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## It's Finally Happening!

### Rainbow Trail Submits Official Land Exchange Proposal

The land exchange is happening! In what has been a process that began back in 2008, Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp is finally stepping into the actual process for the land exchange with the Forest Service. We've had close to four years of little movement, so we want to get everyone caught up with where we are. We want everyone to understand what a land exchange is all about.

Rainbow Trail currently sits on leased National Forest land and we are working to own our site. The Forest Service does not have the authority to conduct an outright sale of National Forest lands. A land exchange is the only method for acquiring federal lands such as the site upon which Rainbow Trail currently resides.

To complete a land exchange, Rainbow Trail needed to secure private lands on the San Isabel National Forest with high public values that the Forest Service is interested in



acquiring. Once private lands equal in value to the federal lands at the Rainbow Trail site were found, a formal exchange proposal could be submitted to the Forest Service, beginning the 64-step land exchange process. The process culminates in the Forest Service issuing a patent to Rainbow Trail and Rainbow Trail deeding the private lands it secured to the federal government.

In 2014, Rainbow Trail purchased the non-federal land we needed for the exchange. Rainbow Trail acquired 120 acres in the Locke Park area of the Wet Mountains. Since then, we have been waiting for the Forest Service to have the time and personnel to address our exchange.

At a meeting in early February, the Forest Service suddenly requested that Rainbow Trail submit

its proposal for the Locke Park Land Exchange. Since then, we have been working feverishly to finalize our land exchange proposal. On April 6, Rainbow Trail submitted its draft exchange proposal for the Forest Service to determine the cost collection agreement (the bill) for the Forest Service to complete its internal feasibility analysis for the exchange. Once that bill is paid, the feasibility analysis will begin and will run through most of the summer. We hope that by fall 2018, the Forest service will have the feasibility analysis completed and approved. Once approved, the next step in the process will be signing an Agreement to Initiate with the Forest Service. Then the 64 steps in the land exchange process, which includes legal notices, request for public comments, field studies, appraisals, and environmental reports, will get underway.

Recently, the Washington D.C. office of the Forest Service **CONT'D ON PAGE 2, "LAND"**

## Blessing Bags

### Putting Bible Study Into Action Down the Mountain

A constant goal for us at Rainbow Trail is to find ways to help campers and retreaters bring their experiences "down the mountain." We've even had whole summer Bible studies devoted to this very topic. In an effort to share the joy, love, grace, acceptance, and mercy that God gives us with those outside of RTLCL, we are trying a special project this summer with our on-site campers.

As a part of our Bible study this summer, every camper will be receiving 2 "Blessing Bags" to take home and give to someone to be a blessing in their life. Though they could go to people without shelter, they are not intended only for the homeless. These bags are a tangible way for campers to be a blessing in

the life of someone else. Our hope is that campers can use these blessing bags to embody God's love and grace in the world when they leave RTLCL. We hope the bags can encourage our campers to be bold back home. It takes practice not only to notice the needs of others, but then to act with compassion and show them love, as God does.

The contents are intended to be more general items that will be useful and fitting for any recipient.

If someone in your family is coming to Rainbow Trail this summer and would like to contribute to this special project, please consider donating some of the following items at camp when you come for your week at RTLCL.

#### BLESSING BAGS ITEMS:

- Box of Fruit Snacks
- Bulk box of Chapstick
- Packs of Chewing Gum
- Lotion, 1oz Bottles
- Facial Tissue - To-Go Packets
- Small Word Search Puzzle Books
- Ballpoint Pens
- Granola Bars
- 8 oz Bottles of Water

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#### 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

My spirit is full! There are so many great things happening with our ministry. Final preparations for summer, providing our staff online spring training, attending Synod assembly, leading retreats, buying clothing for popshop and assorted recreation equipment we need to provide our ministry, and the increased activity with the land exchange are just SOME of the things we are doing right now. Campers will be arriving in a little more than a month. It is an awesome opportunity that we can be a part of the faith development of so many of your children. It is a task we take very seriously. Thanks for trusting us!

