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On a Mission from God!

Rainbow Trail has a New Mission and Vision Statement

We have all been waiting very patiently for the land exchange to start moving in earnest. But there have been some very important steps for the future of Rainbow Trail that have been happening in the meantime that will propel Rainbow Trail's ministry into the future. Over the last year and half, the Rainbow Trail Board has worked diligently to gather and synthesize information, to understand what people want from this ministry, and then to chart a future direction for Rainbow Trail. After eight focus groups across the Rocky Mountain Synod, from Albuquerque to Ft. Collins, and over 100 interviews with summer staff, full-time staff, family campers, and youth campers, Kristin Wiersma, with Kairos and Associates, was able to pull all the information into some sense of order. It is from all of this work that the Board crafted our new, living Mission Statement.



The new mission statement was unanimously approved at the January 11-12th, 2019 Rainbow Trail Board meeting. The new mission statement boldly states:

Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp creates holy spaces that embody God's radical grace to affirm, empower, and transform all people to be Christ's light in the world.

Our Missional Motivators are:

We value and are intentional about:

- Holy spaces where God is at work
- Genuinely living God's profound grace and love
- Actively engaging in the living Word of God
- Authentic, safe, and quality relationships and experiences
- Radical and abundant hospitality
- All people being empowered to claim and live out their unique gifts.

It is from this mission statement that the structure of our new Strategic Plan will take shape. The initial steps of the strategic plan are to take some time to get everyone in tune with the culture that is Rainbow Trail. This is the part of Rainbow Trail that people want to make sure never goes away.

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Keeping the Eye on the Prize

Beginning the Final Fund Raising Campaign for the Land Exchange

The first phase of the land exchange process has begun! Although the five-week government shutdown delayed our progress, it looks as though we will be able to proceed soon. We want everyone to understand what a land exchange is all about, and where we are in that process.

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.

The first steps of the land exchange process involve a feasibility analysis of our land exchange to ensure that the exchange is good for the American people and for the Forest Service. As soon as the Forest Service is back in business, we will be able to sign the finalized collection agreement (the

bill) for the feasibility analysis.

Once the collection agreement is signed and the bill is paid, the work on the feasibility analysis will begin. The work on the feasibility analysis will take a little more than a year. Then, if we receive an affirmative response from the feasibility analysis, we would sign the Agreement to Initiate the actual exchange 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. An optimistic timeline for completion of the entire exchange process is by the end of 2021.

Rainbow Trail will need to provide additional funds to the Forest Service after the Agreement to Initiate the Exchange is signed to cover the Forest Service's cost to process the land exchange. In order to have the needed funds to begin the actual land exchange in

Rainbow Trail Mission Statement

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Trail Boss

By Dave Jarvis - Executive Director

It has been a whirlwind start to the year for us. Nell and I came back from vacation on December 28th. I helped host the staff reunion at camp the next three days, and then we had a Texas ski group move in on New Year's Eve and stay for the week following. I had a promotion in Denver on January 6th and then we raced back to camp for our Bible study writers' retreat. Since then, we have been preparing for recruiting our summer staff in Colorado and the Midwest. We will leave for the Midwest in early February. We have had amazing early registrations for our summer on-site programs. Four weeks are already full with one more getting close to full. Our summer camper weeks will fill quickly. Don't wait to register! Take a look at which week will work for your child and register now. It will be a life-changing week for your kids! See if week 10 will work for your schedule. It is one of our best weeks of the summer! And bring a friend with you to share the experience. We are expanding the group of campers for that week to create a Beloved Community that includes kids of different abilities. We also have 35 day camps scheduled that will be happening out in the congregations. There is still room for your senior high youth to go on a Compass Points backpacking trip or Bridging Borders service trip this summer. Contact Sam Berglund or me respectively for more information on these programs.



Many people think that church camp is a nice "extra" in their child's summer. But it is so much more. The Rev. Dan Bollman, who was the Synod staff person who related to Outdoor ministries under Bishop Bjornberg, used to say, "Camp is not a nicety, it is a necessity in the faith development of our youth." I hear from campers over and over again about how camp has solidified their faith and really equipped them to be Christ's light in the world. Camp changes people in some amazing ways. I want every child to experience that wonderfully loving and grace-filled community. Money should never be the reason any child doesn't come to RTALC. So, don't let that be a barrier. The first question to ask is "Do you want your child to go to camp?" That is a yes/no question. If your answer is yes, then, together, let's figure out a way to get them there. If you are in a position where finances will prevent you from sending your child to camp, please contact me—we'll find a way to get your child to camp! We have very generous donors that have given specifically to provide camperships for this exact reason. Do this for your child. If you want your kids or family to come to camp this summer, we will find a way to make that happen!

We have begun our recruiting tour to find our 2019 summer staff. We have already visited the Colorado state schools and have talked with some great candidates. We will be heading to the Midwest on February 4th for two weeks. Sam and I will be traveling together this year. I ask for your prayers as we travel. I also ask for your prayers for the whole selection process. We are anticipating a strong group of returning staff from last summer's crew that will make a solid foundation for this summer. This is always a fun time of the year as the summer ministry team starts taking shape. We are still in the process of filling Ben and Jordan's full-time positions. They are big shoes to fill and we are taking the time to find the right people.

