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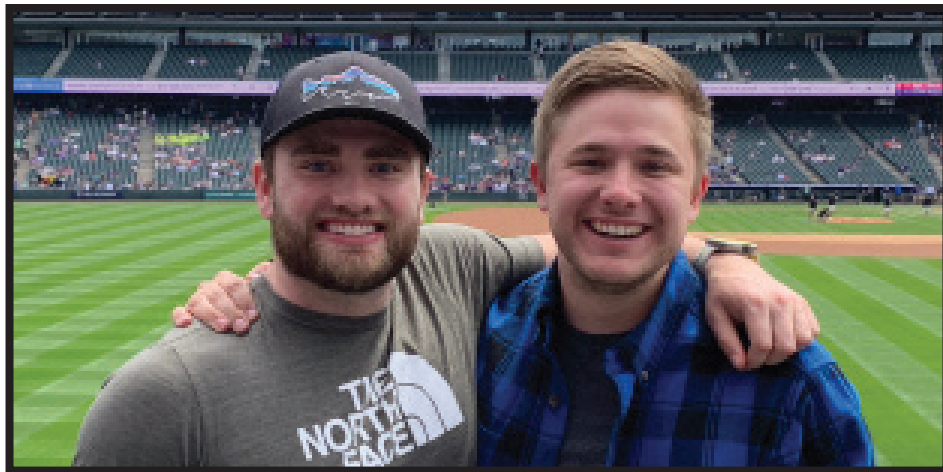
Fits Like A Glove

Rainbow Trail Hires Familiar Faces for the Two New Full-time Directors

When Ben Jarvis and Jordan Jensen announced that they were leaving Rainbow Trail back in August, Rainbow Trail started a nation-wide search for their replacements. Through a lengthy and exhaustive process, we found the leadership we needed in our own backyard. We are pleased to share that Cam Regennitter and Daniel Kirschbaum have joined our full-time ministry team!

Cam Regennitter is Rainbow Trail's new Director of On-site and Bridging Borders Ministries. Cam was a camper at Rainbow Trail for many years, and then served on our summer staff for four summers before taking the full-time position. Cam has a firm grasp on our philosophy and culture which has allowed him to jump in with both feet. Cam hails from the Colorado Springs area, got his degree from CSU-Pueblo in Exercise Science, played football on their national championship team, and thought he was going to be a personal trainer. Obviously, God had other plans for him.

Daniel Kirschbaum is our new



Director of Retreat Ministries. Daniel served as a Program Assistant with Rainbow Trail during the 2017-18 retreat season and learned all of the ins and outs of that ministry. He was also instrumental in bringing our new web popshop online last spring. This has allowed Daniel to hit the ground running with a retreating ministry that is growing rapidly. Daniel comes to us from Tomah, Wisconsin, worked four summers at Sugar Creek Bible Camp and

one summer at Lutherdale, both of which are located in Wisconsin. He has been pursuing a career in outdoor ministries since graduating from University of Wisconsin - Madison with a degree in Community and Non-profit Leadership.

Cam and Daniel bring so many gifts to the table as they start their full-time journeys with us. They both have years of experience, infectious energy, endearing personalities, and hearts for

service. But even more so, they both know and understand our ministry, our philosophy, and our culture. This will put them light years ahead of someone who may have been stepping on our site for the first time. They each bring a strong, active faith to their work which centers them as they serve.

If you get a chance this summer, be sure to introduce yourself to both Cam and Daniel. We think you will agree that they are a perfect fit for our ministry. Welcome home to RTLC, Cam and Daniel!

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Survey Says Great Things Happen

Last summer, Rainbow Trail participated in a nationwide study called the Effective Camp Project, which has demonstrated that Christian camp experiences have positive and lasting impacts on participants and their families. Camper impressions during and after camp are combined with parent responses to offer a multi-dimensional look at the impacts of camp. We now have data specific to Rainbow Trail! Thank you to the 200 summer campers and nearly 100 camper parents that participated!