Registrations are very strong for summer and all weeks are pretty much full except week #10 and the open sign-up Compass Points trips. There are some spots in intro #2 for boys and in Senior High #1 and #2 for both boys and girls. There is still a lot of room in that last week of camp (week #10). Double check when your school starts for the fall. Many schools don't start until after that last week. Don't miss out on the chance to be at camp with our great staff. If finances are an issue, email me and let's talk. Don't let money be the reason for not coming to camp. We have campership money available for that purpose. There are no forms to fill out, and you don't need to share any private information. Take advantage of this opportunity to help your child have the best week of their summer at Rainbow Trail!

Our summer staff will soon be here! Our Directors arrive on Monday, May 21st and the rest of our ministry team arrives on Memorial Day. We are so excited about this team and all they will have to offer our campers. This is a great group! Over 53% of this staff is from the Rocky Mountain Synod. There will be many familiar faces but also a bunch of wonderful new ones that are ready to meet you and love you! Please keep this team in your prayers as they prepare for this summer. May God use them in amazing ways this summer!!

The land exchange process is moving – in a very real way! Persistence has paid off. We have submitted the draft version of our land exchange proposal to the Forest Service. We are waiting to receive a collection agreement (a bill) to cover the cost of a feasibility analysis of our exchange. With that check, we will submit the final version of our land exchange proposal. The feasibility analysis will take most of the summer. But hopefully in September, we will receive a positive response form the feasibility study and we will sign the agreement to initiate the actual exchange! All of a sudden, the time line is shorter and the possibilities are tremendous! Thanks for walking this journey with us. We will own our site and it will be a celebration! For us to cover the remaining cost of the land exchange process itself and the multiple studies that are required and included in the exchange, we will need to probably raise around an additional \$200,000 to finish the exchange. We need people to step forward that believe in the value of this ministry in the lives of youth and families. If you are interested in making a gift to the land exchange, I'd love to hear from you!

We continue to need your support for this ministry through prayer, through your gift of time and energy, and through your financial gifts. I hope you know how much your gifts are appreciated. I am humbled by the number of supporters that have made this ministry a priority. It is through your support that we are able to do things that we could have only imagined. Our site is phenomenal. Kyle just completed refinishing the Aspen dining hall floor and Lupine (our old recreation equipment cabin) will be ready to be a camper cabin by summer. And the projects of Memorial Work Weekend are still to come including remodeling our last cabin! There are so many ways to support this ministry. Gifts of all sizes, large and small, make this ministry run. Thanks for believing in the power of this ministry!

Rainbow Trail strives to continually improve our ministry. This summer, we are participating in the Effective Camp Research Project that is occurring at our ELCA camps across the country. This research will provide us with some quantitative data that supports what we believe happens through this ministry. It will be fun to see what we will learn from this project. Three weeks of our summer will be a part of the research. This spring, our family and the Jensen family have been planning for a wedding happening this fall! It has actually been a very fun process, and Ben and Jordan have everything under control. It is very different than when Nellie and I got married, so we are learning a lot too. We had a chance to spend Easter with the Jensen family and had a fabulous time with them. That time together will make the actual wedding an even more fun celebration!

I'll see you this summer! It is going to be a great one! I can't believe we are already starting another one. Thanks for the blessing of serving you for another summer. This is summer #30 for me. I can't wait! See you soon!

Until next time...

*Dave*

## The 12th Annual Grace Race



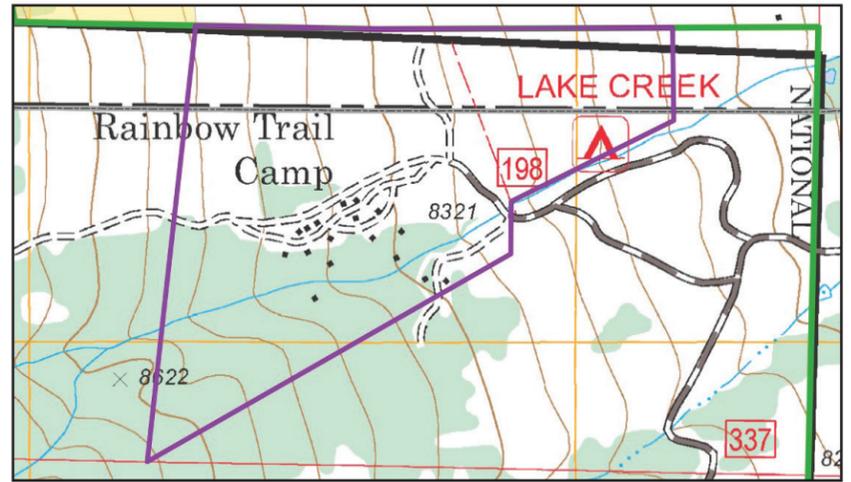
The date has been set! Please join us on Saturday, **October 6, 2018** for the 12th Annual Grace Race. The race will begin at 4 pm with check-in beginning at 2:30 pm. We will be grilling after the race as we did last year. There is now a traveling trophy for the congregation with the most participants. This year we will again be partnering with the Rocky Mountain Synod World Hunger appeal. Can't wait to see you

