



Rainbow Reflections

NONPROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE PAID
DENVER, CO
PERMIT NO. 5377

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

Volume 37, Number 2 Spring 2025

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

Tur-Man Of The Hour

Matt Turman Is New RTALC Director of Site and Facilities

RTALC welcomes Matt Turman as the new Director of Site and Facilities. Matt was born and raised in Austin, Texas, and first came to RTALC in 2015 during a high school backpack trip. He returned to Colorado to work at RTALC as a counselor during the summers of 2018 and 2020. He began his studies at Texas State University in San Marcos in engineering, then switched to religious studies, graduating in 2023. Following graduation, he served as a Program Assistant intern at Rainbow Trail for 9 months where he hosted retreats and learned many aspects of camping minis-



try--from maintenance and hospitality to budgeting, programming, and philosophy. From there, Matt did maintenance at two Lutheran camps on the west coast, Mt. Cross in Santa Cruz, and at Lutherwood in Washington. While he enjoyed the redwoods and the beaches in Cali-

fornia, and he loved being near family in Washington, Matt was ready to return to the sunshine and familiar surroundings of Rainbow Trail. So, on April 16, Matt accepted the position of heading up maintenance at Rainbow Trail.

Matt plays guitar and en-

joys leading campfires and worship. He is also an expert baker when it comes to sticky buns—his family recipe is not to be missed! He loves snowboarding by day and stargazing by night. He has really enjoyed the wildlife of Colorado, especially the deer, elk, and antelope that wander the area. He also loves camping, and plans to make his home in Westcliffe.

Matt looks forward to keeping the camp looking beautiful, and to welcoming and mentoring his summer maintenance crew. We're glad to have you join us, Matt! Welcome!

Gifts That Change Our World

Rainbow Trail is blessed with so many generous donors. The gifts received really allow us to do our ministry in a more full and complete way. We don't always know the full story behind a gift, but every now and then, we get to hear the whole story. And we want to share this one with you!

Lois and Orvid Olson were always passionate about Rainbow Trail and its mission. In the 1970s, they made sure their children, Ruth and Sarah, had the opportunity to go to camp every summer. Then came 2 of their grandchildren, Jeremy and Tyler, who went

on to attend many weeks of camp of their own. Many lasting memories and faith transformation took place for all of them because of their weeks at camp throughout the decades.

Jeremy Idler, one of Lois and Orvid's grandsons, attended every summer since 2nd grade. In high school, he spent a week as a camp-hand, assisting in various tasks around the camp. Then in the summers of 2010 and 2011, he returned as a camp counselor, where he would help a new generation of campers enjoy camp and grow in their faith.

Through the years the Olsons witnessed the profound impact the camp had on their family, and it became clear to them that they wanted their legacy to include a contribution to help with the camp's continued success for generations to come.

With a gift of \$57,140.05 from the estate of Lois and Orvid Olson, Rainbow Trail will have new dining tables in Aspen, all new chairs in Aspen, new tables and chairs in Eagle Peak Lodge for Compass Points, 50 brand new cabin mattresses, new upright

heaters for our winter retreats in the pavilion, and campership funds to help those that need financial assistance to get to camp.

Through their thoughtful donation, Lois and Orvid Olson are not only honoring their own family's connection to the camp but also playing a key role in shaping the future of Rainbow Trail. Their legacy will live on in the lives of countless children and families who, like their children and grandchildren will come to know and love this special place.

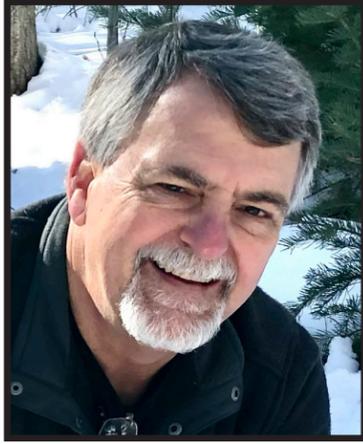
Rainbow Trail Mission Statement

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

Someone ask me if this was an easier year since it was my last. I told them, to the contrary, that this had been my busiest year ever, bar none! We have a full and complete staff, we have been training them for the last seven weeks, Delta has lined up multiple retreats that will keep all of us hopping right up to Directors' training, and the Land Exchange's remaining big parts have all been briskly moving forward! We just completed our ropes course re-certification, and our spring RTLC Board meeting is just a week away. Also, Memorial Day Work Weekend is full with over 100 people and with exciting projects to improve our site. We have also been purchasing lots of cool new gear for Popshop that you are going to love! All of this on top of keeping lots of detailed notes to hand off to the next Director!



Registrations have been the strongest since 2019. If you include Compass Points, there are a total of 7 spots open across the whole on-site program not counting Confirmation Camp. There are still a few spots in Junior High #1 and Intro #2, as well as both the Junior High and Senior High Compass Points weeks. There are a total of 40 open spots left for the whole 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. We know things are still not 100% back to normal for everyone following the pandemic. 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 19th and the rest of our ministry team arrives on May 26th. We are so excited about this team and all they will have to offer our campers. In a time when many other camps are still struggling to fill their staff, we had an amazing process and found fabulous candidates to fill our ministry team. There are many wonderful returners that you know and love. There is a great group of amazing new folks that you will fall in love with as well. We are literally growing our own. 55% of our staff is from the Rocky Mountain Synod. We began the seven-week online portion of our training with this crew the last week of March and will complete their training 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!!

Perseverance is paying off! The Land Exchange is moving forward! This spring we have been finalizing the conservation Easement and Base Line Report, which records everything about our site exactly the way it will be when the Land Exchange takes place. Both documents should be completed in May. Hopefully, we will then be ready for the next step this summer, which is a public comment. Our new site master plan will be completed by September. We are now looking at the Fall of 2025 to complete of the land exchange! That is this year. There are still opportunities to be a part of this project. 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 gifts 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. There is a great example on the front page of this newsletter. 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 cost. Major projects for this year's Memorial Work Weekend include blowing insulation into attic in the main room of Eagle Peak Lodge; installing a new French door in upper Juniper; log oiling the I AM and the benches in the Fircle and outdoor chapel; performing repairs to the archery range deck; repairing the porch and steps on Holling Lodge; installing new snow brakes on Columbine and Bristlecone Lodge, wood chipping the high ropes course, and painting the exterior of two of the cabins across the creek. 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!

Nell and I are loving being grandparents and being close to our kids. You know, I have talked to a lot of people and not one has said this grandparenting is a bad gig. We get to see Oliver a lot and Nell gets to babysit three days a week. It's all pretty sweet!

I'm so ready for this summer! We had our ropes re-certification out at camp and it was so good to just be in that space. It is going to be an amazing one! Know that we overjoyed that we get to serve you and your children again this year. Thanks for the blessing of serving you... this is summer #37 for me at this sacred place. I can't wait! See you soon!

Until next time...

Dave

Thank You, Reggie!



