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RAINBOW TRAIL LOSES ANOTHER LEGENDARY LEADER

Rev. Dave Peters Passes Away at age 86

Rainbow Trail lost another one of its historical giants when Rev. Dave Peters passed away on January 18, 2022. Dave's leadership was timely and critical in the life and history of Rainbow Trail. Dave was the second full-time director of Rainbow Trail, following Don Simonton who had served since RTLTC began.

In February of 1968, Dr. Leland Soker proposed to the Rocky Mountain Synod that Rainbow Trail hire a full-time summer director. In 1968, RTLTC developed a partnership with Trinity Lutheran Church in Canon City. With this partnership came the appointment of a new director. Pastor Dave Peters was called to be the first full-time summer director in April of 1969 in conjunction with his call to Trinity. During the next 4 summers, Dave spent most weeks at camp, returning to Canon on Saturdays and Sundays to take care of his congregation.

During Dave's time, major infrastructure changes took place that



we continue to use today. The five cabins across the creek were built during Dave's tenure as director-- Wild Rose, Mariposa, Harebell, Gilia, and Buttercup were all completed in 1969. A new well and water system were also installed, the core of which

we are still using today. And in 1970, Dave oversaw the replacement of the old crushed septic system with what is now affectionately known as our "pooper plant." That same system was refurbished in 1997 and was moved to its present location right outside of our

front gate.

But the biggest change that Dave brought to Rainbow Trail happened in 1970. After many years of depending on volunteer summer staff to lead programs as cabin counselors, the first paid staff of young, Christian college students was hired in 1970. This was a radical transformation for camp and would set a precedent to open many new doors for outdoor ministries nationwide.

In 1972, Dave left Canon City and Rainbow Trail to serve at Messiah Lutheran Church in Denver where he served until he retired in 1998. Dave's time at Rainbow Trail marked great growth for camp. He not only implemented many new programs but Dave oversaw many of the physical changes that helped further the possibilities for ministry.

Dave never wanted to say "good-bye" but always said, "See you after a while." As followers of Christ, we all live with that promise! Dave, we will miss you. But this is not good-bye --- we will see you after a while!

RTLTC Partnering with Wholly Kicks for our Summer Offering

This summer, Rainbow Trail will partner with Wholly Kicks, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides brand new shoes to those experiencing homelessness and economic disparity. Wholly Kicks was founded and is directed by Pastor Tyg Taylor who works as a street pastor in North Aurora. Throughout the summer, we will be having a new shoe drive, (athletic/tennis/sneaker style) to join their theme of "Who You Walking With?"

In 2022 Wholly Kicks, thanks to supporters like you, will provide 3000 brand new shoes to people in need in our communities. Wholly Kicks receives much of its funding, shoe drive support, and its volunteer base from ELCA congregations who partner for this important mission of walking with others. Your support continues to put a spring in the step of a diverse community of preschoolers to senior adults!

This year, Wholly Kicks has provided new shoes to such places as Warren Village, Friends of St. Andrew, mul-

tipale Title 1 school events in Aurora and Colorado Springs, new refugees and immigrants in Aurora, and Smith Road Women's Shelter. Wholly Kicks is consistently loving those experiencing homelessness, couch surfing, living in Colfax motels and low income housing in North Aurora. At each shoe event, people are supported by one of Wholly Kicks' leaders, as they choose the shoe of their choice, try it on, and walk away with a brand new pair of kicks and socks.

Thanks to their wonderful supporters, Wholly Kicks is able to mentor and build leaders right from the very community they serve, who then work at their events. Their best leaders are the ones who once received a new pair of kicks themselves during Tyg's early presence on the street two years ago.



So, Rainbow Trail has chosen Wholly Kicks for our summer offering this year. You can give in two different ways this year. You can bring your monetary offering and put it in the offering jug as you arrive at camp or at closing worship like you have in the past. But we also want to encourage every camper and adult leader/ pastor coming to camp this summer to bring a new pair of sneakers or ath-

letic shoes to support the work of Wholly Kicks. Or do BOTH!! Rainbow Trail has set a goal for 350 pair of new shoes to go to Wholly Kicks from our camp community. If you want to do a shoe drive at your church and bring them to camp with you, that would be amazing! Help us blow past that goal!!