The vast majority of Rainbow Trail campers agreed that they had a lot of fun (98%), tried something new (99%), were strengthened in faith (94%), and were affirmed and empowered at camp (92%). Months after camp, an amazing 95% of respondents agreed that camp had a significant impact on their lives,

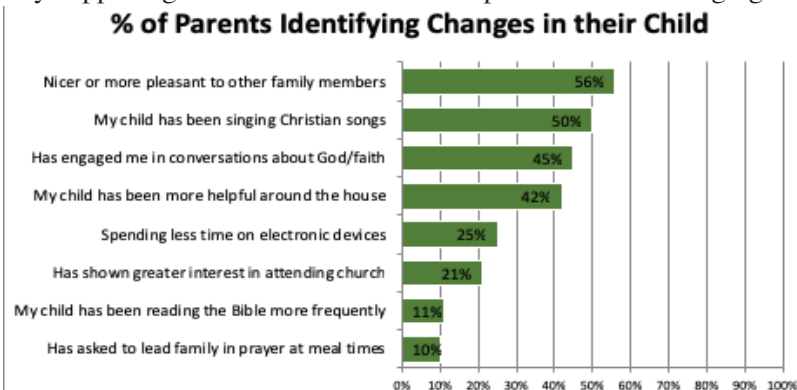
higher than nearly every other camp involved in the study.

Parents noticed changes, too. In the weeks following camp, 96% of parents agreed that camp clearly had an impact on their child, and nearly a third (31%) said they noticed significant changes in their child. Something significant and impactful is clearly happening at Rainbow Trail!

But, wait! What are these changes? What is Rainbow Trail doing to our children? Lest you fear anything negative or nefarious, see the graph for the changes that parents identified. A large majority of parents (90%) identified at least one of these positive changes, and half identified three or more. You can see that the majority of campers went home singing Christian

songs and acting nicer to their family members, while many engaged their parents in conversations about faith, spent less time on their electronic devices, or showed greater interest in attending church.

The campers themselves showed positive growth in multiple outcomes related to character development, social skills, and Christian faith. For example, by the last day of camp, campers were much more likely to agree that the Holy Spirit is active in the world, that they liked going out of their comfort zone and trying new things, and that when they grow up they plan to participate in the life of a church/congregation. They also grew significantly in measurements of self-confidence and the understanding that faith is relevant in their daily lives. Months



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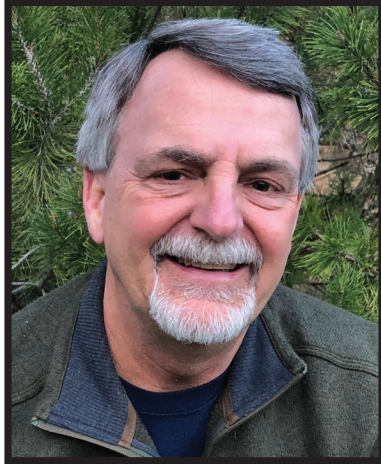
Rainbow Trail Mission Statement

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

Trail Boss

By Dave Jarvis - Executive Director

Change is inevitable. And with every change, there are new opportunities. I think that summarizes our spring. At the end of the year, we said good-bye to Jammin and Jordan, and we have hired two new full-time staff in Cam Regennitter and Daniel Kirschbaum. I'll admit that it is going to be different not working side by side with my son. But I am excited for what the future holds with our new team. Both Cam and Daniel bring their unique and amazing gifts to our ministry that will help keep this ministry vibrant. This spring has been a lot of teaching, planning, and preparing as we transition to new leadership while trying to have it feel seamless to those that we serve. The reality is that 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. We can't wait for summer to get here! We are ready to serve!



Registrations are really strong for summer and all weeks are pretty much full except week #10 and the open sign-up Compass Points trips. There are a total 13 spots left in the first 9 weeks of summer! 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 20th and the rest of our ministry team arrives on May 27th. We are so excited about this team and all they will have to offer our campers. There are some great returners that you know and love. There are also some amazing new folks that you will fall in love with as well. Over 48% of this staff is from the Rocky Mountain Synod. We began our on-line training with this crew the last week of March. Please keep this team in your prayers as they prepare for this summer. May God use them in amazing ways this summer!!

When we have talked about the land exchange, three words have been paramount: patience, persistence, and perseverance. All three continue to be in play as we wait. We are still waiting to sign the cost collection agreement for the feasibility analysis. That should happen sometime in May. The feasibility analysis will determine if this is a good land exchange for the Forest Service and the American people. The feasibility analysis could take up to fourteen months. Once we have started the feasibility analysis, we will begin fund raising the remaining funds needed to complete all steps of the land exchange. 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 \$230,000 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! Be sure to earmark your gift "Land Exchange." Our persistence and perseverance will pay off. I have been working on this whole process for over ten years. We will own our site and it will be the biggest celebration when that happens! Thanks for walking this journey with us.