As you can see on the front page of this newsletter, we have a great new mission statement that really matches who we are as a ministry. We are realizing that there is an amazing culture that is Rainbow Trail that we never want to lose. The initial steps of the new strategic plan are to get everyone to fully onboard with our culture. Our Board is going to follow our online training with our summer staff this spring to gain a better understanding of all the training that we do. This is going to be fun and exciting to share!

With the government shutdown, the land exchange process is on hold until the Forest service is back in action. We hope that happens soon! The feasibility analysis should begin soon and then it will be a little over a year before we get the results of that study. If that is affirmative, then the actual exchange will begin. Keep praying!

2018 was another great year for our ministry. Our programs continued to be very full; we had an amazing summer staff; we continued to systematically upgrade our site through the golden opportunity program; and we had phenomenal support for this ministry—through financial gifts, prayer, and the gift of people's time. None of this would have happened without you. We strive to make the best use of your gifts and to be an excellent partner with the congregations in the geographical area of the Rocky Mountain Synod. I am humbled by your generosity. Thank you all for another incredible year of support for this ministry and for me as your director. I am reminded every week of every summer that what we do changes lives and makes the world different.

Nell and I just got back from spending a weekend in Phoenix running the Arizona Rock-n-Roll Half marathon. It was our thirteenth time to run this specific race. With all that has gone on in our life this past 4 months (end of summer, Ben and Jordan's wedding, searching for new staff, holidays, etc), neither of us trained very well. But we have made a commitment to go, no matter what. And we did. And we finished. But what I have realized is that sometimes I need to just show up; that something cool will happen because we were there. And it's not all about us. Maybe we were there for the other people we ran with; or even other people on the course. God uses every opportunity. So, bad training and all, I'm still going to show up.

I am so excited for this coming year and all the possibilities. Please pray for this ministry and for our staff. We take great joy in serving you through RTALC. I am beginning my 31st year at Rainbow Trail. This life I have here is so far from my life of working in downtown Houston back in 1988. This has been a journey I could have never imagined. I think of all of you that I wouldn't know if we had not come here. I can't even imagine my life without you. Thanks for being my partner all along the way! I can't wait to see what God has planned for us in 2019!

Until next time,

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We teach this culture every year with our summer staff, we visit it with our Ambassadors frequently, and campers live in it every week of the summer or during one of our retreats. Our Board is going to follow the online training for the RTALC summer staff this spring to begin to grasp how this culture is transferred to those that work at Rainbow Trail.

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early 2020, we are going to start raising the remaining balance we need to complete the entire land exchange process. The delays we have experienced have cost us. The cost of the process has increased greatly even in the last year. We now estimate we still need to raise is around \$238,000. This about \$85,000 more than we had originally planned. This will cover the Forest Service's staff, costs to process the exchange, consultant fees, biological and archaeological studies and reports, and appraisal reports.

So, in March, Rainbow Trail plans to begin the final fundraising efforts of the HOME AT LAST campaign for the land exchange. We continue to ask for your prayers and your financial support for this process. Let's not lose our focus on what will be accomplished when this exchange happens. If you gave to the land purchase before, we

This new mission statement will give both the RTALC Board and the full-time staff an amazing compass to guide them in decisions concerning future programs and new directions for this very special ministry. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and lead Rainbow Trail as we embark on new adventures!

hope that you will consider giving an additional gift for the future of RTALC. Dave will be reaching out to you later this spring as we begin the campaign. Your contributions at this stage will help us see this process to fruition. If you haven't given to the land exchange yet, consider making a special gift for the future generations that will be a part of this ministry. We already have three matching fund opportunities provided by our donors of \$500, \$5,000, and any portion of \$100,000. This is a great way to stretch your gift! This is a project that the RTALC community has rallied around. Dave would love to have a more in-depth conversation with you and explain more about this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. You can reach him by email at dave@rainbowtrail.org or by phone at 719-429-1377. Help us make Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp our Home At Last!

RTALC Needs Washers & Dryers

Something most people probably don't think about when they're at camp is laundry. From towels and sheets during retreat season to staff clothes and sleeping bags during the summer, the washers and dryers at camp take a beating. Two years ago, we received a generous donation to purchase a new dryer which has and continues to be reliable but has also called attention to the need for more commercial grade machines. In order

to break the cycle of frequent repair bills on residential grade machines, we've reached out to a commercial laundry equipment supplier. For us to purchase two commercial washers and two commercial dryers will be about \$5,000. If you'd be interested in donating to help cover the cost of these new units, donate online, mail a check or email dave@rainbowtrail.org, designated for laundry.

Rainbow Trailer

As RTALC grows we are constantly assessing and updating our needs and wish list. In 2016, the Golden Opportunity Fund made site updates that were just a dream, a very achievable reality. While doing site updates, we had to rent a flatbed trailer several times to pick up and

return building materials. As we look toward the future of RTALC, a heavy duty flatbed trailer seems to be rising to the top of our equipment needs. If you have a flatbed trailer you'd be willing to donate or would like to donate toward the purchase of one, email kyle@rainbowtrail.org.

Bristlecone Renovation Update!