Please check their website at WhollyKicks.org, Instagram and Facebook at Wholly Kicks, for more information on the movement and its impact. You are also welcome to contact Tyg Taylor directly (tyg@whollykicks.org 719-339-8281) with questions and opportunities for partnerships of gifting, shoe drives, service, or brainstorming the "what ifs..."

Thank you so much for walking with Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp and Wholly Kicks as we walk with others... #whoyouwalkingwith

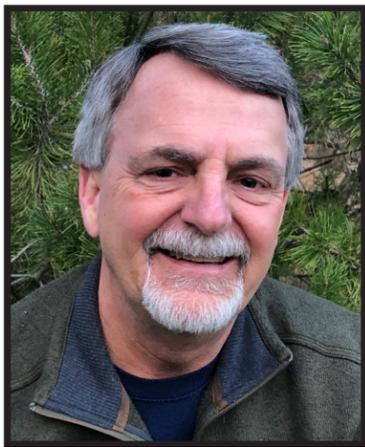
Rainbow Trail Mission Statement

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

We are ready for summer! It has taken two years, but I think camp will feel as close as it can to what camp was like before the pandemic. We are training our high ropes people at our site in just a few weeks, we are getting our vehicles ready to go for in-person Day Camps again, and Memorial Day Work Weekend is super full with over 100 people and with exciting projects to improve our site. As we make this transition, we pray that God will continue to watch over us, and keep our campers and staff healthy through the summer.



Registrations have been outstanding for this summer. Seven of our nine regular weeks of summer camp are full with open spots only in week #1 (Junior High) and week #8 (Senior High), and the open Junior High Compass Points trip. There are also a few spots in our Intro camps. There are a total 70 spots left in the first 9 weeks of summer! Don't miss out on the chance to be at camp with our great staff. If you are considering registering your child for camp, know we have camperships available to help. Things are still not back to normal for everyone. This is exactly why we have campership funds. 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 faithful donors that give specifically for camperships. 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 23rd and the rest of our ministry team arrives on May 30th. We are so excited about this team and all they will have to offer our campers. In a time when many other camps are struggling to fill their staff, we had an amazing process and found fabulous candidates. There are many wonderful returners that you know and love. There are also a great group of amazing new folks that you will fall in love with as well. Over 60% of this staff is from the Rocky Mountain Synod. We began the online portion of our training with this crew the last week of March and will continue with two weeks of in-person training upon their arrival for summer. Please keep this team in your prayers as they prepare for this summer. May God use them in amazing ways this summer!!

The Land Exchange is moving forward! We have received approval at the regional level and are waiting for the final approval of the feasibility analysis and to sign the Agreement to Initiate the actual exchange sometime in April! This sets us up to perform the major studies needed for the land exchange during the coming summer months. There are still opportunities to support this effort. We still need to raise around \$40,000 to cover other expenses associated with the exchange such as infrastructure consultants, architectural design, and the new master site plan. If you would like to support this effort, mark your special check or online gift "Land Exchange." We are equipped to take stock gifts as well. I'd be happy to talk with you about the details! We will own our site and it will be the biggest celebration when that happens!

We continue to need your support for this ministry through prayer, through your gift of time and energy, and through your financial gifts. With your partnership, we are able to hire the finest staff, provide excellent facilities, and create a safe place for people to grow in Christ. I continue to be amazed and humbled by the financial support we receive for this ministry. I hope you know how much your gifts are appreciated. It is through your support that we are able to do things that we could have only imagined. Through the work of over 100 enthusiastic volunteers that join us Memorial Day Work Weekend, we figure that we are making about \$50,000 of improvements to our site every year for a fraction of that amount. Major projects for this year's Memorial Work Weekend include a new split rail fence for Bristlecone Lodge, new logs around the mall and in front of Columbine, new sand in the volleyball court, new windows throughout Evergreen Lodge, new porch and decking on the Blue Bells and Lupine cabins, new LED dimmable flood lighting in the pavilion, new speakers and sound system in Aspen dining hall, and new stage track lighting on both ends of the pavilion. 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!