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. We have made great strides in improving our site, updating our equipment, and expanding our ability to serve because of your gifts. It is through your support that we are able to do things that we could have only imagined. We stretch very gift dollar for maximum impact. By enlisting the help of over 120 enthusiastic volunteers, we figure that we are making about \$75,000 of improvements to our site every Memorial Day work weekend for a fraction of that amount. Major projects for Memorial Work Weekend this year include a new deck on Columbine Lodge, remodeling the woodcarving cabin, installing new windows in the Columbine apartment, new LED lighting in the Aspen dining hall, and installing a new Basketball hoop! 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!

I'll see you this summer! It is going to be a great one! I'm excited about our new leadership and what they bring to our ministry team. I can't believe we are already starting another one. Thanks for the blessing of serving you for another summer. This is summer #31 for me. I can't wait! See you soon!

Until next time...

Dave

The 13th Annual Grace Race



The date has been set! Please join us on Saturday, October 5, 2019 for the 13th Annual Grace Race. The race will begin at 4 pm with check-in beginning at 2:30 pm. We will be grilling burgers after the race as we did last year. The traveling trophy continues to go to the congregation with the most participants. This year we will again be partnering with the Rocky Mountain Synod World Hunger appeal. We are hoping to again have a representative from the ELCA office in Chicago joining us.

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.

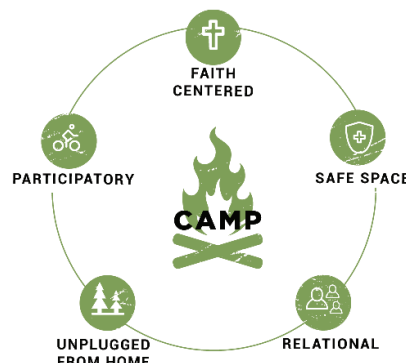


Cross of Christ, Broomfield
"Fleetest Flock" Trophy Winners
2018

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after camp, these measurements remained at elevated levels, and campers overwhelmingly agreed that they felt more confident in themselves since returning from camp (87%) and that camp helped them grow in independence (88%). These findings demonstrate lasting change that carries over to the home and congregation.

Most other camps involved in the study had high levels of breakdowns in certain elements of the camp experience, but these were very infrequent at Rainbow Trail. Campers indicated that their experience was highly relational, safe, participatory, faith-centered, and unplugged from home. Campers reported high levels of enjoying all aspects of the camp experience, including Bible studies and worship services. They also agreed that their questions concerning faith were taken seriously and reported a high level of inclusion in worship services. They were less likely to report being picked on, left out, or having to hide their true selves than in their home and school environments.



Many Rainbow Trail campers came from homes with strong faith support, where they were accustomed to having conversations about faith, praying with family members, and attending

church together. Other campers had less frequent faith practices in the home, and some received very little faith support outside the camp environment. Parents can build on their children's positive camp experiences and connect deeply with their children by incorporating simple camp practices into their daily home routine, such as prayer at mealtimes and family devotions at bedtime. They can also respond to the increased interest in church by attending more frequently as a family and keeping it a priority in their children's lives. Church leaders can respond by incorporating elements from camp (such as music, camp stories, and experiential learning) into worship services and Christian education. The findings of the Effective Camp Project demonstrate that the camp experience does not stand on its own. It is part of a much larger ecology of faith and character formation that includes the ministry of the congregation and, most importantly, the ministry of the home. Camp experiences provide tools to strengthen the family and build communities of faith.

Of course, we know that a small portion of campers do not have positive experiences at camp. Rainbow Trail staff members are working with the project team at Sacred Playgrounds, which directed the study, to determine how they can make camp even better for campers and their families. The Rainbow Trail team continues to demonstrate their commitment to ensuring that all campers experience camp as safe space, relational, participatory, faith-centered, and unplugged from home. Have you signed your children up for camp yet?

PARTNER CONGREGATIONS

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

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Advent Lutheran Church, Olathe, KS
All Saints Lutheran Church, Albuquerque, MN
American Lutheran Church, Grand Junction
Ascension Lutheran Church, Colorado Springs
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Atonement Lutheran Church, Boulder
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Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, Centennial
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Mount of the Holy Cross, Vail
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Trinity Lutheran Church, Fowler
Trinity Lutheran Church, Loveland
Trinity Lutheran Church, Monument
Zion Lutheran Church, Trinidad

Sight to Site

By Kyle Larson - Director of Site and Facilities

Happy spring to all of you! I hope you've all been enjoying the changing weather and the longer days, I know I certainly am! With spring comes a huge to-do list and not nearly enough time to do it all. As I write this, Director's training starts in less than a month! I can hardly believe that we're back to summer again. Seems like the years go by faster and faster each year!