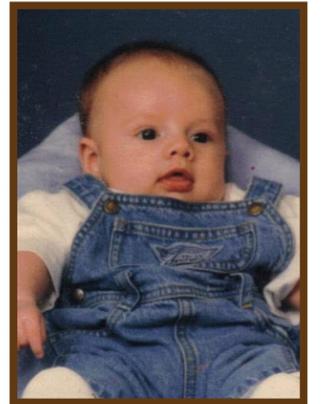
We are so thankful for our gifted 2024-2025 Program Assistant!! Zach Regennitter joined us in the fall. He helped plan and implement our Confirmation and Senior High retreats. He also intentionally welcomed our guests and created relational spaces. We are grateful for his curiosity, creativity, enthusiasm and wonder he added to our team! We also appreciate Zach for stepping into the facilities role more as we were in the search process for that position. Zach will be joining our summer staff this year as the Assistant On-Site Director role.

Even though he will be staying with us for another 3 months, we wish Zach the best of luck in his journey. May God go with you as you engage in the world as a beloved children of God! And always know you always have a home here!

CAMP Vibes

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

This month, I've been spending time in the book of Genesis, and reflecting on how God shows up in the lives of real, imperfect people has been influential. From Abraham's faith to Joseph's perseverance, one theme that stands out is how God remains faithful, even when people mess up, doubt, or face challenging circumstances. One story that especially struck me was Jacob's encounter with God in Genesis 28, where he dreams of the ladder reaching heaven. When he wakes up, he says, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it." That line hit me—how often are we unaware of God's presence in the middle of our everyday lives? It reminded me of what we tell our campers: God is always near, even when we don't feel or recognize it immediately. Whether we're walking through uncertainty or celebrating big moments, God's presence and promises remain. And just like in Genesis, God still uses ordinary people, like you, me, and our campers, for extraordinary purposes.



Summer is approaching, and things are buzzing here at camp! Our team is deep in preparation mode, with online training underway, dogs getting pampered, and every corner of the site is getting ready to welcome another incredible wave of campers. Our summer staff is locked in, and we've got an excellent blend of returning veterans and brand-new leaders bringing fresh energy. The full-time crew is gearing up mentally, physically, and spiritually for three months of meaningful, high-impact ministry. This summer holds something special, and I'm already praying for life-changing moments for every camper who walks through our gates.

For Bridging Borders this summer, we're expanding in exciting new ways! We're sending a group to the Appalachia region, where they'll partner with local ministries of ASP while addressing housing needs, food insecurity, and community development. This is a meaningful opportunity for our team to roll up their sleeves and walk alongside people doing powerful work in their communities.

We're also thrilled to send a team to Ecuador to continue building relationships through cross-cultural service and ministry. Our staff will work with long-time partners on projects that support local families and churches, all while learning deeply from the culture and community around them. These trips reflect our heart for service, both near and far, and we're excited to see how God moves through them.

In my personal life, things are full and exciting! Delta and I are expecting Baby Reg very soon, and we're soaking up every moment as we prepare to become parents. It's been a season filled with anticipation, joy, and learning. We've been dreaming together about the kind of parents we hope to be, and we're so grateful for the love and support we've felt from our community during this time. We are waiting to find out the gender, so all wagers are welcome. I also recently had the chance to play in a golf tournament at The Broadmoor with my brother, dad, and brother-in-law, which was a fun and surreal experience. The course was beautiful; I had a blast competing and enjoying the day with good people. As always, time with family and friends continues to be life-giving, and this new chapter of becoming a dad makes me especially grateful and grounded.

Thank you for your continued support, love, and prayers for this summer. I am excited to return there and continue God's calling this summer.

Go In Peace,

Cam

Talking Turman

By Matt Turman - Director of Site and Facilities

Hi there everyone, my name is Matthew Turman and I'm excited to be joining the team here at Rainbow Trail as the new Site and Facilities Director. A bit about me: I've always had a heart for the outdoors and working with my hands, and I'm grateful to bring that passion into a place that serves such a meaningful mission. I'm looking forward to getting to know all of you—staff, volunteers, campers, and families—and to being part of the community that makes this place feel like home.



This time last year, I was up here at camp, finishing my role as a program assistant for the retreat season. Since then, I've traveled out to California to work a summer at another Lutheran camp, Mt. Cross Ministries. Then I found my way to Washington, where I was the site and facilities director for another camp that was 40 minutes from the Canadian border. Lutherwood Camp and Retreat center is outside of the town of Bellingham. I loved my time there and enjoyed getting to experience the town and a new part of the country. Each stop along the way has been full of learning, and I'm thankful for the experiences that have brought me here.

As I settle into this new role, I'm already diving into plans for improving and maintaining the site and facilities. From preventative upkeep to long-term planning, my goal is to keep the grounds safe, functional, and welcoming for every guest and group who comes through. In case you didn't know, our Memorial Day work weekend is fast approaching, and will be my top priority for the next month while we await everyone to come up for it. There's a lot in the works, from new concrete porches and plumbing repairs, to making wood chips for our high ropes course and fresh coats of paint on cabins. At the end of the day I'm excited to help steward this space so it continues to support rest, connection, and growth for years to come. Also if anyone reading this has an extra concrete mixer, we could use one more for the weekend!

See you soon!

MATT

CONTRIBUTORS

Thank you to the following friends of Rainbow Trail who gave a gift in 2025

DESIGNATED GIFTS

- Randy and Lisa Schrader - Joshua Station and Denver Rescue Mission Outreach
- The Estate of Lois and Orvid Olson - Tables and Chairs
- The Estate of Lois and Orvid Olson - Mattresses and Covers
- The Estate of Lois and Orvid Olson - Commercial Space Heaters
- The Estate of Lois and Orvid Olson - Larzelere Campership Endowment

- Anonymous
- Beka Gershenoff
- Betty Morgan
- Bobbie Anderson
- Christie and Kevin Kurth
- Dan and Marcia Bollman
- Darlene Besser
- Eileen Reynold
- Eric and Carolyn Gustafson
- Erin Pierce
- Hannah Gershenoff
- Hugh Denning
- Jennifer Baldwin Heiny
- John DeBella
- Kristen Garrett
- Larry and Judy Ware
- Matthew and Judy Lydick
- Merle and Martha Lydick
- Michael and Jennifer Berdine
- Michael Heffernan
- Norman and Vianne Bertelsen
- Phil and Elaine Parker
- Rachel Jones and Will Rogge
- Richard and Elaine Simonds
- Ryan and Anne Marie Kaspersen
- Susan and Brenda Zimmer
- Suzanne Parker
- Virginia Crow

The 19th Annual Grace Race

Save the Date: Grace Race is Saturday, October 4, 2025



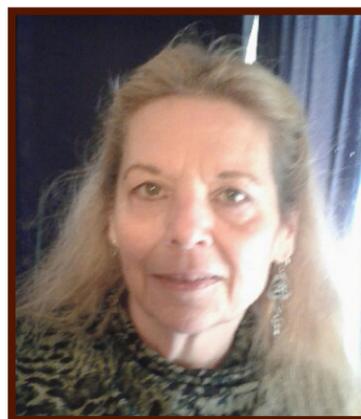
The date has been set! Plan on joining us on Saturday, October 4, 2025 for the 19th Annual Grace Race for World Hunger. The race will begin at 4 pm with check-in beginning at 2:30 pm. We will have our post-race party including grilling burgers and our awards ceremony. We will also announce the winner of "The Fleetest Flock" trophy, a traveling trophy for the congregation with the most participants. Last year, Augustana won the Fleetest Flock again! It has been five years in a row. Someone needs to challenge them! 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.