In the Spring of 2015, Rainbow Trail decided to explore the option of remodeling Bristlecone Lodge by drawing up a new floorplan that would better serve the needs of summer and retreat season. With the majority of the Golden Opportunity site updates wrapping up, the renovation of Bristlecone will finally become a main priority going forward. Due to the size of the building, the renovations won't happen overnight, but we are scheduled to start the major renovations of that building by November of 2019. We've already begun steps to improve our main retreat and staff lodge by buying brand new dressers for each room. If you're interested in contributing to the renovations, email dave@rainbowtrail.org.

Simply Sam

By Sam Berglund - Director of Compass Points & Day Camp

Hello everyone and happy 2019 to you all!

It's been a great winter up here already, full of powder days, ski groups and a much needed Christmas vacation! I've been fully taking advantage of my days off skiing, snowshoeing, and exploring backcountry mountain lakes with my husky puppy Tüka.

I spent most of my break with my family in Montana which was lovely, chaotic, and very needed. Between my parent's Alaskan Malamute Yeti and my Siberian Husky puppy Tüka, the house was full of howling and sounds of squeaker destruction, making it one of our less peaceful holidays but one full of laughter and excessive eye rolling throughout our time together.

As for what's new with me, not much to report other than I've moved into a new rental house in Salida that has been a game changer for me, complete with a fenced in yard for the dog and a roommate who's an incredible human being to have around. Between the dogs, the onesies, the awesome friends, the job I love and the powder days, I thank God for what I get to be a part of every single day.

With Ben and Jordan leaving for Iowa, it's been a bit quieter in the office, but even though we miss them both like crazy things continue to move forward. We wish them both the absolute best and are SO excited for this new adventure they're embarking on.

With summer prep in full swing all of us are buzzing around here and up at camp, finishing up retreats and preparing for summer as it comes barreling towards us in it's own freight train of a way. With our recruiting schedule already set it's absolutely insane to me that we're already on the road doing our first week of recruiting!

I love this part of our year. Building our team, catching up with alumni and meeting new potential staff all across the country gets me so energized for summer I often feel more over caffeinated than usual and I'm into it.

I would be lying if I said I don't read every application that is sent in the day it comes in because I love it all so much and have no self control when it comes to personal statements. We have so many different roles for high schoolers to college kids, so make sure you start bugging your favorite young adult to get their application in and be a part of an incredible faith-centered, loving, always laughing, inspirational, unforgettable, and all encompassing summer staff team for 2019! (shameless plug)

Well that's it from me, I hope this finds you happy and healthy in this brand new year and I hope to catch up with you all when you come visit us up on the mountain this season.

God's Peace,




Weeks are filling up but spots are still open in the following sessions. **DON'T WAIT! Register today, or you may not have a spot!**

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| Junior High #1 June 9-15 | Junior #2 July 28-Aug 3 |
| Junior Camp #1 June 16-22 | Intro to Camp #3 July 28- July 31 |
| Intro to Camp #2 June 19-22 | JH Compass Points July 28-Aug 3 |
| SH Compass Points June 23-29 | Adult Compass Points Aug 4-10 |
| Into the Wild July 7-13 | Family Camp #2 Aug 4-10 |
| Senior High #2 July 21-27 | Junior/Jr High #3 August 11-17 |
| RTL South (NM) July 14-19 | |

Check www.rainbowtrail.org for up-to-date status of each week and register today!

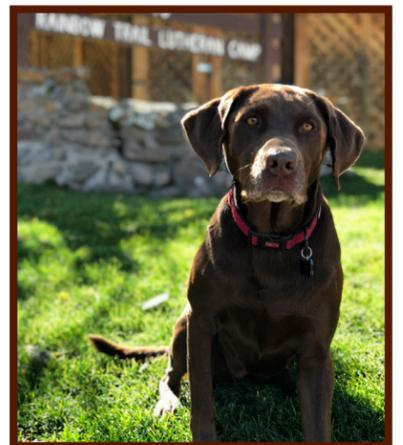
SUMMER STAFF 2019



Do you know anyone interested in working at camp this summer? Recruiting for 2019 staff has already begun! If you know someone who loves kids, is passionate about Christian community, and would be a great fit for Rainbow Trail, encourage them to apply for a position on our summer staff! We will be interviewing for the next month and hiring in March. Send those interested to www.rainbowtrail.org/summerstaff for more information!

The Summit Relax, Renew, and Recharge

You know how hard your youth ministry staff works for your congregation. Crazy hours, lock-ins, calls in the middle of the night, mission trips, and attending youth gatherings! Well, Rainbow Trail wants to give them a little bonus for all that they do. Rainbow Trail hosts The Summit, RTL's youth ministry retreat, each spring for your youth and family ministers. And it is absolutely FREE for them. It is our gift, The Summit will be held April 8-10, 2019 at camp and is free to church personnel who work with youth in the Rocky Mountain Synod.



Our keynote speaker, Julie Miller, will be talking about "Learning to Support our Youth with Mental, Emotional, and Social Health Issues." Julie is an expert in this area and is excited to share her knowledge around MESH issues and youth. At The Summit, we are looking forward to offering a time of personal renewal, professional development, continuing education, and networking with other Youth Directors, Pastors, and Christian Educators. Invite your Youth and family minister to consider coming to this great event, especially created for them! Contact Dave at dave@rainbowtrail.org for more information and details.