all there to support the World Hunger Appeal. We're hoping to have 350 runners and raise \$10,000 this year for World Hunger.



Cross of Christ, Broomfield  
"Fleetest Flock" Trophy Winners  
2017

## "LAND," CONTINUED



Proposed property lines of Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp, post exchange.

revised its policy regarding funding for its internal feasibility analysis. In the past, National Forest units were not allowed to charge an exchange proponent for the Forest's cost to complete the feasibility analysis. Lack of available funds for the feasibility analysis has been a major impediment to getting land exchanges off the ground. The Pike-San Isabel National Forest has embraced this new policy and is now taking a more entrepreneurial approach to land exchanges. If an entity like RTALC has a good exchange proposal and is ready and willing to provide the funds to get the process moving, the Pike-San Isabel National Forest is ready to work on those projects.

Rainbow Trail will need to provide additional funds after the Agreement to Initiate is signed to cover the Forest Service's cost to process the exchange. In order to have the needed funds to begin the exchange by September, we are going

to start raising the remaining balance we need to complete the land exchange process. We estimate we still need to raise is around \$250,000. This will cover the Forest Service's staff, costs to process the exchange, consultant fees, biological and archaeological studies and reports, and appraisal reports. We continue to ask for your prayers and your financial support. If you gave to the land purchase, I hope that you will consider giving an additional gift for the future of RTALC. Your contributions at this stage will help us see this process to fruition. If you haven't given yet, consider making a special gift for the future generations that will be a part of this ministry. I would love to have a more in-depth conversation with you and explain more about this once in a lifetime opportunity. You can reach me by email at [dave@rainbowtrail.org](mailto:dave@rainbowtrail.org) or by phone at 719-429-1377. Help us make Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp our Home At Last!

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Thanks to these congregations who have included us in their annual budgets!

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Trinity Lutheran Church, Fowler  
Trinity Lutheran Church, Monument  
Zion Lutheran Church, Trinidad

# Sight to Site

By Kyle Larson - Director of Site and Facilities

Spring is upon us and it certainly feels that way! There just aren't enough hours in the day to accomplish the HUGE list of things that need to happen before summer. It always has a way of working out but not without a fair share of work along the way!

Winter at camp has been a lot easier than usual. I think I can only recall plowing two or three times. While it made for an easier season, it makes me wonder about what the summer may hold. If I had to guess, we'll be doing a lot of cookouts over a propane fire instead of a camp fire. I suppose that's a small price to pay for the security of [hopefully] not having any more forest fires! Pray for lots of spring snow before summer gets here!

Each year in my job I learn a lot of things that I never thought I'd know how to do. This year it was how to refinish a hardwood floor. The floor in the dining hall was looking pretty rough so I decided to take it down to bare wood and then re-seal it with polyurethane. What I thought was going to take me a few weeks, took me close to a month! I hope that by the time summer comes around, it'll still be shining like it is but either way, check it out next time you're at camp. The grain really pops.

Of course with the coming of summer comes preparation for our annual Memorial Day work weekend. I've come to love this weekend as part of my position. Sure it's a lot of work and planning on the front end but it's incredible to be part of something that so many people are committed to. The weekend itself seems to shock me more and more each year. The dedication that everyone has to the ministry of Rainbow Trail is a true blessing. The site certainly wouldn't be as well-kept without the work of all the volunteers that weekend. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates and pictures throughout the weekend. It'll be another great one!

Another piece of the coming summer that has already taken form is our summer staff. We had an awesome pool of people apply this year and truly feel like we have the best possible team to do ministry this summer. I'm particularly excited for the maintenance team because it's bigger than it has ever been! We were able to hire ten camp hands for the summer which should put us in a great place to make huge moves during the summer. It's going to be great!