Winter this year was unreal with how much snow we got but it was certainly a welcome change and will make for a great summer with (hopefully) no fire ban and awesome rafting for everyone. With the craziness of spring and getting ready, sitting around a fire is sounding really great right about now!

Spring so far has been busy but really great to see things start coming out of winter and green up. It's been full at camp with both retreat groups and work groups. A special thank you goes out to the men's group from Evergreen Lutheran Church for spending a cold and dirty weekend at camp gutting out the woodcarving building. Woodcarving is one of the final buildings that needs to be remodeled in order for us to use it year round and not move supplies at the end of summer. The Evergreen group was a major blessing to me in getting everything gutted and insulated before Memorial Day when we will finish the interior. Make sure to check it out this summer! You won't recognize it.

Speaking of Memorial Day, plans for a great weekend are already underway. Looks like we may have one of the biggest weekends ever due to full availability of our cabins this year. While the weekend is certainly a lot of work getting everything ordered and prepared, it's unbelievable to see the amount of work that gets done and the relationships that are built. Yearly, I'm blown away by the gifts that people have and the way that they choose to give of themselves for that weekend. The site wouldn't be where it is today without that weekend and the incredible investment of time that people make. God is certainly at work through all of the volunteers. Looking forward to another great weekend and reconnecting with you all.

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 about my maintenance team and our summer leadership team. They truly are the best of the best. Can't wait.

Personally, life is great. It's been nice to have time this spring to get out and run more than I have in years past. Since my house has been done, I've really enjoyed having time to have hobbies again! Although spring is busy with preparation, it's nice to have time to breathe and truly be ready for summer.

Hope to see you all this summer!

Kyle

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

Thank You Nathan



This past nine months we've been blessed with a fantastic program assistant straight out of South Carolina. Nathan has been a blessing to us, always willing to mop floors, send out contracts, paint walls, cook for groups when Chris can't make it for a retreat and SO much more!

Nathan, you have been such a joy to work with and we can't thank you enough for how much you've given to Rainbow Trail this year. Your willingness to go above and beyond for this ministry is unmatched and we're so excited about your new job opportunity as the Adventure Activity Manager at your home camp of Lutherock!

We can't wait to see how you impact outdoor ministry as a whole and know wherever God guides you will be a better place because you're a part of it!

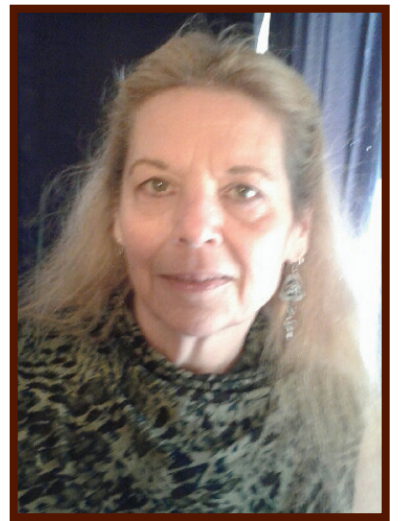
Thank you for everything and know you will be incredibly missed!

Chris' Corner

By Chris Seaman - Food Service Manager

Hello To My RTLC Family! Sooo excited about this newsletter! First I would love to welcome our 2 (kind of) new, full-time staff members Cam and Daniel! These guys rock their respective positions like the stars they are! If you haven't met them yet be sure to make it a point to do so!

I am so ready for this summer's madness! I have an awesome kitchen staff in place! My BFF of 20+ years Carol Smith has officially moved in and is a Colorado resident! I'm sure you'll meet her this summer. I would also like to thank the people who gave towards the purchase of my food processor! My heartfelt thanks go out to you!



You also get to see me walk without a limp this summer! I am limited on space for this article so you may see the beautiful faces of this year's staff.