MEET TÜKA!



Many people have dreamt of being a camp dog. What could be better than having acres of God's beautiful forest to run around in and hundreds of people that will pay attention to you and play with you all day? RTL is happy to welcome Tüka, a pure-bred, Arkansas-born Husky to the full-time staff. Tüka is about 6 months old and belongs to Sam Berglund. She has a lot of energy and cannot wait for summer!

Compass Points

Wilderness Faith Adventures



Are you and your friends looking for a faith-filled week backpacking and whitewater rafting in God's wild country? Join us in the Compass Points program for a week at camp you won't forget! Open trips are a great way to meet new people and explore God's creation in a welcoming and encouraging community. All skill levels welcome!

Check out our website for more information at www.rainbowtrail.org/compass-points or contact Sam at sam@rainbowtrail.org to learn more today!

- Senior High Open: June 23-29th
- Into the Wild: July 7-13th
- Junior High Open: July 28-Aug 3rd
- Adult Open (ages 25 and over): Aug 4-10th

Join us for a week of incredible experiences and amazing ministry!

RTLCSOUTH: BIGGER & BETTER

Two years ago, RTLCSouth was just a dream for Dave and the leadership of the Border Conference. But here we are, two years later. After two very successful weeks in Cloudcroft New Mexico, RTLCSouth in 2019 is going to be bigger and better. After several requests from congregations in the southern part of New Mexico, we are expanding RTLCSouth to include junior campers (those entering 4-6 grade) along with the Junior high and Senior High campers in the past. We experimented with the mix of ages a little last year and everything worked great. By offering a week that has programs for all ages, we will give parents an opportunity to send several of their kids to camp during the same week.

RTLCSouth arose from a

need to provide a camping program closer to home for the far reaches of the Rocky Mountain Synod. For the youth of El Paso, it is an eleven-hour drive to Rainbow Trail in Colorado. We have found it is easier to load our program in a trailer and our staff in a van and bring the program to the campers.

There is already great excitement for RTLCSouth. If you are interested in sending your kids to RTLCSouth, you can register for this camp on the online registration system. And know that there are camperships available. Money should never be a reason a child doesn't go to camp. Contact Dave Jarvis if you have any questions or want more details. We'll see you soon at RTLCSouth!

Men's Fly Fishing Retreat September 19-22, 2019



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

Are YOU Willing?

If you could make a gift that literally impacts generations of future campers at Rainbow Trail, wouldn't you jump at the chance to do that? Well, there is a very simple way you can do that. Rainbow Trail depends on the support of generous people to do its ministry. A very simple and easy way to make a difference is to include Rainbow Trail in your will as the beneficiary of an estate gift or as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy. By naming Rainbow



Trail in your will, you will become a member of the Sangre de Cristo Society. This group becomes the foundation upon which the future of the ministry of Rainbow Trail is being built. Your gift will reach beyond your lifetime and ensure that the Gospel will continue to be shared through this ministry for generations to come. Two great examples of this are the estates of Pauline Hammond and of Maxine Johnson who provided gifts that helped build our ropes course. If you have already included Rainbow Trail in your will, let us know so we can include you in the list of members of the Sangre de Cristo Society. For more information, please contact Dave in the Canon City office.

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Program Assistant

Internship Positions

Have **YOU** ever considered Outdoor Ministry as a career? Maybe you know someone who might be interested in Outdoor Ministry. The Rainbow Trail Program Assistant Internship is designed to allow people to work in and learn about all aspects of Outdoor Ministry, create your own OM philosophy, gain valuable knowledge, serve wonderful people, and live at Rainbow Trail. Application deadline for the PGA positions is February 28, 2019. For more information, email Dave Jarvis at dave@rainbowtrail.org.

Sight to Site

By Kyle Larson - Director of Site and Facilities

Winter is in full force at camp and I couldn't be happier about it. Last year's winter was too dry and left us really worried about summer fires. As of mid-January, we're had at least four storms that have dumped a foot or more of snow. I just hope it keeps it up!

Winter traditionally has been a time of rest and rejuvenation for all of us at RTLCSouth but this year has seemed to be crazier than ever. With Ben and Jordan leaving the first part of January, we've all been busy running retreats and doing full-time interviews. It's been a long process getting the right people in place but the Spirit has certainly moved in the process and I can't wait to see where we are a month from now. Ben and Jordan will be missed deeply but I'm really optimistic and excited to see what the future holds. A special thank you goes out to Program Assistants Cam and Nathan for stepping up in a big way to get us through this transition. Thanks for all your extra work and attention to detail!

With February just around the corner, things at camp start to shift from winter to summer mode in a big way. Dave and Sam will soon be out on the road recruiting for summer staff in the midwest. While they brave the cold in the midwest, I'll be doing in-person interviews in Colorado and New Mexico for my summer maintenance team. This year I'll be doing interviews February 11-14. If you know of anyone entering their senior year of high school or freshman year of college who might be interested in being a camphand, send them my way or email me! I'd love to chat with them.

In early January, we hosted our yearly bible study writers retreat. Each year I'm surprised by the devotion and time that the writers take out of their busy lives to be present. The weekend always starts the same way but is then so evidently pulled in one direction by the Holy Spirit. The end product is something incredible and completely unique to Rainbow Trail. This year's study focuses on the theme of "I Am, We Are" and how we can respond to the gift that Jesus is in our lives. It's going to be a great study for both campers and staff alike.