In my life outside of camp, things have really leveled out. I was FINALLY able to finish and refinance my house in April and I couldn't be happier. What a relief it has been to be able to enjoy my time off. Of course I'm not totally done but I'm close enough to live there and chip away at the remaining projects at a leisurely pace. That's something that I'm just not familiar with in the slightest. Thanks to everyone that followed along and offered encouragement on the journey. It was a learning experience but one that I'm really satisfied and proud to have done.

This coming weekend there will be a work weekend at camp with Evergreen Lutheran Church who will be helping convert Lupine from our rec cabin back into a camper cabin. I'm off to buy supplies and get everything ready for them. Be sure to check out the transformation next time you're at camp!

Kyle



# Thank You Program Assistants



The past nine months, we have had two wonderful Program Assistants from Wisconsin who have truly become a part of the full-time staff family. From organizing retreats and leading worships to teaching woodcarving and mopping floors, we have appreciated all they have done to contribute to Rainbow Trail.

Faith, your calm presence, your quickness to laugh, and your eagerness to learn have made you a pleasure to work with. Daniel, your enthusiasm for outdoor ministry and passion for worship have been huge blessings. Thank you, both!

We wish Faith well as she pursues her work in outdoor ministry in Canada; and Daniel as he pursues other outdoor ministry options for the summer in the midwest.

Thank you again for sharing your gifts with us, Faith and Daniel! It has been a pleasure to serve alongside you both.

# Chris' Corner

By Chris Seaman - Food Service Manager

Hello to my RTLC family! It's hard to believe we have our summer staff in place. Our time together is fast approaching! As of right now, I have a big job to do. Kyle has done an awesome job refinishing the dining hall floor; which means I have to wash every dish and pot and pan we have! I look at it as time to also do a lot of planning in my mind (scary thought) of all the things that I would like to accomplish this summer.

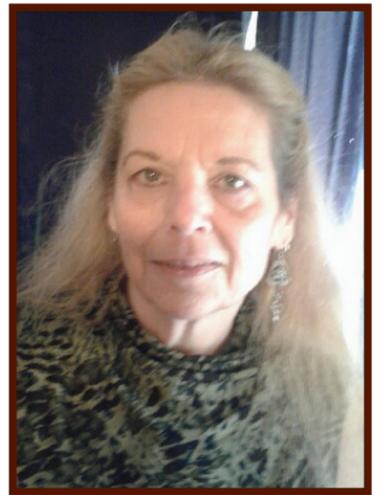
We are still in retreat mode; which doesn't always mean a slower pace, with the size of the retreats we have had and still have coming! Thanks to some awesome servant-hearted retreaters a lot has been done as far as getting a head start on the end of season deep clean. Once again I have to limit myself due to the amount that needs to go into this newsletter. So I think I will start with the helpful hints!

When washing greasy dishes, add a half cup of baking soda to the water; it acts as an awesome grease cutter! If you have two glasses stuck together, just fill the top one with cold water and dip the bottom one in hot water. If you ever wondered how much ice you will need for a party, the rule of thumb is one pound per person. If your table is set with candles, it would be wise to place a small amount of salt around the top to eliminate wax droppings on the table.

Now to this article's recipe. I had several requests for the Granola recipe this Fall; so here it is! You will need 20 cups of quick cook oats, 2 cups brown sugar, 2 cups powdered milk, 3 and 1/2 cups honey, 2 and 1/4 cups butter flavored oil, 1/2 cup water, 1/4 cup vanilla. First preheat your oven to 275 degrees; next combine the oats, brown sugar and powdered milk in a large bowl. In a separate bowl, combine the honey, oil, water, and vanilla. Mix well and add to the oat mixture and mix well. Spread granola onto cookie sheets that have been sprayed with no stick spray. Do not press down. Bake for 20 minutes; remove from oven and stir. Return to oven and bake for another 25 minutes, or until golden brown. Stir when you remove granola from the oven and again in about 5 to 10 minutes. If you don't do the second stir you will have a cookie sheet size granola bar!

This will be my 15th summer and it amazes me that I still get so excited to see the staff arrive, to see the first influx of kiddos, and to see all my favorite people returning to this wonderful, God-filled place to be re-energized and renewed. Can't wait for all of those hugs! We will see each other soon. Until then, always remember, God Is Great!