I know that I have put the Banana Cookie recipe in a previous article but there have been many requests for it. You will need, 1/4c. butter, 1/2c. Crisco, 3/4c. granulated sugar, 2 eggs, 1tsp vanilla, 2 ripe bananas mashed, 1/2tsp salt, 1tsp baking soda, 2 1/2 c. flour. Cream butter and Crisco; beat in sugar, add eggs, vanilla and bananas. Beat well. Combine dry ingredients and add to banana mixture. (Why do we mix the dry stuff together first? This is so you don't wind up with all your baking soda or salt not distributed evenly through your cookie dough. It really makes a difference; so don't omit this step in any recipe!) Mix well. Drop by tablespoons onto a parchment lined or sprayed pan. Bake at 350 for about 10 minutes till just edges are brown. Don't Over Bake!! As soon as you put the cookies in the oven start making your frosting. You will need, 4Tbl. butter, 1/4c. half and half or evaporated milk, 1/4c. plus 2 Tbl. brown sugar, 1tsp. Vanilla and 2 to 3 c. powder sugar. Mix butter, 1/2 and 1/2 and brown sugar in a saucepan large enough to handle the sugar. Bring to a boil and let cook not stirring for 2 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla and enough sugar to make a loose (slightly runny) frosting. Sifting the powdered sugar will ensure no lumps! Keep frosting warm and spoon on cookies while they are still warm. Be generous with the frosting!

These are a staff favorite! I would like to thank Ben Jarvis for bringing this recipe back from a Day Camp many years ago! Looking forward to seeing you all this summer for smiles and hugs! As always remember, God is Great!

-Chris

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 #iamweareRTLC. 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!

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!

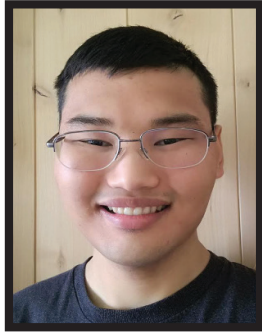
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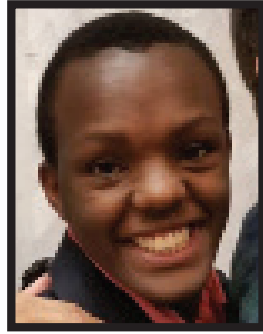
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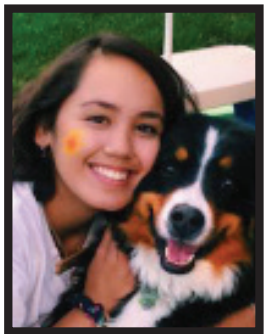
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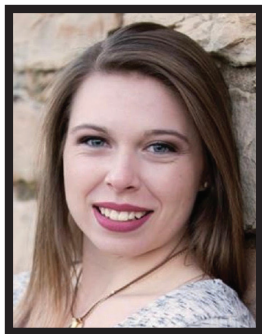
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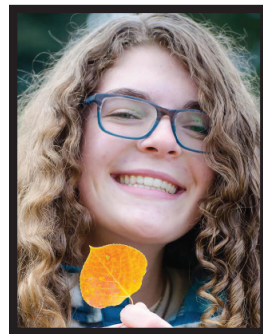
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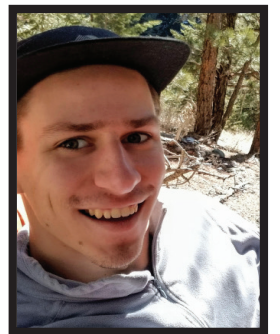
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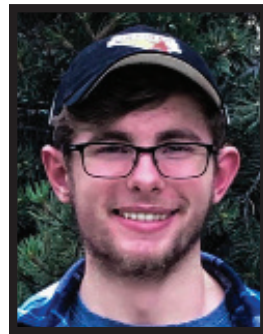
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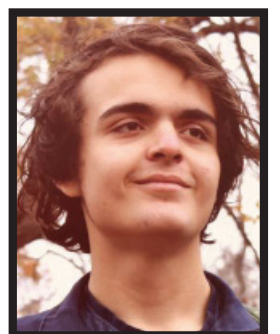
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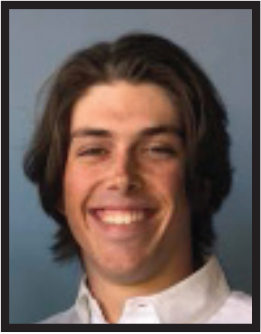


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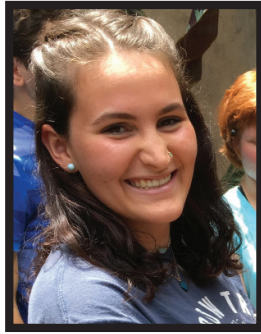