Chris' Corner

By Chris Seaman - Food Service Man

Hello to my RTALC Family!!!

Things have been busy this Retreat season! I pray you all have been Healthy and Happy since our last communication. Spring is making itself known up here at camp. However, we did get a foot of snow this weekend! Yay for moisture in the Valley! Ok, I should probably tell you that I had another car crash. I'm all good. 4" to the left, I would have been impaled by the mile marker sign I hit. I don't know the plan, but the Dear Lord is not done with me yet! I guess this servant's heart is yours till God calls a timeout! Besides that, life is a wonderful thing to cherish and celebrate! I won't be onsite full time this Summer, but I will still be up every week to do a Food Order and get the hugs that make my heart full! If you ever would like me to hang out with you at Camp, please call me at (719) 371-1355. To be able to just enjoy time with all of you who have become, and are so special to me, is a joyful event!



Delta is the most Radiant Mama that I have ever seen and Cam's obvious joy about being a Dad is to this day, a wakeup for me that there are still hearts big enough to make sure that the Love of God will be continue to be shared with the hearts of those who desperately need His Blessings.

OK! Been emotional enough! How would you like to have the recipe for my famous Artichoke Dip! I started making this only for the Women's Retreat a bunch of years ago. Then I said... Self, I said, this is too good to keep for only one event! So, now I ask If I can make it for any group! My Mentor and Best Friend Dave Jarvis said, if you want to make it for the people because you know the Majority of people are going to love it, then that's part of who you are! I'm the most Blessed person I know to have a Boss who has come to understand me like no other! Thank You Dave! I have served this dip with a side of Homemade torn bread strips. You could serve it with veggies, crackers, chips, it's always yours to make as it fits your pallet and preference. People that say they don't like Artichokes have come to me and said... "I don't even like Artichokes and this stuff is addicting."

HOT ARTICHOKE DIP

3 Cans of Artichoke Hearts chopped finley (I use a Food Processor for convenience)

- 2 cup Mayonnaise
- 2 cup Parmesan Cheese (like in the shaker you use on spaghetti)
- Juice from 2 lemons or 3rd cup bottled lemon juice
- 2Tbl. Garlic Powder
- 1Tbl. Coarse Ground Black Pepper

Combine all ingredients and place in a pan sprayed well with no-stick spray. If you have an oven ready baking dish that's cute as heck, use that! Bake in a preheated oven, set to 375 degrees for 30 minutes or until bubbly and golden brown. Serve immediately with your choice of dipping sides. The beauty of this recipe is that you can prep it ahead of time and place it in several bakeable crocks that you can microwave and keep the delicious hot stuff coming!

I'm so excited for Memorial Day and seeing all of you and also to greet our Awesome Staff for this year! May God keep you warm in His embrace. And always remember GOD IS GREAT!!!

Till next time!

Chris

SAVE THE DATE:

COLORADO GIVES DAY FOR 2025

Support RTALC on the 16th Annual Colorado Gives Day on Tuesday, December 9, 2025. Save the date! Coloradans will come together again to raise millions of dollars for nonprofits like Rainbow Trail. Last year, a remarkable \$54.6 million was distributed to 4,533 Colorado non-profits. RTALC raised an incredible \$199,143 in that 24-hour period. With the support received in 2024, we have set a goal for 2025 of \$200,000! All funds raised will go towards our Annual Fund. Our annual funds sustain our day-to-day operations. Mark your calendars and make a difference!



Now THIS is What You've Been Waiting for...



Becca Schatte
Counselor
Valparaiso University
Jefferson City, MO



Daniel Bensen
Woodcarving Instructor
Pacific Lutheran University
Centennial, CO



Hannah Nisonger
Counselor
Redeemer University
Steilacoom, WA



Abby Aurzada
Bridging Borders Director
Colorado State University
Greeley, CO



Addison Short
Counselor
Iowa State University
Rochester, MN



Christina Stanley
Counselor
Northeastern University
Monument, CO



Chloe Peterson-Foust
Summer Head Cook
Colorado State University
Albuquerque, NM



Addison Andrix
Counselor
Gustavus Adolphus College
Owatonna, MN



Zach Burggraaf
Counselor
University of Iowa
Iowa City, IA



Elsa Nelson
Counselor
UW Platteville
Dodgeville, WI



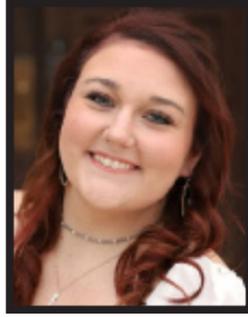
Georgi Ward
Guitar Instructor
Colorado Mountain College
Fort Collins, CO



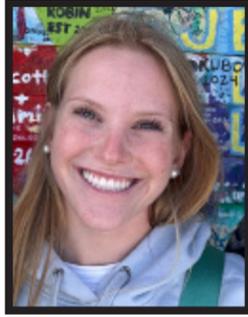
Jeran Rux
Counselor
UW-Platteville
Livingston, WI



Katelyn Jaster
Counselor
Valparaiso University
Centennial, CO



Kayla Hallmark
Counselor
Texas Lutheran University
Seguin, TX



McKenzie Kruse
Counselor
UW Eau Claire
Arena, WI



Zach Regennitter
Assistant On-Site Director
RTLCL Univeristy
Falcon, CO



Hunter Resley
Compass Points Director
Kansas State University
Highlands Ranch, CO



Talia McLaren
Counselor
New Mexico State University
Albuquerque, NM



Abel Gamelin
Counselor
Roanoke College
Littleton, CO



Kylie Brown
Counselor
UCCS
Colorado Springs, CO



Riley Sawinski
Support Staff Director
University Of Tennessee
Lakewood, CO



Andrew Sather
Counselor
Missouri University of Science & Tech
Seguin, TX



William Dohle
Bridging Borders Director
Pueblo Community College
Pueblo, CO



Lynne-Estelle Dohle
Pottery Instructor
Colorado State University
Pueblo, CO



Noah Blom
Counselor
St. Olaf College
Parker, CO



Nolan Bly
Bridging Borders Director
Metropolitan State University of Denver
Golden, CO