One of the things I learned from Don Simonton, RTLC's first director, was "As you move forward, don't forget where you came from." This makes me think of the Rev. Dave Peters. Dave passed away this past January. Dave was a tremendous mentor for me in my early years at Rainbow Trail. Because of the work that Dave led in the late 60's, a solid foundation was set for our ministry today. My last in-person interaction with Dave was on the front porch of Columbine Lodge at camp this past summer. Dave was sitting in one of the rockers and said, "It's good to be back. This view never gets old." I couldn't agree more. Dave, thanks for being a visionary. We will miss you!

I'm so ready for this summer! Know that we can't wait to serve you and your children again this summer. Kids need camp more than ever and all that camp has to offer - fun, a great faith community, Bible study, new friends, and a chance for kids just to be kids again. Thanks for the blessing of serving you for another summer. This is summer #34 for me at this sacred place. I can't wait! See you soon!

Dave

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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!

Visit www.rainbowtrail.org to apply today!

MALE COUNSELOR POSITIONS STILL AVAILABLE!

Are you and/or a friend interested in outdoor ministry? Are you interested in a life changing summer in walking with campers in their faith journey while growing in your own? Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp could be the place for you this summer with openings in our male counselor position! Contact cam@rainbowtrail.org to find out more information of what the possibilities look like!

- Work with campers of all ages
- Experience a life changing summer while being a part of a special community
- Be in the mountains of Colorado all summer

Rainbow Trail LUTHERAN CAMP

Camp Vibes

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

This week, I was reading the word of John. John talks a lot about our life with Jesus. For example, the term "life" appears 36 times in John. That's more than twice as much as it appears in all the other gospels combined and more than any other book in the New Testament. I found this interesting not just because I love thinking about how my life with Jesus is always going, but whenever I write these articles, I always reflect and think, "How is life?" In a short and sweet answer, life is excellent!



Summer is definitely in the air! From the time I am typing this, Summer Directors show up three and a half weeks from today. It is always an exciting time to get our crew together and start planning and training on what this summer will look like! There are a lot of fresh faces on this year's staff. Many campers who are now old enough to be on the other side of camp, some individuals who've never been to camp before who are taking the leap of faith into camp life this summer, and some returners who will be great leaders for the group! My brother Zach is back on summer staff this year. He will be hanging high on the ropes course as a Ropes Coordinator and Elyse. I am excited for him to do such great ministry, helping campers face their fears and grow as village groups and individuals! It will be a busy summer with an almost full ten weeks.

Bridging Borders is back this summer! This year, we are sending three groups out of Colorado and New Mexico to Appalachia. Appalachia has been our most popular trip recently, and the relationship we have built with ASP has been great. Two of our groups are going to Kentucky, and one will be going to Virginia. Both groups will be working on construction projects for low-income family homes. Appalachia has the highest poverty per capita in America, and many of those families cannot afford to get projects done on their homes that need to get done. They are great people who want to know our groups and staff and are very relationship-based, which is our main philosophy at RTLC!

For my personal life, it also has been eventful! My girlfriend Delta, who many of you may know from being on camp staff, recently moved up back to Colorado Springs! We have enjoyed not doing long distance anymore and are so excited to continue to grow our relationship in the years to come. You will most likely see her at camp this summer, so don't be afraid to say hello! The Bonsers and I continue to thrive living together. I appreciate those two a lot and their support for me during my time at camp! The family is also doing very well! Dad continues to grow his Colorado Springs Magazine. Mom continues to help Black Forrest Lutheran Church function on a high level. Kirsten and her husband Carson own a house in Falcon and are thriving together, and Z is finishing up his semester of school and preparing for summer!

Thank you all for your support over the years; this RTLC community is a second family. I love talking to you all and hope to see your smiling faces during summer! Blessings!

Cam

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Simonton Says

By Sands Simonton - Director of Site and Facilities

Hello again from the site of Rainbow Trail! I hope you are all doing well and enjoying spring time. I hope you and your kids are excited for this summer! Personally I couldn't be more excited for another incredible summer of ministry and fun.