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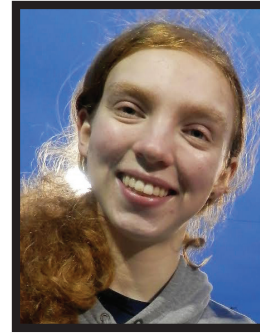
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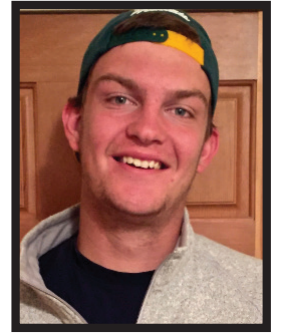
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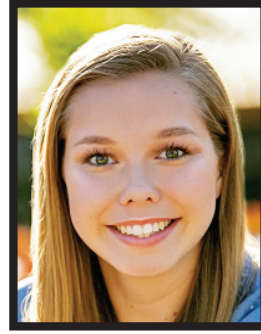
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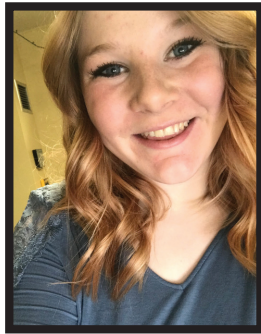
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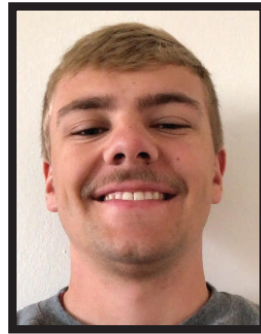
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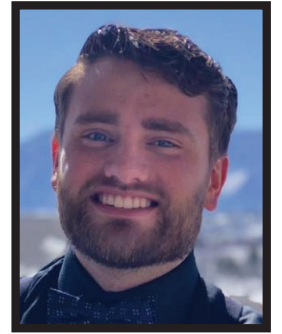
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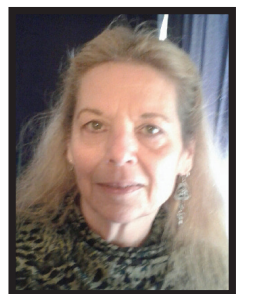
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Cam(p) Vibes

By Cam Regennitter - Director of On-Site & Bridging Borders

Hello, brothers and sisters of Christ! Are you enjoying the changing of seasons and the warmer weather? I know I am, because the nicer days are getting me more and more excited about summer! We are only a few weeks away from our summer directors coming up to camp for directors training. It feels unreal and has come so fast, and I am excited to experience summer in this new position!

Winter this year was a time of change for me, and I never saw what God had planned for me in the coming months. I was recently a Program Assistant here at Rainbow Trail and was planning to go into the world of health and become a personal trainer in Colorado Springs. I have such a drive to serve other people, and teaching others how to exercise to help them grow not only physically, but mentally. It is something that gives me so much joy! It's the same joy I feel when I talk to people about Jesus and walk alongside campers and staff on their faith journeys. As we all may have experienced before, life changes, the Holy Spirit moves in mysterious ways, and God sometimes points us in a different direction than we think we are going. That is what I experienced, and I am now in a position where I can serve the place that helped me not only grow my faith as a camper and staff member, but helped develop me into the person I am today.

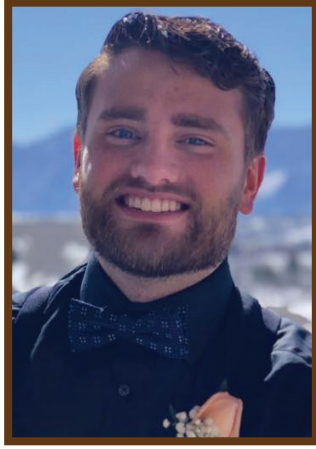
Since then, the springtime has been busy with transitions: transitioning into a full-time job, transitioning in finding my new regular routines, and of course, transitioning into summer mode. We have four Bridging Borders trips that include two to Puerto Rico, one to Mexico, and one to the newest location, the Appalachia region. We will partner with Appalachia Service Project to send teams to the Appalachian Mountains to do construction work on low-income family housing. This partnership has great potential to last a very long time, and we look forward to our first summer with them. They have the same philosophy as I do for our Bridging Borders program. The physical work is vital in what we do, but the relationships that are built with the people we go to serve and walk beside are just as, if not, more important.