From a site perspective, things are great! We did have a sewer line freeze this year but that's been the first since 2014 so I'll consider that a win. Everything else is running well and we've been able to make some strides during our slower time of year. We purchased a new refrigerator for the kitchen and are set to have a new boiler system installed as well. Both items are being funded by the Golden Opportunity money that we raised in 2016. I'm amazed and humbled by how many things we've been able to achieve with those generous donations.

Personally, life is great. I was able to take a trip to Costa Rica in December which was beautiful and a wonderful change of pace. It's been nice to have my life back now that my house is finished! January 1, 2019 marked the end of my sixth year at Rainbow Trail. Thanks to all of those who have been a support to me over the years. It means the world to me. Here's to 2019!

Kyle



Thank You for Being Part of the Ministry of Rainbow Trail!

Rainbow Trail is blessed to have a great cloud of witnesses that give their time and talent to the ministries that happen. The staff at Rainbow Trail work very hard to offer quality programs, food, and facilities, but it would never happen without the amazing support and dedication of all these volunteers. We've made every effort to include all those who have volunteered in 2018; if we inadvertently left you off the list, please forgive us and call the camp office at 719-276-5233 so we can make a correction. Thank you for your amazing service to Rainbow Trail!

Presenters & Writers

RTLC is blessed to work in partnership with several of the finest pastors, youth directors, and lay leaders in the Synod. These people provide much of the spiritual guidance during the year through Bible study and large group presentations. Your efforts help open the hearts of many in this special place!

Bible Study Writers

Rev. Michael Tassler
Rev. Vera Guebert-Steward
Rev. Jane Jebson
Rev. Nicole' Ferry
Rev. Dave Risendal
Nellie Jarvis

Youth Directors' Retreat

Presenter

Tammy Devine

Senior High Retreat

Presenter

Deacon Erin Power

Confirmation Retreat

Presenters

Rev. Jay Gamelin

Men's Fly Fishing Retreat

Presenters

Rev Dave Risendal
Rev Roger Thompson
Rev John Schaumburg
Greg Felt - Ark Anglers

Staff Training Presenters

Dave Kirberg
Rev. Michael Tassler
Rev. Vera Guebert-Steward
Rev. Jane Jebson
Rev. Nicole' Ferry
Rev. Dan Tisdell
Bishop Jim Gonia
Rev. Leslie Welton
Julie Miller

Raft Training

Arkansas River Tours

Staff Banquet Cooks

Howard, Ben, & Noah Bonser
Eric Anderson
Brett, Jennifer, Elizabeth, & Sarah Palmer
Dave Cruson
John & Kim Olson
Annie Heath

Camp Grandparents

Janice Ehlers
Rick Green
Kris and George Head

Jerry Brown
Pete Kufeke
Cheryle Schenk
Ruth Ericson
Kris Ericson
Mary Koepp
Bill & Charlotte Dausses
Cheryl Mahon
Coleen Doughty
Mark & Pegi Crates
Karen Pforr
Bob & Joyce Witte
Charlie & Linda Kelly
Rick & Brenda Thompson
Deb Steinke
John & Kim Olson
Adele Vickers

Family Camp Presenters

Audrey West
Rev. Jay Gamelin
David Lee Brown – Music
Heidi and Mark Peterson – Art
Meg Erke – Art
Dave Holliday - Art
Nellie Jarvis – Art
Kyle Larson - Art
Jesse & Lindsay Crock – Art
Paul & Jana Oman - Art
Charlie Pineda – Woodcarving

Labor Day Leader

Rev. Julie McNitt

Thanksgiving Contributors

U.S. Foods
City Market - Turkey
Bob & Aurice Worley - Turkey
Sara Marietta – 2 Turkeys
Ben & Jordan Jarvis – Turkey
Sam Berglund - Turkey
Chris Seaman – 2 Turkeys
Brett and Jennifer Palmer - Turkey
Dave & Nellie Jarvis – 6 Turkeys
John & Pam Marietta – 2 Turkeys
Red Ball Sales

Thanksgiving Volunteers

Dave, Susan, Claire, & Lauren Fisk
Elijah Fisk
Dave & Nellie Jarvis
Colleen & Jim Doughty
Mark & Heidi Peterson
Sam Simonson
Dean & Robin Lockwood
Brett, Jennifer, Sarah, and Elizabeth Palmer
Karen, Nick, Nikenzie, Natalia, Niley, & Nora Sartori
Nathan & Teresa Boykin
Susan Wedel
Leah Jarvis
Jess Craver and Greg Dorow
Rick and Charlene Coulson

AdventFest Leaders

Rev. Chad and Aly Kohlmeier
Jordan Jensen
Nathan Boykin
Nellie Jarvis
Miles Brown
Claire Pineda
Charlie Pineda
Sam Berglund
Cam Regennitter
Ben Jarvis
Kyle Larson

Ambassadors

Ambassadors are our direct link to congregations. Rainbow Trail Ambassadors serve as information sources for those in their congregations, and keep the camp abreast of important events within the larger church. Their most important function, however, is helping to get information about camp out to the masses! We are grateful for your partnership and support!