We've had a great retreat season this year with our new Retreat Director Hannah. Her learning curve was fast and abrupt but she handled it very well. I couldn't be happier with how that transition went. Sam Walmer was hired on as our only Program Assistant after David and Jack left and I've been really impressed with his ability to fill both PGA rolls while at the same time taking online classes for school.



As for the Site. For those of you who don't know already, the winter season up here was short and intense. In just the month of February alone we got around 4 feet of snow total... During this time, we actually experienced temperatures that hovered around 30 below zero for a couple days in a row. Unfortunately because of this we had a pipe freeze and then break in our newly remodeled staff lodge (Bristle Cone). Almost the entire downstairs was flooded which was quite a shock to find as I'm sure you can all imagine. We are currently getting it back in action for the summer so look forward to an even newer lodge to enjoy your stay in! Even though I love the snow with a fiery passion, I'm happy to say that it's starting to melt which means I can shift my focus to preparing the physical site for the arrival of campers. In November we were finally able to finish the repairs on our underground water main and now that the ground is dry, I'm looking forward to cleaning that area up in front of the dining hall. Landscaping has to be one my favorite spring activities.

Memorial Day is right around the corner! I am so excited for this year's work weekend it's not even funny. Some of the big projects on the list include new log lining all around the roads and the mall, new crosses at the Outdoor Chapel and Equis, new fencing in front of BC, new lighting in the pavilion, new flooring and trim in the Columbine Apartment and Evergreen, Lupine and Bluebells cabins will get brand new front decks built, and neither last nor least, we'll top the volleyball court off with some fresh sand thanks to Mark Sather! Of course that's not everything, we have a very wide spectrum of projects for every skill set out there including small things around the site like repairs and tidying up. These small items really do have a big impact in the usability and aesthetics of our site as well. This year I'm really looking forward to problem solving with and working with the folks who plan on coming to the Memorial Day work weekend. See you there!

As for me personally if you care to read on, I'm doing really well! I still love living in Salida of course, it's still pretty tough making friends in such a small town but I'm making the best of it. Bode (my dog) is doing great as well! He turned 1 year old last month so I split my steak with him of course. Bode was also just recently fixed but he bounced back right away and is back to tearing up the forest each day at work. If you haven't met him yet then I promise you will love him. Otherwise I hope you and your family are staying healthy and happy wherever you are and I can't wait to see you this summer!

-Sands

Save The Date: Colorado Gives Day for 2022

Support RTALC on the 13th Annual Colorado Gives Day! Save the date! **On Tuesday, December 6, 2022.** Coloradans will come together again to raise millions of dollars for nonprofits like Rainbow Trail. Last year, a remarkable \$54.4 million was distributed to 3,151 Colorado nonprofits. RTALC raised an amazing \$100,005 in that 24-hour period. With the support received in 2021, we have set a goal for 2022 of \$95,000! All funds raised will go towards our Annual Fund. We need a great Colorado Gives Day to end the year strong. Also, we are still in the middle of the land exchange process and some people have shifted their annual fund donations towards that Capital appeal. We still need our annual funds to sustain our day-to-day operations. Mark your calendars and make a difference!

COMMUNITY FIRST FOUNDATION

COLORADO GIVES DAY 

ColoradoGivesDay.org **Dec. 6**

Thank You Jack, David, and Sam

We are so thankful for our gifted 2021-2022 Program Assistants!! David and Jack both joined us in the fall. They helped implement our Confirmation and Senior High Retreat and stepped up as strong leaders during the Women's Retreat when most of our full-time staff were unexpectedly unable to attend. Jack left in December to serve as the Program Director at Cross Trails Ministry in Texas. David left in February to serve as the Program Director at Agape Kure Beach Ministries in North Carolina. Our Program Assistant experience is designed to equip and empower young adults interested in pursuing full time jobs in outdoor ministry. Although we had to say goodbye earlier than planned, we are so proud of Jack and David! Sam, who served on summer staff for four years, joined us in February to assist the rest of the retreat season. We are thankful for his adaptability and commitment to Rainbow Trail! All three of our Program Assistants led with grace and enthusiasm, making sure our retreat guests experienced radical hospitality. Each one has made an impact on Rainbow Trail!