For my current status now, life is excellent. I moved back to Colorado Springs which is home for me and close to family, so mom is happy. I have been committed to going to the gym every day for any kind of physical activity, which is a must for me to feel energetic and healthy. I have also been exploring different ways to grow my relationship with God. Reading scripture, doing devotions, listening to podcasts, even some morning yoga. I find myself having a hard time sticking to one thing, so trying all kinds of ideas is a fun process.

Can't wait to see many of you this summer and please continue to pray for our full time team and our summer staff!

Blessings!

Cam



A Great Way to Support RTLC: Thrivent Action Teams

Thrivent is offering an exciting way for its members to positively impact organizations like Rainbow Trail through a program called Action Teams. 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 a \$250 debit card with starter funds for the project in hopes that it can be used to generate more. For example, if your church wanted to buy RTLC something off the 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. Or you could do something similar to raise campership funds for your youth to go to camp this summer. Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Canon City used an Action Team to host a breakfast and raised over \$400 for camperships for their youth to go to camp this summer! You can also provide an action team for a work project at camp. The sky is the limit for what projects can be done to help Rainbow Trail. Consider forming an action team and make a difference! Contact Dave Jarvis if you have any questions or want more details!

That Fresh Car Smell

During the summer, Rainbow Trail drives thousands of miles for day camp, compass points, and bridging borders trips but the driving certainly doesn't stop when the summer is over. It seems that our full-time team is always on the road for one reason or another. The main contributor and traveler, however, is Dave. Depending on the year, Dave drives 20,000-30,000 miles primarily back and forth to church promotions. The current "RTLC" vehicle was due for some very significant repairs so Randy and Lisa Schrader have generously donated a 2016 GMC Acadia to serve as the new "RTLC" vehicle. We're incredibly grateful for the gift that they have given but also for the gift of ministry that can be done with this new addition to our vehicle fleet. Thanks again Schraders, we'll take great care of it!



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The following individuals are members of the 2019 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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The Lion's Den

By Daniel Kirschbaum - Director of Retreats

Spring has always marked a time of change and transition in my life. Even the years I wasn't in school, summer's arrival still meant a change in our family routine with two educator parents. This year, that transition includes a new job, moving across the country, and re-joining the Rainbow Trail family!

Being part of full-time outdoor ministry team has been a dream of mine for almost as long as I can remember. I was a camper and summer staff member at a camp in Wisconsin and fell in love with the kind of ministry that can happen in "a place away", especially when it's a place outside. A huge part of my faith journey has been experiencing and learning to provide radical hospitality to every person I have the opportunity to be in relationship with. These two big parts of me come together in this new role and I'm

filled with joy as I look to all of the gospel-partnership work ahead.

Since starting March 1st, we've had several ski retreats, a high ropes day, a work weekend and The Summit- Youth Ministry Retreat. Needless to say, I've had the opportunity to hit the ground running. With more retreats to come before summer, including 150 men from Colorado Springs, I'm not expecting to slow down anytime soon.

I haven't experienced a Colorado summer yet but I'm told it's beautiful. I'm especially looking forward to a lack of humidity; something foreign to my Wisconsin experience. Last week Sam and I spent a week in Texas for our high ropes training and it was a humid reminder to be grateful for Colorado's dry weather.

As summer approaches, I get to look to next fall with anticipation. I'd love to see you all on our site at one of our programmed retreats or as a group coming to enjoy the mountains together! In the meantime, I'll be exploring my new home and trying keep up with the busy summer preparations! I'm so excited to be back in Colorado and reunited with such an incredible community. For those of you I haven't met, I'm hopeful that I'll see you on the mountain soon.

Daniel



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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!

This past week I was in Quinlan, TX with our retreat director Daniel getting high ropes certified through Adventure Experiences. I absolutely LOVED spending a week on top of various elements with people from all over the place. Our group was hilarious, fun to learn with and brought a lot of different experiences and perspectives that made all of our conversations interesting and intentional. I'm excited to be more a part of the high ropes ministry scene this summer! What a cool thing we get to do and be a part of.

Now that I'm back in Colorado I've been busy contacting groups, ordering our new day camp shirts, getting to know our new staff, and knocking things off the list we need to get done before summer hits us in a few short months! I'm so excited for another summer with our new staff and can't wait to see what another incredible group of people do for another summer of RTLCLC ministry.

