the Mountains Lutheran Church, Dillon
 Lutheran Church of Hope, Broomfield
 Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, Centennial
 Lutheran Church of the Master, Lakewood
 Lutheran Church of the Servant, Santa Fe, NM
 Messiah Lutheran Church, Denver
 Mission Lutheran Church, Swink
 Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Boulder
 Mount of the Holy Cross, Vail
 Nativity Lutheran Church, Commerce City
 New Promise Lutheran Church, St. George, UT
 Our Father Lutheran Church, Centennial
 Our Savior Lutheran Church, Greeley
 Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Ft. Collins
 Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, East Bethel, MN
 Peace Lutheran Church, Las Cruces, NM
 Peace in Christ Lutheran Church, Elizabeth
 Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs
 Prince of Peace Women of the ELCA, Colorado Springs
 Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Denver
 Rocky Mountain Synod
 Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Canon City
 Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, La Salle
 South Zumbro Lutheran Church, Kasson, MN
 Spirit of the Mountain Lutheran Church, Golden
 St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Arvada
 St. Luke Lutheran Church, Albuquerque
 St. Paul Lutheran Church, Albuquerque
 St. Paul Lutheran Church, Calhan
 St. Peter Lutheran Church, Greenwood Village
 St. Philip Lutheran Church, Littleton
 St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, Northglenn
 Tabor Lutheran Church, Pueblo
 Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Boulder
 Trinity Lutheran Church, Fowler
 Trinity Lutheran Church, Loveland
 Trinity Lutheran Church, Monument
 Valley Lutheran Church, Denver
 Zion Lutheran Church, Trinidad

Blazing New Paths!

Trailblazers and Pathfinders are Rainbow Trail's annual giving clubs that sustain and allow our ministry to grow. Your gifts help us cover the expenses of the day-to-day operations of camp. For as little as \$10 a month, or \$120 a year, you can become a Trailblazer and make a huge difference in everything that happens here at camp! Pathfinders are those that would like to give a little more. For \$1,000 or more a year, you can become a Pathfinder and can make a bigger difference in this incredible ministry. From Day Camp to Bridging Borders to On-Site ministries to camperships, Trailblazer and Pathfinder dollars help to make a difference in countless lives through wonderful faith experiences. We need your support more than ever. Support from the Rocky Mountain Synod to Rainbow Trail has



been reduced in recent years. You can join by simply making your gift to Rainbow Trail. If you are interested in knowing more about Trailblazers or Pathfinders, please contact Dave at the Canon City office (719-276-5233) or by e-mail at dave@rainbowtrail.org.

SIMONTON MEMORIAL SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Bethany Lutheran Church Foundation,	Barb Layman
Cherry Hills Village	Joyce Mills
Mary Carter	Marcia Oppermann
Myron & Mary Eckberg	Dave & Judy Peters
Dean & Dorothy Halvorson	Arlie Riggs
Dave & Nellie Jarvis	Cliff & Teak Simonton

ORGANIZATIONAL GIFTS

AIG Matching Grants Program
 Benevity Community Impact Fund
 California Pizza Kitchen
 Community First Foundation
 OtterCares Foundation
 Thrivent Financial – Thrivent Choice
 Thrivent Action Team-Grace Race
 Thrivent Action Team-Work Weekend
 United Way of Larimer County
 United Way of Northern New Mexico
 Verizon Foundation



Events Calendar 2016 - 2017

November 4-6.....RTLCL Confirmation Retreat
 November 18-20.....RTLCL Senior High Gathering
 December 2-4.....AdventFest
 February 28.....Summer Staff applications due
 April 1.....Summer Volunteer apps due
 May 26-29.....Memorial Day Work Weekend
 May 29-June 10.....Staff Training
 September 1-4.....Labor Day Family Weekend
 September 8-10.....RTLCL Staff Alumni Retreat
 September 21-24.....Men's Fly Fishing Retreat
 October 7.....Grace Race

PATHFINDERS

The following individuals are members of the 2016 Pathfinders' Club. Pathfinders is RTLCL's next level giving club that keeps the ministry at Rainbow Trail growing and expanding. These individuals have given \$1,000 or more to this great ministry. To join, contact Dave Jarvis 719-276-5233 or find out more and donate online at www.rainbowtrail.org/donate. Many thanks to the following supporters of Rainbow Trail!