Dawn & Shannon Ambrosio
Jerry & Joan Brown
Cindy Budde
Brad & Kathleen Chewakin
Dave & Carissa Cruson
Bob & Holly Denning
Gerald Engleman
Ruth Ericson
Deidre & Tim Farrell
Kathy & Eric Ferdig
Rebbie Garza
Denise Gergen
Cathy Goodman
Bud & Linda Grimm
June Hartmann & Allan Ochs
Donna Hayden
Karel & Tom Hemler
Nancy Henning
Rosalie & Brian Hipple
Andrea & Derek Iverson
Wendy Jendro & Joel Brown
Steve & Linda Jurrens
Troy & Mary Knutson
Mary Koepp
Dee Ann & John Lord
Cheryl & Stephen Mahon
Holly & Nick Massie
Tanda McCombe & Thomas McCombe
Kris & Greg McDaniel
Dawn & Brent Meyer
David Miller & Anne Wenzel
Jill & Douglas Monsen
Gail & Mark Muehlethaler
Janice & James Mulvany
Chuck & Gayle Newell
Jill O'Brien
Corey & Katie Okes
Vicki & Stacy Padilla
Charlie & Claire Pineda
Randie Polidori
Gordon & Susan Queen
Lisa & Mike Regennitter
Rick & Becky Romano

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Memorial Day Work

Weekend Volunteers

Memorial Day weekend brings our annual Work Retreat. Families come to help Rainbow Trail prepare for the busy summer season. Work projects range from general cleaning of cabins and lodges to building steps, decks and bridges. Retreat participants complete projects that would take full-time staff weeks to finish, and the site always looks spectacular for the coming summer season.

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Retreat Hosts

Our retreat groups are sometimes too large for full-time staff to handle on their own. Thankfully, we can call upon former Rainbow Trail staffers and friends who are willing to give of their time and energy to make these larger retreats a huge success. Your servant hearts are a blessing to this ministry!

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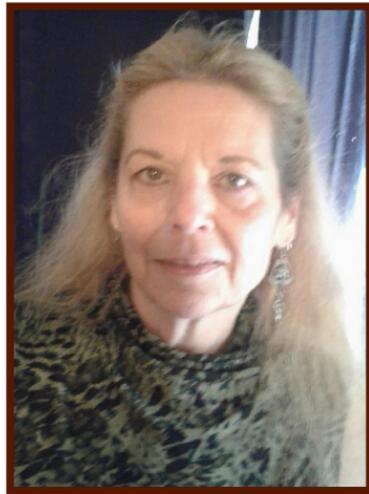
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If you would like to volunteer at Rainbow Trail in 2019, to help with a program, be a Retreat Host, or do a camp improvement project please contact us at 719-276-5233

Chris' Corner

By Chris Seaman - Food Service Manager

Hello to my RTLC family!
I would like to, in this article, express my profound gratitude for the blessings in my life. At this time in my life I have so, so much to be grateful for! I have a job that is not a job but a joy! Who else gets to meet so many wonderful people and have them become family? The joy I get from a quiet dining hall filled with 180 people finding pleasure in their meal cannot be described! To know that I have the trust of Mom's and Dad's to take care of their most precious children is not daunting; it is an honor! To be able to give love and support to 60 some staff every year is something I look forward to. The sheer insanity that is sometimes what occurs in the kitchen keeps me young. I can truly say what most cannot. My job is a blessing! Not only my job but the people I work with, and for all the love and support given to me that I could ever need. I am going to miss Ben and Jordan terribly! To think I've known Baby Jammin since he was 12 years old blows my mind! I have the pictures to prove it!



My personal life is in a great place. I own my own home finally at 60 years old! My best friend of 25 years (Carol) has moved in with me and all we do is laugh! I had a complete hip replacement in October and I am fully recovered! Thank you so much to Sherry Morris for the awesome job she did on covering for me! As I look back on my time here (16 years!) I realize that through all the joys and sorrows I have never been or felt alone in any of them. My family has my back!

It does not seem possible that it's already time to start getting my mind set ready for Camp! I look forward every year to a new batch of young people ready to lead, love, and inspire the hundreds of campers we will see this summer. The massive food orders, the "you want WHAT for snack!?" The crazy themes villages come up with, sleepy eyed children at morning cook-outs, the dogs running and playing and the occasional bear!

I have been asked many times if we make our own croutons. Yes we do but tend to run out a lot and have to buy them. Kim Olson spends hours making croutons every Memorial Day weekend. Kim is a God send to me every Memorial Day weekend!

To make croutons you can use any kind of leftover or stale bread products; such as hot dog or burger buns, any kind of bread, english muffins or bagels. The amount of bread you have will determine how much butter and spices you will use. You can also make these gluten and dairy free! You will need to cube your bread. If it is not dry enough spread the cubes on a cookie sheet sprayed or lined with parchment and place in a 325f oven for 10 minutes or till dried. I am usually melting butter by the pound but for a 8 cup batch of cubes, I would use approx. 1 cup butter melted with 2 Tbl. of garlic powder, 1 tsp. Salt, 1 Tbl. oregano and 1 tsp. Basil. Melt butter; add spices and simmer for a couple of minutes to infuse the butter with the flavors of the spices. Place cubes in a large bowl and toss with butter till evenly coated. Spread on a sprayed cookie sheet (not using parchment in this step is easier) place in a 325f oven and bake for 10 min. Pull pan and stir croutons. Put back in oven and bake for 10 min. More or till golden brown. Let cool and place in an airtight container. You will probably have some pretty yummy bread crumbs left on your pan. These are great to use on mac and cheese, for a crumb breading on chicken or pork chops. You could even make a batch just to throw in the food processor for bread crumbs!