-Chris



# Men's Fly Fishing Retreat September 20-23, 2018



Step out of the stresses of ordinary life and into the refreshing waters of the Arkansas River. This weekend of great fly fishing, hanging out with the guys, and amazing worship and conversation is led by Pastors Dave Risendal and Roger Thompson. Their deep love of fly fishing and the gospel will help you re-center and deepen your faith. Expand your fly fishing skills with instruction from Ark Anglers Fly Shop, fly tying workshops, and advice from

seasoned fishermen. Whether you are an experienced angler or just want to try fly fishing, this is a weekend you won't want to miss! The \$195 program fee includes meals and lodging. Rental equipment and professionally guided fishing are available at a great price! Invite your friends and join us for an amazing weekend.

## Online Registration & More Information

[rainbowtrail.org/retreats/mens-retreats/fly-fishing](http://rainbowtrail.org/retreats/mens-retreats/fly-fishing)

### ORDER RAINBOW TRAIL BLEND FOR YOUR CHURCH!

- Tired of Folgers? You can order 5 pound bags of delicious, fresh-roasted, whole bean or ground Rainbow Trail Blend coffee online! What's even better is that all profits of RTLC's unique coffee blend provide funds for kids to come to camp! Start ordering delicious coffee with a purpose for your congregation today by going to [shop.rainbowtrail.org](http://shop.rainbowtrail.org)!

## RAINBOW TRAIL IS ON SOCIAL MEDIA!



Follow Us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat (@rtlc1957) this summer to see what's going on at camp! Villages, Day Camps, and Off-Site Programs will be posting using the hashtag #thischangeseverythingRTLC. Tag your own posts with this hashtag as well so that we can see the stories of the summer! Also, you can post anytime using #RTLC when talking about camp, or #RTLCSWAG when wearing Rainbow Trail gear!

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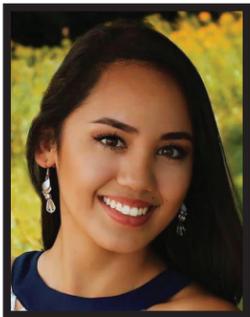
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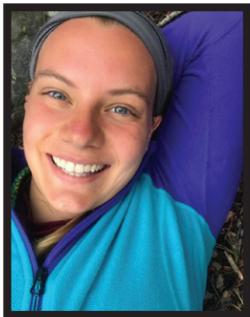
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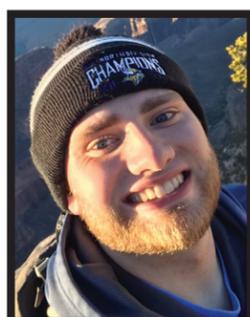
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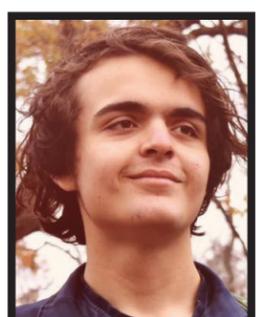
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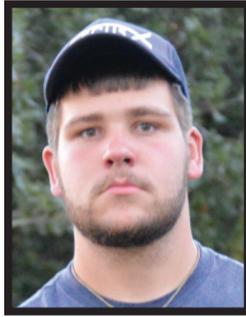
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## Jam Session

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

Summer is coming. I, for one, am pretty excited about it. Sure, summer at RTLCL means a lot less free time and a busy schedule every day for 13 weeks, but it also means much more.

This year, I'm particularly excited about summer for many reasons. I'm excited for the staff to join us in a few short weeks. Many of our staff this year are new to Rainbow Trail, but I am so confident in the team we've hired. I can't wait to see what they do with and for campers. I'm excited about the new photography program at camp! Photography is one of the few ways that I can be creative and artistic. I discovered a love for photography in yearbook while in high school. Since then, I've grown to really appreciate the art and the storytelling and adventure sharing power of photography. I'm excited to share some of that passion with campers. I'm also excited about being on the mountainside. The warm days grilling at the Fire, the cool nights at evening seeing creative All Camp activities come to life, ending the evening with worship, and the earthy smell of the pine and dirt from the forest are a few of the images and sensations that come to mind. Finally, I'm excited to invest in others, play volleyball, hike, play guitar, and see people transform over the course of a short week or the summer.