Challenger Peak \$1,000-1,499

Anonymous
 Bruce & Nancy Albertson
 Scott Arndt
 Eric & Elizabeth Berrill
 Stacy & Nicholas Branca
 Larry & Lavona Brown
 Addi Choi
 Amy & Darren DeYoung
 Jack & Donna Dice
 Phil & Traci Dorth
 Bob & Ann Erickson
 Vince & Leigh Felletter
 Kevin & Janet Flesch
 Chris & Stephanie Frankle
 Joel & Gloria Friesenegger
 Michael & Sarah Graham
 Tom & Marianne Guinn
 Karl & Wendy Gustafson
 Paden Hendrickson
 David & Sharon Henneke
 Steve & Linda Jurrens
 Charlie & Linda Kelly
 Betty Kirsebom
 David & Becky Kleen
 Marcus Kochis
 Mary Koepf
 Vicki & Chris Lieber
 Cheryl & Stephen Mahon
 Rob Maruyama & Roz Kueter
 Tanda & Thomas McCombe
 Mark & Kim Meyer
 Arthur Norman
 Karen Nulle
 Gary & Beverly Oppedahl
 Jon & Kate Palmquist
 Jimmy & Shirley Pettigrew

David & Betsy Risendal
 Beth & Mark Ritchie
 Andrew & Annette Roinestad
 Ray & Judy Russell
 Ruth & Dave Ryll
 Gary & Kay Schritter
 Julie & Mike Speck
 Ben Spiger & Kendra Wilde
 Brian & Kira Ward
 Richard Watkins
 Steve Westcott & Deborah
 Agar
 Ruth Von Mosch
 Ron & Betty Yergert
 Dave Young

Long's Peak \$1,500-2,499

Anonymous
 Rosetta Bidne
 Miles & Kim Brown
 Jay Davis
 Don & Lillian Filegar
 Dennis & Lynn Gimlin
 Tom & Shari Gould
 Scott & Janet Harrison
 Janice & James Mulvany
 Chuck & Gayle Newell
 Michelle & Dave Okes
 Marvin & Nadyne Plugge
 Walter & Chris Roberts
 Corey & Jeanette Stull
 Kate & Eric Waggoner
 Marsha Yosten

Mt. Elbert \$2,500-\$4,999

Anonymous
 Les Anderson

Tom & Alison Buckett
 Mike & Connie Burris
 Darwin & Helen Dalzell
 Katie Dugan
 Jan & Rives Duncan
 Fred & Janice Ehlers
 John & Kathleen Erickson
 Ruth Ericson
 Ann Hultquist & Roger Loots
 Dave & Nellie Jarvis
 Jennifer Lambertus
 Dawn & Brent Meyer
 Ruth & Dave Ryll
 Hanne & Kip Schauer
 Mark & Anne Schwartz
 Kathy & Craig Twaddell

Brenda & Lon Sears Kathy & Craig Twaddell

Mt. Princeton \$5,000-\$9,999

Anonymous
 Craig & Gail Bagenstos
 Bob & Margie Dugan
 Steve Flessner
 Jeanne & Tim Maloney
 Chuck & Michelle Nichols
 David & Edie May Phillips
 Brenda & Lon Sears
 Karen Smith
 Michelle & Robert Szydowski
 Bob & Joyce Witte

Mt. of the Holy

Cross

\$10,000+
 Randy & Lisa Schrader
 Allan Spies

CONTRIBUTORS

Thank you to the following friends of Rainbow Trail who gave a gift in 2016.

Anonymous
 Michael & Susan Barnard
 Karen Benuska
 Jim & Liz Birdsall
 Carolyn Brink
 Linda & Stephen Daniel
 Frances Dunbar
 Bill & Cheryl Eckert
 Phil & Dee Erlander
 Sue & Ray Evans
 Sandra Fancher
 Betty Fleming
 George Golder
 Bill & Sharon Gorman
 Eric & Carolyn Gustafson
 Donald Hall
 Charles Hartney
 Jim & Barb Hauck
 Matthew & Sara Hebert
 Paden Hendrickson
 Harvey & Ellen Hoffman
 Carol Hoiby
 Lyle & Marcia Hollingsworth
 Chuck & Mary Hubbard
 Dennis Johnson
 Dennis & Nancy Johnson
 Marc & Marcia Johnson
 Colette Kerlin
 Don & Mary Koppenhaver
 Chuck Krieger
 Karen Kusy
 Alena Lamirato
 Charles & Mary Ellen Lesage