We wish Jack and David the best of luck as they step into full time ministry. Sam will be a Director on summer staff, so say hi to him this summer. May God go with the three of you as you engage in the world as beloved children of God!

Chris' Corner

By Chris Seaman - Food Service Manager

Hello to my RTALC Family!

I would like to thank you all for your loving thoughts and prayers for me during my time of bereavement. I had to put my dog Lucky down. Took him to the vet because he was limping and found out he had bone cancer. Wasn't expecting that! Life goes on and we pray for strength. Enough of that!



To say that I'm excited for this summer is an understatement! Seeing the new staff come in every Memorial Day makes my heart smile! I would like to thank Sam Walmer for stepping in to fill the position of PGA after both David and Jack got jobs and had to leave us! They were both awesome by the way! Sam, you are a rock star!

I would now like to share with you a dish that I made for an Ambassador Retreat. Chicken with Grapes! You will need: 8 chicken thighs, bone in, skin on, patted dry (I recommend thighs because of cost), 2-3 Tbl. Olive Oil plus extra, 1Tbl. Sesame Seeds, 1Tbl. Ground Coriander and 1/4tsp. Salt, Kosher salt and Black Pepper, 12 large shallots peeled and quartered root to stem, one pound grapes(you can use red, green or both. Just make sure they are seedless!) 8 sprigs fresh thyme, 2 tsp. finely chopped thyme and flaky salt for serving. Heat oven to 450. In a large bowl toss the chicken with 2-3 Tbl. olive oil. Combine the sesame seeds, Ground Coriander and salt. Add to chicken and toss to coat. Season well with salt and pepper. Reserve 4 small bunches of grapes for garnish. Pluck the rest. Line a sheet pan with foil and pan spray. Place the shallots and plucked grapes on the sheet pan, toss with sufficient olive oil to coat(Gently!), season with salt. Nestle the chicken, skin side up, between the shallots and grapes and lay the thyme sprigs on top of the chicken thighs. Roast for 40 minutes. Add the bunches of grapes after 10 minutes. Continue roasting until the chicken is cooked through and the shallots and grapes are softened and caramelized. Remove thyme sprigs, scatter with chopped thyme and season with flaky salt. Enjoy! By the way, this recipe happened because I sent someone to the store to get grapes the week before and they came back with 3 shopping bags full and it was time to figure out what I could do with them! This is a really easy dish to make and I hope you all like it! I am so looking forward to seeing you all and getting hugs! Always remember; Life is Good and God is Great!

Love,

Chris

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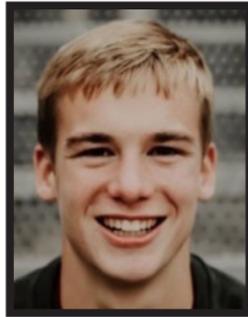
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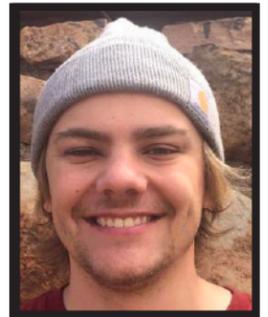
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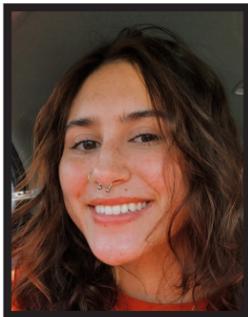
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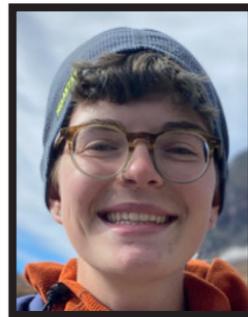
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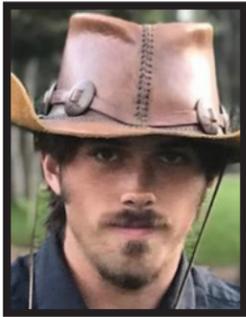
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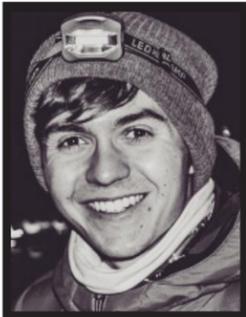
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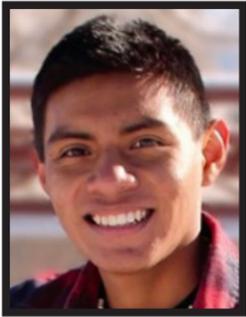
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The Brak Pack