I've noticed a pattern in my first four full-time summers, and I would expect this summer will be no different in this regard. That realization has been that before I know it, it'll be Week 6, then Week 9, then the summer will be over. 13 weeks moves VERY quickly. As Ferris Bueller said, "Life moves pretty fast... if you don't stop and look around once in a while, you could miss it." I've tried to really take this to heart. While the summer comes with struggles, challenges, joys, tears, highs, lows, and transformative experiences, this too shall pass. It's up to us to make the most of every day that God gives us. I hope that in those tired afternoons and in those trying situations, I can show love. I hope that in those fun, energizing, and spirit filling times that I can be fully present. I hope the same for our staff, our campers, and all of you regardless of what adventures your summer has in store.

Maybe the thing I'm most anticipating this summer is finalizing preparations with Jordan for our fall wedding. My parents even joined me and Jordan in Iowa for Easter this year to get to know my future in-laws. We spent an eventful weekend with the always fun, loving, wild, and entertaining Jensen/Risetter crowd (and had a blast). It's a really fun time of life right now and, thanks to times like Easter with family, it's easy to be intentional about living fully in the moment.

Blessings on your summers! I'm eager to see many of you very soon.

Carpe Diem,



## Help Us Light Up Our Site!

Retreating at Rainbow Trail has taken off in a significant way since adding a Director of Retreat Ministries to the full-time team. While this is a great addition to the ministry happening here, it has shown us some of the needs that we have overlooked in some of our main buildings. The main room of Columbine is used often in retreat season as a meeting space, a game space, and as a worship space. The multi-use nature of this room is wonderful, but the lighting in this room lacks the same versatility. In an attempt to meet the needs of our growing Retreat program, the lights in Columbine will be changed to dimmers. But this project is a bigger undertaking than it may appear at first glance.

A few year 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 \$2,000-\$3,000! To help cushion the expense and to assist us in transforming some of our spaces at RTLCL, we are asking for donations of dimmable LED light bulbs. In an effort to keep things consistent, we have selected Phillips 60 watt and 100 watt dimmable LED 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.

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By Jordan Jensen - Director of Retreats

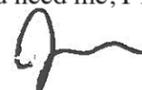
As the days get warmer and the sun sets later, I am reminded of my love for the spring season. All things seem fresh...the fruit, the flowers, the mountain air! The Easter season also brings anticipation and promise. My hope is that you are enjoying this time of the year as much as I am.

Between weekend retreats and days out skiing, the past few months have been a great time for travel. In the past couple of months Ben and I have made trips out to Los Angeles and Des Moines, and plan on flying to two more cities before summer! Los Angeles was unlike any place I have yet to experience. Compared to winters in Colorado, Southern California had SO MUCH COLOR. It was fun to see murals and palm trees at every turn and try some of the best food LA had to offer. We also got to spend time with a couple of my best high school friends.

At the end of the month, Ben and I will make a trek over to Kansas City to help a good friend move out to Denver, and then we will fly down to Austin, Texas to visit Ben's sister. Let me know if you have any suggestions of places to visit! It is sure to be a fun couple of months before the busy-ness of summer.

The Summit - Youth Ministry Retreat was a time of connection, reflection, and self-care. The group had time for discussion, networking, and even some Holy Yoga! I feel grateful to be surrounded by such great partners in this ministry. Be sure to join us next year for the retreat, and thanks to all who made it out for this year's event. Keep an eye out for other great retreating opportunities this fall too.

The anticipation surrounding the bustling summer months at camp is a constant reminder to appreciate the quiet and peacefulness that comes with the retreat season. If you need me, I'll be in the mountains cuddling with my dog and drinking iced tea.