Carol Luzovich
 Waverly Machamer
 Ann Maki
 Cheryl Masters
 Marilyn & Ing Maurstad
 Thomas & Karen McAviney
 Hal McConnell, Jr.
 Jean & Ben Miller
 Ann & Merlin Nimrod
 Ed & Janice Norden
 David & Christine Norsetter
 Kate Pearce
 Harriet Porch
 Suzanne & Craig Preuss
 Paul & Karen Pyzdrowski
 Paul & Glenyce Reimers
 Graham & Sandy Rinehart
 Mark & Michele Robinson
 Robert & Marilyn Rukavina
 Marilyn Schlage
 David & Anneliese Schneider
 Antje Sliger
 Ken & Mary Sorenson
 Ken & Mary Stivers
 Joseph Taylor
 Carol Traeger
 Robert & Denise Tristano
 Cody Venzke
 Robert & Renee Wade
 Keith & Tammy Wetter
 Charles & Carol Wick
 Laura Wouters
 Mona Yellico

GIFTS IN MEMORY OF

In Memory of Dawn Sandoval

Rosetta Bidne
 Dawn & Brent Meyer

In Memory of Van Kistler

Nita Altum
 Stephen Antony
 Larry & Eleanor Bonicelli
 Cynthia & Curt Brogren
 Thomas & Beverley Dare
 Susan Doyle
 Paul & Kathy Edstrom
 Polly Hagerty
 Betty Ann Johnson-Boyd
 Kimberley Kistler
 Steven & Debra Kinz
 Brian Kruse
 Bert & Dolly Lager
 Nicholas Schreck
 Richard Sloneker
 Dwight & Sheryl Stenseth
 Duane & Farrel Vikman
 Edwin & Nancy Vikman
 Lester & Marianne Woodward

In Memory of Mo Oppermann

Marilyn Gibson

In Memory of Dave Ericson

Donald Anderson
 Virginia Antonetty
 Kathleen Bertolini
 Charles & Cathrine Craig
 Chuck & Lee Danielson
 Virginia Deitch
 Bev Fry
 Donald & Mary Lou Elder
 Betty Hass
 Dave & Nellie Jarvis
 Dale & Fern Knudsen
 Jean Larson
 Paul & Rebecca Marsh
 Jim & Linda Martin
 Dick & Judy Meyners
 Brenda Mougey & Gerry Crand
 Dave & Michelle Okes
 Kim & John Olson
 Marcia Oppermann
 James & Lyndi Perry
 Susan Prevas
 Anne Marie Raftshol & Michael Emery
 William Rothlisberger
 Catherine Simmelink
 Scott & Valerie Skrine
 Karen Smith
 Ilene Torode
 Kathy & Craig Twaddell

Bruce Varnado
 Robert & Sally Vogel
 Arlene Warren
 Wayne & Joan White
 Bryce Willman

In Memory of William H. Zorn

Erna Zorn

Scholarships given in memory of

William Mohler

Bonnie Altman
 Cindy Becken
 Laurence Danielson
 Scott & Kathy DeWeese
 Dorothy & Virgil Drohman
 Martha Wealt
 Keith & June Forstrom
 Burton & Mona Gillan
 Frank & Katherine Harris
 F.A. & R.V. Helgerson
 Gregory & Gladeane Lefferdink
 William Lindenmayer
 Aina Martin & Lynda Milligan
 Bonnie Mohler
 Clayton & Laurie Mohler
 Jon Schoer & Deb Fedge
 Calvin & Mary Sefton
 Scott & Carol Strawn
 Gail Strobel
 Walter & BJ Vieregg
 Mike & Linda Wood

In Memory of Helen Mary Danley

Bobbie Anderson
 Bob & Ann Erickson
 Roger & Willene Squire
 Marci & David Wait

In Memory of Ann Smith

Kevin & Catherine Lawrence

In Memory of Don Simonton

Mark Skinner & Lou Ann Cheslock-Skinner

In memory of Aaron Grider

Rick & Jill Reed

In Memory of Jordan Fedde

Hans & Cindy Fedde

In Memory of Allen E. Schauer

Paul Schauer

GIFTS IN HONOR OF

In Honor of the 2016 Summer Staff

Thulisiwe & Charles Beresford

In Honor of Hunter & Ashley Ryll

Karen Wagenknecht

In Honor of Todd's Parents & Step

Parents Birthday's

Todd & Jill Grivetti

BART LARZELERE MEMORIAL CAMBERSHIP ENDOWMENT

Ben & Bev Larzelere

LEELAND & ELLEN SOKER ANNUAL CAMBERSHIP FUND

Nita Altum
 Stephen Antony
 Larry & Eleanor Bonicelli
 Cynthia & Curt Brogren
 Thomas & Beverley Dare
 Susan Doyle
 DST Systems, Inc
 Paul & Kathy Edstrom
 Abbie & Steve Freeman
 Todd & Jill Grivetti
 Laura & Mike Growney
 Polly Hagerty
 Beth Harrison
 Steven & Debra Kinz
 Kimberley Kistler

