



2026 Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp All About Us

Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp is a camping ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We offer our ministry in partnership with the 157 congregations of the Rocky Mountain Synod. Rainbow Trail was founded in 1957.

Our 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.

Where we are located

Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp is located in the San Isabel National Forest of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains and operates under a special use permit on land leased from the United States Forest Service. The majestic wilderness becomes an excellent setting for growth and renewal. We are located approximately two hours south and west of Colorado Springs and about three hours from Denver.

Summer Programs

Our summer programs currently serve over 3,000 youth of all ages, teaching the good news of Jesus Christ. Summer camping ministries at Rainbow Trail contain four different programs: On-site ministries, Compass Points ministries, Day Camp ministries, and Bridging Borders ministries.

On-site Ministries consist of week-long resident style programs that serve either Elementary, Junior High, Senior High, Confirmation, or Family campers. Campers stay in cabins and are involved in the planning and programming for each week. A typical week will have 105+ campers.

Compass Points Ministries is a high adventure program that is available to congregations from across the country. Groups of up to thirteen will spend a week backpacking through the Sangre de Cristo mountains, rock climbing, and rafting the Arkansas River along with a day on our ropes course.

Day Camp Ministries is an outreach ministry to all corners of our Synod, as far south as El Paso and as far west as Durango, CO and Park City, UT. Day Camp is a unique blend of outdoor ministry and congregational ministry where outdoor ministry literally happens in the backyard of congregations. Staff teams of four will travel to congregations and will stay in host homes during the week.

Bridging Borders is our mission-oriented program where approximately 12 Senior High youth, accompanied by our staff, will go either to Ecuador to do Day Camp style ministry along with building a medical clinic, to the Dominican Republic to build a house, to Appalachia to assist in home repair, or to Anapra, Mexico to build a house for a family. These are week-long experiences where youth and staff are fully immersed in the local culture.