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## Simply Sam

By Sam Berglund - Director of Compass Points & Day Camp

Happy Spring to you all! I hope this finds you well-rested and happy during this busy season. We're full speed ahead here at camp, getting staff documents out, ordering equipment and compiling training manuals of all kinds! Something I've really loved doing this spring has been hike-in days. On these days I spend 7 or 8 hours hiking/snowshoeing in through different trails we'll use this summer, mapping out campsites, lunch spots and tricky turns in order to make navigating trails even easier for our guides and groups this summer. I've found that these days have really renewed my spirit and centered me during this busy season. There's something about being completely alone in the backcountry knowing I have a whole day to bask in the epic silence and the beauty that few end up seeing back there this time of year! (Last week I even had a bobcat dart past me on the trail, what a day at the office)



When I'm not in the backcountry I've been busy contacting groups, ordering our new day camp shirts and getting to know our new staff that will be here in a few short months! I'm so excited for our new staff and can't wait to see what another incredible group of people do for another summer of RTLCLC ministry. When I'm not at work I've been selling art and t-shirts in Salida and recently have had the opportunity to hang a bunch of my art in a new local business that opened up earlier this month. I've loved being a part of the artistic scene in this community and am excited for other opportunities to come along as I continue to grow and meet new people in this beautiful mountain town.

We still have openings for our Adult Open Compass Points trip, if you're interested in spending a week of adventure in the backcountry feel free to contact me anytime at [sam@rainbowtrail.org](mailto:sam@rainbowtrail.org) or check out our website <http://www.rainbowtrail.org/compass-points/adult-open-trip/>

Well that's it from me! As always, keep us all in your prayers as we prepare for another incredible season of ministry up here on the mountain and thank you for all of your support!

God's Peace to you all,

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Check back often for new products, discounts, sales and more!

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The new online popshop is up and flying! If you are looking for new gear for your week of camp, a birthday gift for someone that loves RTLCLC, or just need a new nightlight for your bathroom, you can quickly shop online, and your order will be moving your way! **Thanks to Grace Lutheran Church in Colorado Springs for funding the new online store!** Go online to [shop.rainbowtrail.org](http://shop.rainbowtrail.org) now and check it out!

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Ever wish doing dishes at home was like KP at camp? Ever long for that that good summertime mix that reminds you of cookouts at the Fircle? Ever crave clean dance jams and familiar line dance music from RTLCLC? We've got you covered. Rainbow Trail has begun putting its commonly used playlists on spotify so that you can take more pieces of Rainbow Trail home with you! Simply search RTLCLC in Spotify and our playlists show right up! Now go enjoy some good tunes that remind you of the mountain until you're back in Hillside!



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- May 25-28.....Memorial Day Work Weekend
- May 28- June 9.....Staff Training
- June 10- August 19.....Summer Camps
- Aug 31-Sept. 3.....Labor Day Family Weekend
- September 20-23.....Men's Fly Fishing Retreat
- October 6.....Grace Race 5k (Denver)
- October 12-14.....Fall Ambassadors Retreat
- October 19-21.....Confirmation Retreat
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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 us, 719-276-5233, and let us know so that we can make corrections.

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## 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!

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| White 20# copy Paper (Laser quality) | Long barreled fire lighters (Bic)      |
| Reams of colored copy paper          | 9x12 Manila envelopes (no clasps)      |
| Avery 5366 Labels                    | 6x9 Manila Envelopes (no clasps)       |
| Avery 5164 Labels                    | 10x13 Manila Envelopes (no clasps)     |
| Masking tape                         | 12 - 5 ft. round white Lifetime tables |
| Scotch Tape                          | Rain Jackets & Rain Pants              |
| Duct Tape                            | 25-gallon Rubbermaid tubs (24)         |
| Packing Tape                         | On-Site and Compass Points Day Packs   |
| Postage stamps                       | Foam Brushes - 1"                      |
| 8.5x11 Yellow Tablets                | Paintbrushes - all sizes, inexpensive  |

## 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.



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| Heavy Duty Cotton Work Gloves           | Free Standing Space Heaters (3)           |
| Industrial Mop buckets (call us first!) | GoPro HERO4 Black                         |
| 12 Large Canvas Print Photos for BC     | Vermeer Brush Chipper                     |
| Sturdy Wheelbarrows                     | Freezerless Refrigerator                  |
| Jump Drives                             | Dish Cart                                 |
| New Full or single mattress pads        | Phillips 60W & 100W Dimmable LED Bulbs    |
| New Queen sheets - white                | Non-Insulated Holding Cabinet for Kitchen |
| New Queen mattress pads                 | 120 Volt Ice Machine                      |
| New 3-piece towel sets (20)             | 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. There is also a Compass Points specific list online. You can even ship directly to us!

[www.rainbowtrail.org/donate/needs-and-wish-list](http://www.rainbowtrail.org/donate/needs-and-wish-list)

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