By Maggie Brakke - Director of Compass Points & Day Camp

Happy Spring everyone! This season has been a lovely balance of work and play as we gear up for summer. Compass Points is sending out 9 backpacking trips this summer, and Day Camp will be out in 29 congregations across the Rocky Mountain Synod. One super exciting update to Compass Points was the gift of 8 new backpacks, 3 new tents, and 3 new tarps from one of our partner churches, Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD. Many future backpackers will benefit from the generosity, thanks again OS!!



My life outside of work has been packed! I moved into my first apartment all on my own. Leaving my roommates filled me with gratitude for the companionship during the last few years of isolation. Nesting in my new place has been life-giving and inspired a newfound sense of independence. I was able to host my mom for a much needed visit, and even have had some visitors from my homeland of MN.

Between now and summer I will be working a few retreats, camping with Anthony, and dancing a lot; I even have a professional gig coming up!

As always, all are welcome at Eagle Peak Lodge. Come say "hi" when you are at camp this summer!

Maggie

Compass Points Get's Some Fresh Gear! Thanks Our Saviors!



Compass Points added 8 new backpacks, 3 new tents, and 3 new tarps to our backpacking inventory, thanks to a generous donation from Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Souix Falls, SD! This gear will be put to great use as we have many groups doing CP trips this summer along with some of our own progamed trips!

Choose to Designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to RTALC and Make A Difference!

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has a charitable giving program called Thrivent Choice. Each member is allocated a set amount of money to give to the Lutheran organizations of their choice. Last year, Rainbow Trail received \$25,000 from this program. Our goal for 2021 is \$28,000. We hope that you will designate your allocated dollars to Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp. You will need to go out to the Thrivent website quarterly to designate your Thrivent Choice dollars. We know that is a lot to remember and we can help. If you will let us know that you have designated your Thrivent Choice dollars to Rainbow Trail, we can send you either an email or a postcard quarterly to remind you to go out and designate your dollars. If you haven't designated your Choice dollars to any organization, just follow the steps below to designate them to Rainbow Trail.

HERE ARE STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO DESIGNATE YOUR FUNDS:

Over the Internet

1. Log on to www.thrivent.com
2. Sign in with your username and password or register for an account.
3. Once you have registered and signed in, select the "Direct Choice Dollars" button for Thrivent Choice in the right hand side.
4. In the middle of the next page, type "Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp" in the "Organization Name" box, leave "City" blank, and click search.
5. Next to our camp name, you will click the "Direct Now" button. You will be able to assign all or part of your Choice dollars to us. You can also set it up so Rainbow Trail continues to get your future Thrivent Choice Dollars as well.
6. Click the "submit" button and your Thrivent Choice Dollars will be sent to our ministry.

Over the Phone

1. Call 800-847-4836.
2. Follow the prompts that are given.
3. You will be asked for the last four digits of your Social Security number, then you will be sent through an automated operator system. Our camp is listed as "Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp."

This is just one more way that you can give to support this ministry. Encourage your friends that are Thrivent members to do the same! If you have any questions, call Dave at the Canon City office.

Hanging With Hannah

By Hannah Loeffler-Kemp - Director of Retreats



It's hard to believe that the retreat season is beginning to wrap up as we anticipate summer! My first retreat season at Rainbow Trail has been an impactful experience. I have learned so much from my wonderful colleagues and I have loved meeting the RTALC community. We've hosted around 26 retreat groups, amounting over 750 people since the 2021 summer season ended. Since the start of COVID-19, we are slowly beginning to increase our retreat numbers and it feels so good to have people on site! Between schools, congregations, fly fishers, Labor Day family campers, knitters,

confirmation and senior high youth, each group brings its own unique feel that keeps the site vibrant.