Prestyn Niefeldt
Camphand
Gretna High School
Gretna, NE



Simon Henderson
Counselor
Redeemer University
Ancaster, ON



Kathryn Smith
Ropes Coordinator
Depauw University
Englewood, CO



Lindsay Smith
Maintnence Assistant
Englewood, CO



Serenity Rosier
Camphand
Rollins College
Tallahassee, FL



Soren Obermueller
Counselor
St. Olaf College
Dubuque, IA



Esther Steinke
Arts & Crafts Instructor
Valparaiso University
Lake Elmo, MN



Brianne Engel
Maintnence Assistant
Rollins College
Littleton, CO



Jackson Dalen
Ropes Coordinator
Wartburg College
Underwood, IA



Ava Dalen
Counselor
Wartburg College
Underwood, IA

...The 2025 Rainbow Trail Summer Staff



Carley Malm
Compass Points Director
Gustavus Adolphus College
McPherson, KS



Jack Beckman
Kitchen Assistant
UCCS
Parker, CO



Violet Conley
Counselor
University of Arizona
Shawnee, KS



Sarah Hoskins
Counselor
Pacific Lutheran University
Westminster, CO



Wes Theuret
Counselor
Texas Lutheran University
Kenedy, TX



Maddi Baldwin
Office Assistant
Wartburg College
Denver, CO



Addie Flesch
Compass Points Director
St. Olaf College
Englewood, CO



Kendall Flesch
Travel Support Director
Gustavus Adolphus College
Englewood, CO



Rhiannon Patterson
Kitchen Assistant
Texas State University
Horseshoe Bay, TX



Nancy Phillips
Counselor
University College Cork
Littleton, CO



Kelsey Chellberg
Videographer
Kansas State University
Overland Park, KS



Teddy Heffernan
Counselor
Heritage High School
Littleton, CO



Yilun Parkhouse-Song
Camphand
Cherry Creek High School
Highlands Ranch, CO



Zirui Parkhouse-Song
Counselor
Colorado University Boulder
Highlands Ranch, CO



Zach Lampe
Summer Facilities Director
Colorado Mesa University
Eaton, CO



Sophie Fowler
Counselor
University of Nebraska Lincoln
Centennial, CO



Thomas Fowler
Camphand
Cherry Creek High School
Centennial, CO



Sadler Clifford
Assistant Cook
Chiles High School
Tallahassee, FL



Charlotte Konigsbauer
Camphand
Evergreen High School
Evergreen, CO



Gavin Waggoner
Counselor
Ottawa University Arizona
Parker, CO



Charlie Menzel
Counselor
Kenyon College
Greencastle, IN



Amanda Grutzius
Camp Nurse
Plainfield, IL



Sigrid Davidson
Counselor
Hamilton College
Minneapolis, MN



Matt Turman
Director of Site &
Facilities
Westcliffe, CO



Will Johnson
Director of Compass Points &
Day Camp Ministries
Salida, CO



Chris Seaman
Food Service Manager
Westcliffe, CO



Tricia Lindsey
Executive Secretary
Cañon City, CO



Ruth Bolkema
Bookkeeper
Cañon City, CO



Cam Regennitter
Director of On-Site
& Bridging Borders
Colorado Springs, CO

Delta Regennitter
Director of Retreat
Ministries
Colorado Springs, CO



Dave Jarvis
Executive Director
Colorado Springs, CO

Nellie Jarvis
Intro Camp Director
Colorado Springs, CO

Go Green



Rainbow Reflections is available in a paperless version! By opting to receive it in an electronic form you will help us save printing and postage costs, save paper, and reduce waste. You will also get Rainbow Reflections with color photos and live links to information about RTALC programs and events. If you want to receive the newsletter via e-mail contact Sara at info@rainbowtrail.org and let us know that you would like to "Go Green." Don't want to give up the paper but like the idea of color pictures and a copy of the newsletter letter delivered to your inbox? E-mail "Get Both" to info@rainbowtrail.org. Be sure to include your full name and the e-mail address(es) that you would like to receive it at.



Get Color

Words With The Wise

By Delta Wise - Director of Retreats



Hey y'all! Ah yes, spring. Probably my favorite time of the year, especially up at camp. Although I think I say that for every season now (I didn't grow up with seasons!) The warmer weather and melted snow sets the pine trees free to release that pungent summer smell again. I believe it is the ponderosa pine that smells so good, so "campy." Too, the animals come out of hiding and out to play! One morning I let our pup, Penny, out around

sunrise and to my surprise there was a flock of turkeys right out in front of Columbine! Initially they backed away from Penny, but she just stood there pondering our funny visitors. Once they noticed she was no threat to them, they all coexisted. It was a fun sight to watch as the sky turned from sherbet orange to turquoise blue. We've got such a great view of the sunrise up here. Last year around this time was Penny and my lynx encounter at camp. We've seen the scat of different wild animals around, but as we have been pretty busy with retreats, I think they've decided to move around us. Speaking of a busy retreat season, I'll catch you up on the last three months around here!

January was typical in its quietness. Since I wrote to you we've had three ski retreats where churches and family groups stay at camp and ski during the day. We're about an hour drive to Monarch Mountain, so it makes for a fun stay, especially for out-of-state travelers. In February we had a youth retreat and welcomed 130 brand new guests to our site! Kids from various Fremont County churches stayed at camp for a weekend, and since it was snowing they enjoyed sledding, lots of hot chocolate, and indoor camp activities. It was actually so snowy and icy they created what we started calling "the luge" on the road from Lupine all the way down to the Pavilion. It was hilarious. I really like it when kids and adults who have never been to RTALC before come up for retreats. They truly have no expectations, and it's cool to see them discover who we are and to feel that feeling we've all felt at our first time at camp. Especially when it's 130 newcomers, and in the winter! It was below 30 degrees and they were outside (with heaters) worshiping God. Jesus works here no matter when or under what circumstances.

After this we enjoyed hosting the Joy Lutheran men's retreat, Black Forest Lutheran family retreat, and the Ascension Lutheran family retreat! Even at church retreats many members of congregations have never been to camp. Maybe they've sent their children or grandchildren to summer camp, but it's fun to bring the whole family together. Or like at the men's retreat, just come up on your own as an adult. You could come up for Chris's food alone and have a fantastic weekend. It was after our last church retreat in April that my body started showing those third trimester signs of wanting/needing to slow down. But I have the best coworkers in the world, who have been continuing to work retreats in my absence. They hosted a re-do of our Fiber Arts retreat, and still have six more to go before directors show up for summer staff training on May 19th! Other retreats include a lot of schools like the Westcliffe High School, a Denver elementary school and a Cañon City middle school, as well as Bethany Lutheran Young Adults and Holy Trinity Lutheran church. Our board will meet at camp, and then the next retreat will be Labor Day Family Camp! Perfect timing for maternity leave!

As for me personally, I got to visit my family back in Texas one last time in February so they could see my bump and my baby and I could enjoy some breakfast tacos. Also, my mom, sister and some friends flew here in March for my baby shower! Cam and I are now nearing our baby's due date and getting ready for their arrival. The nursery is almost completely finished, and I've started to slowly pack a hospital bag. I genuinely have no idea what the gender of our baby could be, so we are still taking bets around here. The third trimester hasn't been an easy one, but knowing I'll meet them soon is helping me get through it. I wish all of you a glorious, fun-filled, warm summer up at camp. With the summer staff we have hired, I know it'll be another fabulous year.

Have a great summer! (or as Gen Z likes to say, H.A.G.S.!)

YOUNG ADULT BACKPACK OPEN!

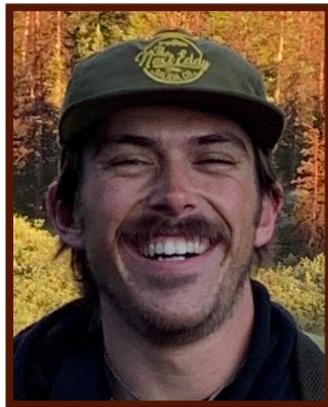
Calling all young adults! Are you looking for a great way to experience the outdoors this summer? Need a fun getaway from work? Looking to explore your faith? Well look no further! The young adult backpacking trip is this summer July 27 - August 2 and we want YOU to come along! This trip includes 3 nights and 4 days of backpacking in the beautiful Sangre de Cristo mountains and an afternoon of white water rafting on the Arkansas River. We have Kylie Pedersen returning to RTALC to be our guest speaker for the trip and she can't wait to get to the mountains with so many like minded young adults. Contact Will@rainbowtrail.org for more info or go Rainbowtrail.org to register now!