Brian Kruse
 Christie Kurth
 Bert & Dolly Lager
 Gregg Magee
 Tim & Sandra Maxa
 Paula Maxwell
 Orla O'Callaghan & Paul McCarthy
 Andrew & Annette Roinestad
 Kristen & Mike Saathoff
 Nicholas Schreck
 Richard Sloneker
 Dwight & Sheryl Stenseth
 Chris & Gail Tucker
 Edwin & Nancy Vikman
 Lester & Marianne Woodward

TRAILBLAZERS

The following individuals are members of the 2016 Trailblazers Club. Trailblazers is an annual giving club that keeps the ministry at Rainbow Trail alive and growing. To join, contact Dave at 719-276-5233 or check out the "Support Us" portion of our webpage at www.rainbowtrail.org. Many thanks to the following supporters of Rainbow Trail!

Eagle Peak Club \$500-\$999

Anonymous
Roger & Alice Aden
Mickey & Cindy Bannister
Dale & Edee Bauer
Scott & Kristi Beebe
Thulisiwe & Charles Beresford
Elizabeth Bockstahler
Chuck & Robbie Breaux
Jim & Cindy Britton
Martha & Clint Calvert
Jeff & Trisha Carlson
Shelly & Gerry Clemen
Dave & Carissa Cruson
Jean & Larry Danielson
Bill & Charlotte Dausses
Jay Davis
Kim & Russel Dixon
Paul & Kathy Edstrom
Kurt & Marsha Ehrhardt
Jerry & Lore Jean Ethridge
Susan & David Fisk
Gloria & Joel Friesenegger
Todd & Jill Grivetti
Dave & Kim Guinn
Fred Hansen
John & Peggy Harris
Jeff & Annie Heath
David & Linda Higbea
Stacy & Erik Hjelmstad
Koren Holden & Randall Toney
Tom & Katherine Kaley
Charlie & Linda Kelly
Beth Knutson & Steve Gustafson
Severt & Mary Kvamme
Kenneth & Donnell Lambertus
Kristin & Mike Lavelle
Ken & Laura Lisi
Nicole & Bob Long
Phyllis & Randall Lynn
Todd & Mary McNeil
Jill & Doug Monsen
Bob & Andrea Mooney
Delores & Gerry Mueller
Craig & Terri Mulford
James & Judy Myra
Arthur Norman
Robert & Colleen Norrgard
Kim & John Olson
Candy & Larry Ourada
Karen Pforr
Clint & Anne Pluenneke
Mark & Sharon Pope
Jim & Carol Reppert
Willy & Julie Reusser
Kevin & Darlene Rohrbaugh
David & Linda Ross
Scott & Sheri Roswell
Tara & Chad Sawinski
Russ & Cheri Sorensen
Linda Stuehrenberg
James & Donna Swenson
Leslie Swetnam
Bob & Jean Terry
Dick Watkins
Roy & Judy Wattawa
Mark & Allison Whitmire
Tom Williamsen
Lester & Marianne Woodward
Gene & Cheri Zeller

Jack & Phyllis Brown
Jerry & Joan Brown
Brian & Marisa Carlson
Rick & Charlene Coulson
Emily & Scott Dalen
Chuck & Lee Danielson
Jason & Kellie Davis
Ina Kay & Tom Devers
Andrea Doeden
Brad & Roseanna Doty
Joanne & Jim Dumler
Carl & Katie Edstrom
Craig & Beverly Essex
Suzan Gebow
Rick & Debra Geddes
Ken & Kay Gerhart
Laura & Mike Growney
Mark & Vera Guebert-Steward
Peder & Noel Hansen
Scott & Susan Harman
Ray & Carrie Harney
Dave & C arol Hartenberger
Kathy & Dirk Hogue
Edson & Mary Holland
Pat Holman & Phil Wangberg
Fannie Hughes
Stanley & Evelyn John
Allison & John Kane
Craig Kelly
Ben Larson
Catherine & Matt Larson
Steph Lord & William McHardy
David & Michelle Louis
Michael Meyer & Enette Larson-Meyer
oug & Jill Monsen
Adrian & Andrew Miller
Caitlin & Joshua Nelson
Sigurd & Dianne Nelson
Marcia Oppermann
Angie O'Rear
Eric & Christina Ostovic
Charlie & Claire Pineda
Jon & Jo Powers
Elden Ronnekamp
Stephanie Salazar
Dawn & Gene Scherr
Rod & Sharie Schofield
Carl & Gail Schurman
Teak & Clifford Simonton
Mark Skinner & Lou Ann Cheslock-Skinner
David Skinner
Austen Smith
Timothy & Lisa Smith
Bob & Janelle Stover
Robert & Michelle Thomsen
Laura Wouters