I am excited to experience my first summer at Rainbow Trail! I am looking forward to witnessing the way summer camp creates so many opportunities for everyone who walks onto the site; space to explore God in creation, grow in their gifts, and engage in community.

Each month I have been able to settle a little more into my new Colorado life. My partner, Mason, and I moved into a cute home in Old Colorado City! We have a lovely view of Pikes Peak from our front porch - my new favorite coffee sipping spot! We have loved exploring the local bakeries, breweries, and trails with our pup. Maggie and I had a couple Minnesota camp friends visit during the Easter weekend and we woke up very, very, very, early to attend the sunrise worship at Red Rocks. Spending time with camp friends always fills the soul!

May you find peace as we transition to the summer season. I hope to see you on the mountain this summer!

-Hannah

The 16th Annual Grace Race



The date has been set! Plan on joining us on Saturday, October 1, 2022 for the 16th Annual Grace Race for World Hunger. We are back in the park!! The race will begin at 4 pm with check-in beginning at 2:30 pm. We will have our post-race party including grilling burgers and our awards ceremony. We will also announce the winner of "The Fleetest Flock" trophy a traveling trophy for the congregation with the most participants. Last year, Augustana won the Fleetest Flock. We are once again partnering with the Rocky Mountain Synod World Hunger appeal. This will be a great way to get outside, get some exercise, and make a huge difference. Can't wait to see you all there to support the World Hunger Appeal. We're hoping to have 300 runners and to raise \$10,000 again this year for World Hunger.

will also be a link for your business off of the RTALC 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.

Advertise Your Business for a Great Cause

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 RTALC'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 fourteen years, the Rainbow Trail community has contributed \$79,933.13 to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal. But we think we can do more. The 16th Annual Grace Race will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2022. We are aiming for 300 participants for this year's race. We can send a \$10,000 check to the ELCA World Hunger Appeal for the second straight year!! 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



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The following individuals are members of the 2022 Trailblazers and Pathfinders 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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- May 30- June 11.....Staff Training
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- September 2-5.....Labor Day Family Weekend
- September 22-25.....Men's Fly Fishing Retreat
- October 1.....Grace Race
- October 7-9.....Womens Retreat
- October 14-16.....Confirmation Retreat
- October 21-23.....Fall Ambassadors Retreat
- November 18-20.....Senior High Retreat
- December 2-4.....AdventFest

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Needs List



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

- White 20# copy Paper (Laser quality)
- Reams of colored copy paper
- Avery 5366 Labels
- Avery 5164 Labels
- Nalgene Water Bottles (40)
- Masking tape
- Scotch Tape
- Duct Tape
- Packing Tape
- Postage stamps
- 8.5x11 Yellow Tablets
- 8 ft. Rectangle "Lifetime" tables (5)
- Long barreled fire lighters (Bic)
- 9x12 Manila envelopes (no clasps)
- 6x9 Manila Envelopes (no clasps)
- 10x13 Manila Envelopes (no clasps)
- 12 - 5 ft. round white Lifetime tables
- Rain Jackets & Rain Pants
- On-Site and Compass Points Day Packs
- Foam Brushes - 1"
- Paintbrushes - all sizes, inexpensive
- 21 Gallons of Handsanitizer
- 2 Cases of Lysol or Clorox Wipes

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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
- Industrial Mop buckets (call us first!)
- Sturdy Wheelbarrows
- New Full or single mattress pads
- New Queen sheets - white
- New Queen mattress pads
- New 3-piece towel sets (20)
- Shark Navigator vacuums (4)
- Free Standing Space Heaters (3)
- GoPro HERO7 Silver
- Freezerless Refrigerator
- Dish Cart
- Phillips 60W & 100W Dimmable LED Bulbs
- Skid Steer Tire Chains
- Used Day Camp Vehicle

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