Into The Wilderness

By Will Johnson - Director of Compass Points & Day Camp

What's up y'all! Happy Spring! It's been a wonderful time here in Salida and the Arkansas River valley as the weather begins to warm up, and I hope y'all are getting outside and enjoying this awesome weather as well!

The spring season heading into summer has turned into one of my favorite times of the year! Easter, spring skiing, and warm weather for fly fishing, what's not to love about that!? Multiple days in April I got up to Monarch Mountain and enjoyed a morning on the slopes taking in the breathtaking views off the great divide. From the top of Monarch you can see Pikes Peak on the front range, other mountains in the Sawatch range, and even the San Juans to the southwest. What a beautiful place to ski/ride! I would then leave around lunch and head to Browns Canyon for some excellent fly fishing on the Arkansas River. The spring fishing has been more of a challenge for me as new bugs are starting to hatch with the rising water temps, but I'm really looking forward to the early May fishing as the caddis start to hatch! Hopefully I can get some good days in before the summer season begins.



Speaking of summer! We are so close! We hired our staff back in the beginning of March and we are so excited about this team! We hired 3 Compass Points directors for the upcoming 15 backpacking trips we have this year. All of our guides are returning staff members so I'm very excited about the experience this team brings. Out of our 15 trips, 11 are charters from churches across the country including three charters from my home church, Shepherd of the Hills, in Austin, TX! This will be an exciting trip for me to host because not only are they my home church, but because I attended a Compass Points trip through Shepherd of the Hills when I was in high school. That was my first experience here at Rainbow and it changed my life forever! I probably would not be in this role today if it weren't for that experience and I can't wait to give so many others the love and grace that I once felt here at Rainbow. The other 4 trips are our classic open trips! These include the Junior High Open, Senior High Open, Into the Wild (for graduating seniors), and our Young Adult Open! They have not filled quite yet so spread the word if you know anyone who would be interested. We also have 26 day camps this year and we can't wait to serve those congregations all across the Rocky Mountain Synod!

We also have some new upgrades in gear this year! We were able to get all new cookware, dish kits, and 10 new tents thanks to our wonderful donors. I can't thank you all enough and can't express how much these donations impact the Compass Points Program. Hospitality goes a long way and we at Rainbow love to carry that hospitality with us wherever we go, even into the backcountry! So thank you all for donating and if you would like to contribute to the Compass Points Program or any of our other programs then let us know! No gift is too small.

As always, all are welcome to come say hi and check out the new gear at Eagle Peak Lodge! We can't wait to see so many of y'all this summer! Happy Trails.

-WILL

-Delta

TRAILBLAZERS & PATHFINDERS

The following individuals are members of the 2025 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!

Base Camp Club

\$120-\$249

Alan and Susan Shelinbarger
Amanda Howe
Amy and Alan Schmuck
Anita and Matthew Seitz
Anonymous
Arnie and Kay Wehofer
Barbara and Chuck Exley
Ben and Katie Rude
Bob and Linda Morton
Brad and Brooke Shannon
Brian Bonser
Caitlin and Joshua Nelson
Carol and Greg Smith
Charles Davenport
Chris Lovagnini
Christen and Andrew Brown
Christina Brown-Erickson and Steven Erickson
Clarence Ver Sluys
Connie Steiert
Cordell and Patricia Halverson
Corey and Katie Okes
Cyndi Gershenoff
David and Ingrid Waggoner
David Kumpe and Rosemarie Wipfelder
Kumpe
Dean and Aly Klinkerman
Denise and Scott Ikenberry
Dennis and Nancy Johnson
Dennis Thompson
Donna Hayden
Ellen Riley and David Ziegler
Erik Peters and Julie Horan
Ernie and Hazel Adolf
Frederick and Susan Bachman
Gary and Joy Symes
Hailey Mohler
Hal and Shirley Nilsson
Jacob Dolan and Becca Sager Dolan
James and Candy Hersch
James Gale
Jana and Paul Oman
Jane and Steven Massie
Jane Jebson
Jay Ackland
Jennifer Newman and David Engel
Jessica and Jesse Reeves
Jim and Bonnie Shumaker
Joanne and Jim Dumler
Joseph Parker
Joyce Mills
Judy Leiseth
Julie and Stan Elmquist
Karel and Tom Hemler
Karen Witt and Jim Puga
Kari and Mitchell Kusek
Kathleen and Russell Epperson
Katie and Daniel Scherr Bock
Keith and Tammy Wetter
Ken and Paula Wills
Kirk Dugan and Rachael Lanning
Kris and Tim Carr
Kristin McCracken
LaDonna Jurgensen
Landon Harman
Laura Harney and Eric Sollenberger
Leah Jarvis
Leif and Peggy Ericson
Leonard and Judy Walgren
Linda Drury
Margaret and Norm Aarestad
Marion Talley
Mark and Sarah Fincham
Marty Bendel Waite
Mary Elmshausen
Meralee and Michael Hoffelt
Mindy and Aaron Lerch
Nancy Ellis
Nick and Jessica Ehrhardt
Paul and Kathy Casey
Paul and Tanya Trana
Rebecca and Paul Marsh
Rick Green
Roger Person
Sara and Clark Olson-Smith
Silje Ostrem
Steven and Debra Kinz
Steven Westcott and Deborah Agar
Susan Pfabe-Wiggans and Scott Wiggans
Susan Wedel
Terry and Holly Wubbena
Tiffany and Kevin Roiseland
Todd and Christine Wright
Rainbow Lake Club
\$250-\$499
Abby Mudgett
Alissa and Josh Plumley
Anndi Russell
Annie and Kevin Pepper
Anonymous
Arthur J. Kraus and Michelle Stone
Kraus
Ben Hizer
Brad and Kathleen Chewakin
Bradley and Roseanna Doty
Bryan and Denie Nordin
Carl and Gail Schurman
Cathy Goodman
Cheryl Masters
Christy Klemz