Base Camp \$120-\$249

Anonymous
Brad & Deb Abbott
Dawn & Shannon Ambrosio
Linda & David Asselin
Dennis Bagenstos & Judy Leiseth
Debbie & Julio Blanco
Diane Boldt & Paul Hurcomb
Matthew & Ashlea Brady
Daniel & Diana Breed
Pauline Brodbeck
Martin & Nancy Brown
Joel & Carolyn Buck-Gengler
Julia Cooley
Sharon Cox
Jim & Jann Marie Crock
Bob & Margaret Curnow
Diedra Daugherty
Judy & Louie Delaware
Maren Diercks & Paul Eppard
Mike & Michelle DiLisi
Fred & Nancy Dorth
Kim & Val Dziagwa
Russ & Pat Edwards
Swan Ellert

Emily Ewing
Mark & Carla Ewing
Barbara & Chuck Exley
Scott & Sue Fernau
John & Cathy Goodman
Steve & Lewanne Graeber
Caroll Haeffe
Landon Harman
June Hartmann & Allan Ochs
Greg & Barbara Haschke
Donna Hayden
Nancy Henning
David & Carla Herbig
Victor & Lois Hoops
Julie Horan
Paul & Lynne Horpedahl
Ruth Idler
Paul & Jeff Isaacson
George & Nancy Jacobson
Kitty Jarvis
Stan & Sandy Johnson
Charles & Gertraud Jones
Karen & Vineet Joshi
Art Kraus & Michelle Stone Kraus
David Kumpe & Rosemarie Wipfelder Kumpe
Bert & Dolly Lager
Jean Larson
Roger & Claudia Larson
Kenna Lawson
David Lindholm & Kathy Sasak-Lindholm
Susan Lovro
Paul & Rebecca Marsh
Peter & Susan Marty
Holly & Nick Massie
Tim & Lori Matson
David Miller & Anne Wenzel
Joyce Mills
Bonnie Mohler
Bob & Linda Morton
Gail & Mark Muehlethaler
Randy & Gail Mundt
Patti Nelson
Lynn Nestingen
Richard & Penny Newman
Stephanie & Christian Nisonger
Paul & Jana Oman
Corey & Katie Okes
Dave & Judy Peters
Terry & Susan Pletkovich
Alissa & Josh Plumley
Clara Remele
Dena Richter
Tiff & Kevin Roiseland
Rick & Becky Romano
Jim & Mary Ruden
Kristen & Mike Saathoff
Rodney & Dinah Schlecht
Mark & Anne Schwartz
Brad & Brooke Shannon
Jim & Bonnie Shumaker
Gina & Jay Simonson
Teran Sittner
Kevin & Sarah Smith
Paul & Lisa Smith
Jim & Pat Speckmann
Harold & Susan Stitt
Sharon & Bruce Stokes
Dave & Deb Stransky
Marion Talley
La' Arnie & Bert Tise
Merlyn & Jerry Tjelle
Scott Treider & Carol Serrano-Treider
Amber & Joe Turner
Clarence & Marlyn Ver Sluys
Leonard & Judy Walgren
Greg & Deb Watson
Barbara White
Wayne & Joan White
Terry & Holly Wubbena
Einar & Lone Wulfsberg
Ben & Corliss Wyatt
Dee Yocum
Gene & Angie Youngmann

Rainbow Lake Club \$250-\$499

Anonymous
Margaret & Norm Aarestad
Cheryl Almquist
Edna Anderson
Frederick Bachman
Steven & Theresa Beal
Melissa Beaman
Gary & Patty Bliss
Liza & Nathan Blom
Larry & Eleanor Bonicelli

A different, yet significant way to support the ministries of Rainbow Trail

Needs List



These are essential items needed for our day-to-day operations. A designated monetary gift would certainly be welcome as well. You can bring these items with you any time you come to camp or call us to arrange a drop-off or pick-up. Thank you for your continued support!