Our Compass Points program, in particular, this year is the fullest I've seen it since being a part of the RTLCLC team! We have a great mix of groups coming from everywhere this summer, many returning groups, many new groups. I'm excited to have them up the mountain this summer and watch them grow from all the mountaintop experiences they have coming their way! Our Compass Points staff team is an incredible group of leaders and I'm very excited to watch them lead and grow over the season as well.

When I haven't been in the office, Texas, or onsite, I've been busy moving houses before summer hits (a task I took on without fully looking at the timeline and how busy this time of year is for sure). I've moved just a couple blocks away from my old house in Salida but it's always nice to purge all the random things I've collected from the last year (it's amazing how easy it is for me to accumulate so much!). My dog (Tüka) loves the new place but is still dramatically coping with the warmer weather that seems to keep taking her snow away. Prayers for her transition are appreciated. Other than that she's in great health and is incredibly excited to play with dogs, kids, and wildlife this summer.

To top it all off, I'm also going to Kauai in a couple of weeks for a good restful break before we head straight into summer. It'll be a quick transition going from the peaceful beaches of Hawaii straight up to camp for our first week of directors training, but I'm very much looking forward to the challenge. I've never been to this part of Hawaii and I'm so excited for a little beach vacay! (It's a hard life sometimes)

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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Starting in May, Rainbow Trail will have a new online giving platform for you to use to support this ministry. It will be better, faster, prettier and more informative for all the ways you can support RTLCLC. You will also be able to set up recurring gifts if you want to give on a monthly basis. The new donation page will allow you to give to the part of this

ministry that you are passionate about. In addition to easier giving, there will be a separate giving page for the land exchange where we can keep you up-to-date on our progress. Look out for an E-reflections announcing the new giving page. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Jarvis at dave@rainbowtrail.org.

Make a Difference and Give Your Business a Shout Out at Grace Race

Every fall, Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp hosts its annual Grace Race to help stamp out world hunger. This annual 5k run/walk was started as part of RTLCLC's 50th anniversary in 2007, to raise money for the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. The event is held in collaboration with the Rocky Mountain Synod Hunger Network. Over the last twelve years, the Rainbow Trail community has contributed \$59,771.36 to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. But we think we can do more. The 13th Annual Grace Race will be held on Saturday, October 5, 2019. We are aiming for 350 participants for this

year's race. This can be the year we top \$10,000 for the check that we send to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal!! Another great way to support this event and cause is to advertise your business on the classy Grace Race tech shirts. For a \$300 donation, we will add your company name and logo to the race shirt. There will also be a link for your business off of the RTLCLC Grace race webpage. We'll give your business some great press at the race and you will help make an incredible difference in our world. Contact Dave Jarvis at dave@rainbowtrail.org for more details.

Save The Date: Colorado Gives Day for 2019

Support RTLCLC on Colorado Gives Day! On Tuesday, December 3, 2019. Coloradans will come together again to raise millions of dollars for nonprofits like Rainbow Trail. Last year, a remarkable \$35.1 million was distributed to 2,481 Colorado nonprofits. RTLCLC raised and amazing \$88,349 in that 24-hour period. Our goal for 2018 was to raise \$85,000. With the support received in 2018, we have set a goal for 2019 of \$90,000! All funds raised will go towards the Annual Fund. Since we are still in the middle of the land exchange process, some people have shifted their annual fund donation towards the Capital appeal. But we still need our annual fund to sustain day-to-day operations. Mark your calendars and make a difference!





Rainbow Trail 2019 Events Calendar

- May 24-26.....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
- Nov 22-24.....RTLCL Senior High Retreat
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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!

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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) |
| Nalgene Water Bottles (40) | 12 - 5 ft. round white Lifetime tables |
| Masking tape | Rain Jackets & Rain Pants |
| Scotch Tape | 25-gallon Rubbermaid tubs (24) |
| Duct Tape | On-Site and Compass Points Day Packs |
| Packing Tape | Foam Brushes - 1" |
| Postage stamps | Paintbrushes - all sizes, inexpensive |
| 8.5x11 Yellow Tablets | Matching Dressers for BC- call first (10) |
| 8 ft. Rectangle "Lifetime" tables (5) | White File Folder Labels |

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 HERO7 Silver |
| 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) | Used Day Camp Vehicle |
| Shark Navigator vacuums (4) | |

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