Now I would like to share some things with you. Did you know that if you buy a jar of spaghetti sauce with the meat already in it you are more than likely eating offal (guts)? By law they only have to include "meat" that is 6% "meat". Buy plain and add your own meat!

No Cholesterol- means that the item has no cholesterol but may still be high in saturated fats which may assist the body to produce cholesterol.

If a food is labeled "extra lean" it may contain more saturated fat than a "low in saturated fat" food.

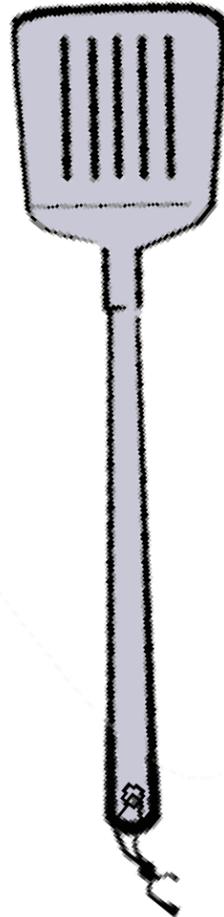
Nitrites- One of the most dangerous additives used in our foods are the nitrites and nitrates. They are found in almost all processed meats, such as; luncheon meats, bacon, sausage, hot dogs, smoked fish and canned meats. The chemical is mainly used for cosmetic purposes, to stabilize the color of the product. Because of the risks involved with this chemical, the general consensus among scientists, is that companies should be researching a new and safer chemical compound instead of taking the easier and less expensive way out.

Many countries have already banned nitrites from foods. However, the USDA and the FDA will not prohibit its use until a good substitute is found.

Well the dogs are dancing; waiting for their walk, the sun is shining, the mountains are snow covered and beautiful and my heart is full. Always remember... GOD IS GREAT!!!

Hope to see you all real soon!

-Chris



RTLC In Need of Commercial Food Processor

If you've stayed on-site at Rainbow Trail in the past 15 years, it's likely that you've had a meal that our wonderful cook, Chris, has prepared. For years, Chris has been an excellent steward of the food we eat at camp by eliminating waste and still preparing delicious food.

Chris has been operating with a household food processor for the past several years. Finally, this year, that food processor decided that it was no longer up to the task of processing food for a full camp. Chris is hoping to get a commercial grade food processor in Aspen to help her prepare the same quality meals you've all come to expect when staying at RTLC. The processor that is on Chris's Wish List costs about \$2,000.

Ideally, Chris would have this vital piece of equipment in use prior to summer staff's arrival. If you would like to give a donation toward the purchase of this important appliance, please send your donation to the Canon City office with "Food Processor" in the memo line. For more information, or for questions, please contact Dave by email at dave@rainbowtrail.org or by phone at 719-276-5233.

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Remember Your Friends and Loved Ones in a Lasting Way



Want a great way to remember or honor a loved one... and make a difference in the faith life of thousands of children?

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now has Memorial, Honor, and Thanksgiving packets that we can send you that make it easy to celebrate the life of someone you love. Memorial gifts can be made at the time of death of a loved one or friend, on the anniversary of the person's birth, or if a couple, on their anniversary. Thanksgiving and Honor gifts can be made at any time in celebration of a person, couple, or group of people. Marriages, wedding anniversaries, confirmations, and retirements are just some of the events that provide occasions for honor gifts. The packet includes a card to send to the family or individual, letting them know that you have made a special gift to Rainbow Trail and an envelope to mail your gift to us. We will list the names the memorialized/honorees in Rainbow Reflections along with those contributing the gift. If you would like a packet sent to you, email Dave at dave@rainbowtrail.org and we'll send one out right away.

COLORADO GIVES DAY

Thank you to all of those who gave on Colorado Gives Day, December 4, 2018

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RTL Community Sets New High on Colorado Gives Day!



This year's Colorado Gives Day was incredible for RTL! In a short 24 hours on December 4, 2018, the Rainbow Trail community responded to the challenge and gave \$88,349! An impressive 277 donors participated in giving to Rainbow Trail that day. The response to this day of giving not only shows the incredible generosity of this community, but also shows that Rainbow Trail is a place where so many people invest their hearts. For that, we are truly touched, and hope you all will

accept our deepest thanks. These funds help support the day-to-day operations of camp including program equipment, summer staff salaries, our full-time staff, and site and facilities maintenance, to name a few. We are already setting a goal of \$90,000 for next year! We will let you know the date for 2019 as soon as it is announced. Thank you again to those who joined us in this Spirit-filled day and to those who gave gifts to help support this ministry and all those it impacts.

Bridging Borders

The world may be getting smaller, but RTL's Bridging Borders program continues to grow. With every passing year, we are presented with another opportunity to travel together to serve God's people both domestic and abroad.