Cindy and Mark Boatright
Damon and Anna-Marie Larson
Daniel and Diana Breed
Daniel Kirschbaum
David and Katherine Graham
David and Michelle Louis
David Dorow and Wendy Clark
David Miller and Anne Wenzel
Dawn and Shannon Ambrosio
Ethan Roberts
Garrett and Stacey Struessel
Gene and Angie Youngmann
Greg and Barbara Haschke
Heather and David Kinz
Heather Dahms and Joey Henke
Heather Malcolm
Ina Kay and Tom Devers
Jack and Phyllis Brown
Jane and Curtis Bonser
Jennifer and Todd Crosbie
Jim Ruden
John and Peggy Harris
Jon and Jo Powers
June Hartmann and Allan Ochs
Keith and Frances Paap
Ken and Kay Gerhart
Kevin and Darlene Rohrbaugh
Kiara and Andrew Jorgenson
Kim KJ Cedar Jackson Endowment Fund
Kris and Greg McDaniel
Kristin and Mike Lavelle
Lannette Abbey
Lynn and Pat Trenda
Mark and Allison Whitmire
Mark and Natalie Talley
Mike and Laura Growney
Nancy Skinner
Patti Nelson
Phil and Dee Erlander
Richard and Valerie Watkins
Rick and Becky Romano
Robert and Renee Wade
Ron and Heather Frost
Ron and Katy Harder
Ron and Nancy Bock
Ruth Idler
Sara and Daniel Romanski
Sharon and Bruce Stokes
Stephanie and Nathan Salazar
Steven and Pamela Haigh
Sue Samuelson
Swan Ellert
Teak and Clifford Simonton
Valery and Ross Rosenow
Vernon Pettit
Wilfred Danielson
Eagle Peak Club
\$500-\$999
Adrian Miller
Anonymous
Audrey and Wade Beckman
Ben and Corliss Wyatt
Ben Hogue and Marshall Monda
Beth and John Rogers
Bill and Shelly Hunter
Candy and Larry Ourada
Carol Donachy
Carolyn Brink
Chris and Gail Tucker
Chuck and Michelle Nichols
Cindy Weist
Craig and Beverly Essex
Craig Kelly
Daniel Hanson and Aimee Lenth
Dave and Betty Begeal
Dave Gunnlaugsson
Dennis and Lynn Gimlin
Donald and Joyce Stephens
Douglas and Naoko Kohlhepp
Elisa and Ryan Strickler
Elizabeth and David Bowman
Erik and Kim Bell Williams
Fred and Nancy Dorth
Gail and Craig Bagenstos
Gary and Patty Bliss
George and Nancy Jacobson
Gina and Jay Simonson
Greg and Shanna Murrell
Harold and Susan Stitt
Heidi and Greg Thiele
Herbert Korff
Jay and Tia Gamelin
Jeff and Trisha Carlson
Jerry and Deb Paul
Jessica and Todd Doyle
Jim and Jann Marie Crock
Jim and Pat Speckmann
Joel and Carolyn Buck-Gengler
John and Kathleen Erickson
Joshua and Rachel Woolley
Judy Peters
Julie and Jary Shimer
Julie and Scott Miller
Julie Prange
Juliette and David Britton
Karen Nulle
Katherine Graham and Justyn Hamilton
Kathryn Schmidt
Ken and Mary Sorenson
Kendra and Steve Dunn
Kent and Elizabeth Lund
Kim and John Olson

Kimberly and Chris Sandman
Kurt Maack
Larry and Eleanor Bonicelli
Larry and Lavona Brown
Leslie Swetnam
Lynda Keeley
Maren Diercks and Paul Eppard
Marilyn and David Meline
Marje and Fred Hoppe
Mark and Anne Schwartz
Mark and Heidi Peterson
Mark and Sara Henninger
Mark Skinner and Lou Ann Cheslock
Skinner
Melissa Beaman
Melissa Chepulis
Nancy Dahlgren
Nancy Henning
Nathan and Bonnie Palmquist
Pam and Dave Challis
Patricia Lechler
Paul Olsen
Payton Waggoner
Peder and Noel Hansen
Peter and Pat Holwerda
Ranelle Lang, Ed.D. and Robert Hammond
Ray and Carrie Harney
Ray and Nicole Ferry
Rebecca and Jason Powell
Rebecca and Rich Collins
Robert and Judi Newman
Robert Rhodes
Roxann and Tom Hare
Russ and Cheri Sorensen
Ryan and Rianne Anderson
Stephanie Lord and William McHardy
Terry and Susan Pletkovich
Tim and Deborah Meyer
Todd and Mary McNeil
Todd and Natalie Erickson
Tom Williamsen
Trevor Alm
Vince and Leigh Felletter
Walter and Karyl Meyer
Challenger Peak Club
\$1,000-\$1,499
Alexandra Walker
Anonymous
Ben Spiger and Kendra Wilde
Betty Kirsebom
Brad and Emma Dausses
Brian and Kira Ward
Carland and Katie Edstrom
Chris and Stephanie Frankle
Clint and Anne Pluenneke
Dave and Betsy Risental
Dave and Carol Hartenberger
Dawn and Brent Meyer
Delores and Gerry Mueller
Don and Bernie Mathison
Don and Vanessa Barlow
Dorothy Moran
Evan and Beth Smith
Gary and Kay Schritter
Gloria and Joel Friesenegger
Hanne and Kip Schauer
Jeffrey and Liz Thomas
Jerry and Diane Miller
John and Pam Marietta
Judy Hagge
Julie and Mike Speck
Karen Pforr
Keli'i and Karen Rogers
Kevin and Janet Flesch
Kevin and Tracey Engelhardt
Kim and Dave Guinn
Laura Wouters
Laurie and Clay Mohler
Lisa Meyerdierks
Marianne Woodward
Mark and Diane Sather
Marsha Yosten
Michelle and Robert Szydowski
Mike and Jenel Lundquist
Nancy and Al Saunders
Orla O'Callaghan and Paul McCarthy
Paul and Karla Schritter
Peter Meyer and Kyra Jensen Meyer
Randy and Marilyn Williams
Randy and Susan Pabst
Rick and Angela Guinn
Rick and Sherry Smith
Roger and Claudia Larson
Roger and Mary Riekema
Ron and Jean Bruns
Ron Yergert
Ruth Von Mosch
Shirley Pettigrew
Stanley and Evelyn John
Steven Gustafson and Beth Knutson
The Harriett E Porch Trust
Vicki White
Long's Peak
\$1,500-\$2,499
Amy and Matthew Pallas
Anonymous
Arthur Norman and Lisa Lennon
Carl and Emily Sauey
Charlie and Claire Pineda
Cheryl and Stephen Mahon
Chuck and Lee Danielson