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| White 20# copy Paper (Laser quality) | 9x12 Manila envelopes (no clasps) |
| Reams of colored copy paper | 6x9 Manila Envelopes (no clasps) |
| Avery 5366 Labels | 12 - 5 ft. round white Lifetime tables |
| Avery 5164 Labels | 6 or 8 ft. rectangular white Lifetime tables |
| Nalgene Water Bottles (40) | 25-gallon Rubbermaid tubs (24) |
| Masking tape | A "new" economic car for Day Camp |
| Scotch Tape | Foam Brushes - 1" |
| Duct Tape | Paintbrushes - all sizes, inexpensive |
| Packing Tape | 2-drawer Locking File Cabinet |
| Adobe Creative Suite 6 (Mac) | 4-drawer Locking File Cabinet |
| Postage stamps | |
| Long barreled fire lighters (Bic) | |

Wish List

These are larger items that we haven't budgeted for, but would love to have. Contact us if you would like to donate any of these items, new or gently used. You can bring them to camp, or call to arrange a drop-off or pick-up. Thank you for your continued support.



- | | |
|---|---|
| Heavy Duty Cotton Work Gloves | New high chairs (3) |
| Industrial Mop buckets (call us first!) | 40" LED Digital Flat Screen TVs (2) |
| 12 Canvas Print Photos for BC | Free Standing Space Heaters (3) |
| Sturdy Wheelbarrows | GoPro HERO4 Black |
| Jump Drives | Vermeer Brush Chipper |
| New Full sheets - white (16) | Freezerless Refrigerator |
| New Full or single mattress pads | Dish Cart |
| New Queen sheets - white | Phillips 60W & 100W Dimmable LED Bulbs |
| New Queen mattress pads | Non-Insulated Holding Cabinet for Kitchen |
| New 3-piece towel sets (20) | 120 Volt Ice Machine |
| Digital camera (min 10-12 megapixel) | Ice Storage Bin |
| Costumes for life of Christ | Skid Steer Tire Chains |
| 5-gallon shop vacuums (3) | Commercial Washers (2) and Dryers (2) |
| Shark Navigator vacuums (4) | |

Shop Online

It's easy to give a gift from RTLCL's Needs or Wish Lists online. We've pre-selected items that we are looking for and provided links straight to great deals that we've found. You can even ship directly to us!

www.rainbowtrail.org/donate/needs-and-wish-list

Administrative Office

107 S. 9th Street, Suite B
Canon City, CO 81212
Phone: 719-276-5233
Fax: 719-276-5235
Office Hours: 9 am - 5 pm



Camp Office

P.O. Box T
3056 County Road 198
Hillside, CO 81232
Phone: 719-942-4220
Fax: 719-942-4000

Full-Time Staff

- Dave Jarvis, Executive Director.....dave@rainbowtrail.org
Sara Marietta, Executive Secretary.....info@rainbowtrail.org
Aurice Worley, Bookkeeper.....accounting@rainbowtrail.org
Sam Berglund, Director of Compass Points & Day Camp...samantha@rainbowtrail.org
Jordan Jensen, Director of Retreats.....jordan@rainbowtrail.org
Ben Jarvis, Director of On-Site & Bridging Borders.....ben.jarvis@rainbowtrail.org
Kyle Larson, Director of Site & Facilities.....kyle@rainbowtrail.org
Chris Seaman, Food Service Manager.....chris@rainbowtrail.org
Katie Scherr, Program Assistant.....katie@rainbowtrail.org
Chad Nelsen, Program Assistant.....chad@rainbowtrail.org

Board of Directors

- President.....Michelle Okes, Bethany Lutheran, Denver, CO
Vice Pres..... Rev. Vera Guebert-Steward, Evergreen Lutheran, Evergreen, CO
Secretary.....Scott Skrine, King of Glory Lutheran, Arvada, CO
Treasurer.....Kathy Twaddell, Atonement Lutheran, Boulder, CO
.....Rev. Russ Britton, Bethany Lutheran, Denver, CO
.....Kevin Flesch, Augustana Lutheran, Denver, CO
.....Chris Lieber, First Lutheran, Colorado Springs, CO
.....Rev. Jane Jebsen, Faith Lutheran, Golden, CO
.....Allan Spies, Augustana Lutheran, Denver, CO

www.rainbowtrail.org

We make every effort to list each donor, but mistakes do happen. If we have inadvertently omitted your name or listed you incorrectly, we apologize. Please call 719-276-5233 and let us know so that we can make corrections.