Each trip offers unique experiences that challenge you to look at the world in new ways and grow in your servant life!

Appalachia - Puerto Rico - Anapra, Mexico Ecuador - Dominican Republic

Bridging Borders has many weeks still available for youth groups, adult groups. For more information, contact Dave Jarvis by email at dave@rainbowtrail.org, call 719-276-5233 or visit www.rainbowtrail.org/bridging-borders.

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The following individuals are members of the 2018 Trailblazers Club. Trailblazers is an annual giving club that keeps the ministry at Rainbow Trail alive and growing. To join, contact Dave 719-276-5233 or check out the "Donate" tab on our webpage at www.rainbowtrail.org. Many thanks to the following supporters of Rainbow Trail!

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Thank You, Brittons!

Over the past few years, Rainbow Trail has received many generous donations to our vehicle fleet. These vehicles travel thousands of miles every summer, safely transporting our Day Camp teams across state lines and home to RTLCL. We want to extend a deep and sincere thank you to Jim and Cindy Britton for the most recent donation to our fleet. The Jeep Cherokee has already been put to great use as a winter commuting vehicle and will make a great Day Camp vehicle this summer. It is because of generous donations like these that our vehicle fleet is the best it's ever been. Thank you, again!



Blazing New Paths!

Trailblazers and Pathfinders are Rainbow Trail's annual giving clubs that sustain and allow our ministry to grow. 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 Compass Points to RTLCL South to camperships,

Trailblazer and Pathfinder dollars help to make a difference in countless lives through wonderful faith experiences. Support from the Rocky Mountain Synod to Rainbow Trail has needed to be reduced to \$19,500 annually. We need your help in covering that difference. 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.

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The following individuals are members of the 2018 Pathfinders Club. Pathfinders is RTLC'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!

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Rainbow Trail

2019 Events Calendar

- February 28.....Staff Applications Due
- April 7-10.....The Summit Youth Ministry Retreat
- May 24-27.....Memorial Day Work Weekend
- May 27- June 8.....Staff Training
- June 9- August 18.....Summer Camps
- Aug 30-Sept. 2.....Labor Day Family Weekend
- September 19-22.....Men's Fly Fishing Retreat
- October 5.....Grace Race 5k (Denver)
- October 11-13.....Fall Ambassadors Retreat
- October 18-20.....Confirmation Retreat
- November 15-17.....Senior High Retreat
- Dec 6-8.....AdventFest

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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	10x13 Manila Envelopes (no clasps)
Avery 5164 Labels	12 - 5 ft. round white Lifetime tables
Masking tape	Rain Ponchos
Scotch Tape	25-gallon Rubbermaid tubs (24)
Duct Tape	On-Site and Compass Points Day Packs
Postage stamps	Foam Brushes - 1"
Long barreled fire lighters (Bic)	Paintbrushes - all sizes, inexpensive
Commercial Food Processor	Wireless Microphones for Sound System
	Commercial Washers (2) and Dryers (2)

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	Shark Navigator vacuums (4)
Industrial Mop buckets (call us first!)	Free Standing Space Heaters (3)
12 Large Canvas Print Photos for BC	GoPro HERO7 Black
Sturdy Wheelbarrows	Vermeer Brush Chipper
Jump Drives	Freezerless Refrigerator
New Full or single mattress pads	Dish Cart
New Queen & Twin sheets - white	60W & 100W Dimmable LED Bulbs
New Queen mattress pads	New HD Digital Video Camera
New 3-piece towel sets (20)	New Apple Desktop Computer
Peavey XR-S 9-Channel 1500W Powered Mixer	

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

An Active Way to Support RTLCL: Thrivent Action Teams

Thrivent Financial has moved to use Action Teams to encourage more people to be involved in more great projects. An action team is easy to organize. All that has to happen is a Thrivent member identifies a worthy project, finds a group of people to help with the project, and then goes to the Thrivent website and establishes the project in the system. Thrivent will provide \$250 in starter funds for the project in hopes that it can be used to generate more. For example, if your church wanted to buy something from the RTLCL wish or need list, you could host a breakfast using the starter funds, and all the proceeds from your breakfast could be used to purchase that item for RTLCL. Or you could do something similar to raise campership funds for your youth to go to camp this summer. Or you could use several action teams to buy materials for a congregational work weekend at Rainbow Trail. The sky is the limit for what projects can be done to help Rainbow Trail. Consider forming an action team and make a difference in this fun and worthwhile community effort! Contact Dave Jarvis if you have any questions or need more details.

Use Your Thrivent Choice Dollars Wisely

If you are a Thrivent Financial member, we need your help! We set a Thrivent Choice goal for 2019 of \$30,000 and we think that goal is very attainable. With that kind of support from Thrivent, 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 the Thrivent 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 close to \$1 million dollars in Choice dollars NOT distributed last year. Help us change that! You can help make a world of difference!

Craving Color?

Rainbow Reflections is available in a paperless, color version! E-mail Tammi at info@rainbowtrail.org to opt for the electronic version of our newsletter! You'll save trees and receive a colorful newsletter right to your inbox!

We make every effort to list each donor, but mistakes do happen. If we have inadvertently omitted your name or have 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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