David Lee and Lisa Brown
Dee and Robert Jackson
Don and Lillian Filegar
Edwin and Carleen Woolley
Estate of Jean Larson
Fred and Audrey Hansen
Holly and Nick Massie
Hunter and Janet McDaniel
Jay Davis
Jill and Douglas Monsen
Jim and Cindy Britton
John Rasmussen
Kathy and Craig Twaddell
Kathy Gash
Katy and Greg Lunsford
Ken and Sheryl Mielke
Kristin and Christian Nisonger
Marcus and Liz Kochis
Mary Koepp
Matthew and Sami Meline
Mia and Scott Harberts
Nathan Gerhart
Rick and Pat Bly
Robert and Melinda Marold
Roger and Alice Aden
Roger and Cheryl Thompson
Rosetta Bidne
Sandra and M. Scott Elvington
Scott and Emily Dalen
Seth and Marianne Prochaska
Sonja Thorwald
Sophia and Nick Hassman
Stephanie and Andrew Holloway
Tom and Shari Gould
William Ernstrom and Janie Hanson-
Ernstrom
Mt. Elbert
\$2,500-\$4,999
Ann Hultquist and Roger Loots
Annie and Jeff Heath
Austen and Christina Smith
Bob and Joyce Witte
Cathy and Bill Goss
Dave and Carolyn Carlson
David and Linda Higbea
David and Sharon Henneke
James Myra
Janice and James Mulvany
Jason Davis and Kellie Lisi
John and Laura Hyten
Kathy and Dirk Hogue
Kris Ericson
Kurt and Marsha Ehrhardt
Liza and Nathan Blom
Marcia and Bill Smith
Michelle and Dave Okes
Mike and Connie Burris
Pat Holman and Phil Wangberg
Randall Toney and Koren Holden
Rick and Charlene Coulson
Robert and Ann Erickson
Ron and Julie Skelton
Susan and Dave Fisk
Wendy and Glenn Kuzminski
Mt. Princeton
\$5,000-\$9,999
Bob and Andrea Mooney
Bob and Margie Dugan
Brenda and Lon Sears
Cheryl Jebson
Dave and Nellie Jarvis
Dave Young
David and Edie May Phillips
Janet and Scott Harrison
Jeanne and Tim Maloney
Jim and Carol Reppert
Karen Smith
Les Anderson
Mark and Carla Ewing
Mike and Bonnie Ensrude
Miles and Kim Brown
Nathan and Laura Cooper
Paul and Kathy Edstrom
Phil and Traci Dorth
Severt and Mary Kvamme
Shelly and Gerry Clemen
Tom and Alison Buckett
Vicki and Christian Lieber
Crestone Peak
\$10,000-\$14,999
Eric Schauer
Janice Ehlers
Kate and Eric Waggoner
Katie Dugan
Steve Flessner
Steve Jurrens
Tara and Chad Sawinski
Mt. of the Holy Cross
\$20,000 plus
Anonymous
Bill and Charlotte Dausses
Paul Schauer
Randy and Lisa Schrader
Richard Newman
The Estate of Lois and Orvid Olson



Rainbow Trail

2025 Events Calendar

- May 23-26.....Memorial Day Work Weekend
- May 26-June 7.....Staff Training
- August 29-September 1.....Labor Day Family Weekend
- September 18-21.....Men's Fly Fishing Retreat
- September 26-28.....Womens Retreat
- October 4.....Grace Race
- October 10-12.....Confirmation Retreat
- October 17-19.....Fall Ambassadors Retreat
- November 21-23.....Senior High Retreat
- Dec 5-7.....AdventFest

GIFTS IN MEMORY & HONOR

- In memory of Ben Elger**
Richard Newman
- In memory of Eunice Mansfield**
Kim and Dave Guinn
Dave and Nellie Jarvis
- In memory of Bob Denning**
Betty Morgan
Christie and Kevin Kurth
Darlene Besser
Dave and Nellie Jarvis
Heather Malcolm
Hugh Denning
John DeBella
Joseph Parker
Kim and Dave Guinn
Kristen Garrett
Larry and Judy Ware
Matthew and Judy Lydick
Michael and Jennifer Berdine
Nancy Reed
- In memory of Penny Newman**
Richard Newman
- In memory of Rose Heffernan**
Michael Heffernan
- In honor of Delta, Cam, Zach, and Chris**
The Men's Retreat of Joy Lutheran Church
- In memory of Jean Larson**
Eileen Reynolds

GIFTS IN KIND

- Anonymous - 34 rolls tape; 25 foam brushes; 24 small note pads; and 24 pr work gloves
- Brad and Carissa Nietfeldt - 6 Mac Notebook Computers
- Jennifer Baldwin Heiny - Office supplies including markers; folders; large envelopes; tape; colored copy paper; and Clorox wipes
- Laura Wouters - 72 Forever Stamps
- Ray and Nicole' Ferry - 2 snow shovels
- Richard and Glenna Walker - Walking sticks and Leather for Family Camp

SOKER CAMPERSHIP FUND

- Betty Morgan
- Cheryl and Stephen Mahon
- Christie and Kevin Kurth
- Darlene Besser
- Dave and Nellie Jarvis
- Heather Malcolm
- Hugh Denning
- John DeBella
- Joseph Parker
- Kim and Dave Guinn
- Kristen Garrett
- Larry and Judy Ware
- Matthew and Judy Lydick
- Michael and Jennifer Berdine
- Nancy Reed
- Norman and Voanne Bertelsen
- Phil and Elaine Parker
- Richard Newman
- Ryan and Anne Marie Kaspersen
- Severt and Mary Kvamme
- Susan and Dave Fisk
- Suzanne Parker

ORGANIZATIONAL GIFTS

- Boeing
- CDW
- Expeditors International of Washington, Inc
- First Interstate Bank System Foundation
- Martin/Martin
- Mount Calvary Legacy 125 Endowment Fund
- Scheels
- Thrivent Financial
- Benevity Community Impact Fund

PARTNER CONGREGATIONS

- Abiding Hope Lutheran Church - Littleton, CO
- All Saints Lutheran Church - Albuquerque, NM
- Ascension Lutheran Church - Colorado Springs, CO
- Atonement Lutheran Church - Boulder, CO
- Augustana Foundation Fund - Denver, CO
- Augustana Lutheran Church - Denver, CO
- Bethany Lutheran Church - Cherry Hills Village, CO
- Bethany Lutheran Church Foundation - Cherry Hills Village, CO
- Bethel Lutheran Church - Aurora, CO
- Bethel Lutheran Church - Colorado Springs, CO
- Bethlehem Lutheran Church - Longmont, CO
- Bethlehem Lutheran Church - Los Alamos, NM
- Black Forest Lutheran Church - Colorado Springs, CO
- Christ the King Lutheran Church - Colorado Springs, CO
- Christ the King Lutheran Church - Durango, CO
- Christ the Savior Lutheran Church - Aurora, CO
- Christ the Servant Lutheran Church - Louisville, CO
- Cross of Christ Lutheran Church - Broomfield, CO
- Evergreen Lutheran Church - Evergreen, CO
- Faith Lutheran Church - Golden, CO
- First Lutheran Church - Colorado Springs, CO
- First Lutheran Church - Longmont, CO
- Good Shepherd Lutheran - Church - Glenwood Springs, CO
- Grace Lutheran Church - Colorado Springs, CO
- Highlands Lutheran Church - Denver, CO
- Holy Cross Lutheran Church - Wheat Ridge, CO
- Holy Ghost Lutheran Church - Fredericksburg, TX
- Holy Love Lutheran Church - Aurora, CO
- Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church - Lakewood, CO
- Holy Trinity Lutheran Church - Littleton, CO
- Immanuel Lutheran Church - Greeley, CO
- King of Glory Lutheran Church - Arvada, CO
- King of Kings Lutheran Church - Pueblo, CO
- Lord of the Hills Lutheran Church - Centennial, CO
- Lutheran Church of Hope - Broomfield, CO
- Mount of the Holy Cross Luth Church - Vail, CO
- Our Savior's Lutheran Church - Greeley, CO
- Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - Ft. Collins, CO
- Prince of Peace Lutheran Church - Denver, CO
- Rocky Mountain Synod ELCA - Denver, CO
- Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church - Canon City, CO
- South Zumbro Lutheran Church - Kasson, MN
- South Zumbro Lutheran Church WOW - Kasson, MN
- St. Luke Lutheran Church - Albuquerque, NM
- St. Mark Lutheran Church - Aurora, CO
- St. Paul Lutheran Church - Albuquerque, NM
- St. Paul Lutheran Church - Calhan, CO
- St. Peter Lutheran Church - Greenwood Village, CO
- St. Philip Lutheran Church - Littleton, CO
- Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church - Boulder, CO
- Trinity Lutheran Church - Fowler, CO
- Trinity Lutheran Church - Monument, CO
- Zion Lutheran Church - Limon, CO

2025 Thrivent Choice Donors

- Alan and Susan Shelinbarger
- Annette Kvamme-Leijen and Erwin Leijen
- Bill and Charlotte Dauses
- Bob and Joyce Witte
- Bob and Margaret Curnow
- Bob and Margie Dugan
- Brad and Roseanna Doty
- Brandi and David Quimby
- Brelynn Dumortier
- Brian and Marian
- Bruce and Laura Guthals
- Bruce and Nancy Albertson
- Carol and Ken Yoss
- Cathy Goodman
- Cheryl and Stephen Mahon
- Cheryl Masters
- Chris and Gail Tucker
- Christie and Kevin Kurth
- Christina Brown-Erickson and Steven Erickson
- Chuck and Gayle Newell
- Curtis and Suellen Kelley
- Damon and Anna-Marie Larson
- Dan and Marcia Bollman
- Dan and Marcia Oltrogge
- Daniel and Diana Breed
- Dave and Nellie Jarvis
- David and Rebecca Kleen
- David and Sharon Henneke
- David Koenig
- David Steinhauer
- Dennis and Marie Ammon
- Dennis Johnson
- Dorothy Moran
- Ed and Janice Norden
- Ellen Riley and David Ziegler
- Emmett and Katherine Cruson
- Eric and Pam Gohl
- Erik Park and Kathy Kowalczyk
- Fredric and Barbara Guist
- Gary Hanstein
- Gayle Gunderson
- Gene and Angie Youngmann
- Gordon and Sonja Sandquist
- Greg and Barbara Haschke
- Gregor V Ronning
- Gretchen and Chad Anthony
- Heather Campbell and Jerry Landeck
- Ina Kay and Tom Devers
- James Myra
- Jay Davis
- Jeanne and Martin Dallman
- Jeff and Tricia Lindsey
- Jeff and Trisha Carlson
- Jeffrey and Mitz Gross
- Jen Moore
- Jeremy and Sharon Marburger
- Jim and Cindy Britton
- Jim Ruden
- Joanne Ingersen
- Joe and Christy Peters
- John and Jenny Hierlinger
- John and Susan Maus
- John Knox
- Jon and Jo Powers
- Joshua Nickell
- Joshua Olson
- Julie Lanterman
- Karen Smith
- Katie and Daniel Scherr Bock
- Keith and Phyllis Vandenberg
- Ken and Linda Hultman
- Kenneth Eastman
- Kevin and Darlene Rohrbaugh
- Kim and John Olson
- Kurt and Darlene Mader
- Larry and Lavona Brown
- Laurie and Clay Mohler
- Lia Jeski
- Linda Andersen
- Lisa and Bob Bowker
- Lisa and Craig Coney
- Lisa Drew
- Lynda Keeley
- Mandy and Ryan Sevier
- Marion Talley
- Mark and Sharon Pope
- Marvin and Connie Deines
- Michael Meyer and Enette Larson-Meyer
- Michael Specht
- Nancy Henning
- Nancy Lindsey
- Nathan and Bonnie Palmquist
- Nette and Kevin Werling
- Patricia Camp
- Patrick and Emily Meyer
- Patti Schoenfeld
- Paul and Kathy Edstrom
- Paul and Marcia Dahlgren
- Paul and Tanya Trana
- Peter Rice
- Phil and Dee Erlander
- Randy and Gail Mundt
- Rebbie Garza
- Rhonda and Eric Bostrom
- Richard and Trudy Furbeck
- Rick and Becky Romano
- Rick and Pat Bly
- Robert and Mary Ann Apmann
- Robert and Renee Wade
- Rosetta Bidne
- Ryan Higbee
- Sandra Albrecht
- Sandra and Marvin Tjaden
- Sarah and David Edeal
- Severt and Mary Kvamme
- Sharon Stoddard
- Stephanie Lord and William McHardy
- Stephen Wallin
- Steve and Lewanne Graeber
- Steve and Nancy Lord
- Steven Palmer
- Susan Shapiro
- Suzanne and Ray Peterson
- Thomas and Rebecca Janecek
- Tiffany and Kevin Roiseland
- Vicki Brown
- Wayne Guthals

ANN (JARVIS) SMITH MEMORIAL LAND EXCHANGE FUND

- Anonymous
- Edwin and Carleen Woolley
- Phil and Traci Dorth
- Rick and Sherry Smith

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)
- Reams of colored copy paper
- 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
- 2 Cases of Lysol or Clorox Wipes
- 5X8 note pads Junior legal

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
- Industrial Mop buckets (call us first!)
- Sturdy Wheelbarrows
- New 3-piece towel sets (20)
- Shark Navigator vacuums (4)
- Free Standing Space Heaters (3)
- Dish Cart
- Phillips 60W & 100W Dimmable LED Bulbs
- Podcast Gear
- Skid Steer Tire Chains
- Used Vehicle For Day Camp
- Apple Studio

Shop Online

It's easy to give a gift from RTLC'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

Administrative Office

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



Camp Office

- 3056 County Road 198
- Westcliffe, CO 81252
- Phone: 719-942-4220
- Fax: 719-942-4000

Full-Time Staff

- Dave Jarvis, Executive Director.....dave@rainbowtrail.org
- Ruth Bolkema, Bookkeeper.....accounting@rainbowtrail.org
- Tricia Lindsey, Executive Assistant/Registrar.....info@rainbowtrail.org
- Will Johnson, Director of Compass Points & Day Camp...will@rainbowtrail.org
- Delta Regennitter, Director of Retreats.....delta@rainbowtrail.org
- Cam Regennitter, Director of On-Site & Bridging Borders.....cam@rainbowtrail.org
- Matt Turman, Director of Site and Facilities.....matt@rainbowtrail.org
- Chris Seaman, Food Service Manager.....chris@rainbowtrail.org

Board of Directors

- President.....Rev. Jane Jebsen, Faith Lutheran, Golden, CO
- Vice President...Rev. Nicolé Ferry, Trinity Lutheran, Monument, CO
- Secretary.....Brad Doty, St. Philip, Littleton, CO
- Treasurer.....Austen Smith, Lafayette, CO
-Rev. Phil Dorth, Bethany Lutheran, Denver, CO
-Sandy Elvington, Cross of Christ, Broomfield, CO
-Chris Lieber, Ascension, Colorado Springs, CO
-Rev. Steph Lord, Christ The Servant Lutheran, Louisville, CO
-Julie Miller, Bethany Lutheran, Denver, CO
-Michelle Okes, Bethany Lutheran, Denver, CO

We make every effort to list each donor, but mistakes do happen.

If we have inadvertently omitted your name or listed you incorrectly we apologize. Please call us, 719-276-5233, and let us know so that we can make corrections.