



# Rainbow Reflections

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In this season of darkness, it is so helpful to have these words of scripture of light and hope. It is a gift for us to cling to this word of God as we say thanks be to God for the life of Sandy Elvington. As a board member and frequent participant of Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp we saw Sandy holding firm to the stronghold of her life, her faith in Jesus Christ. We saw her faith “shine like the sun” and her joy was complete with each visit. Even if she disagreed with someone, the love of God, the connections made, and her dedication showed how her light shined in so many ways! Her laughter was genuine, her thoughtfulness deep, and she modeled what being in the body of Christ looks like.

**“The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid.”**  
Psalm 27:1

In this last year, we the board members of RTLCL, saw a strength and a commitment from Sandy that

## A Life of Service: Remembering Sandy Elvington



was inspiring. As she struggled in her journey with cancer and cancer treatments, she expressed frustration that she could not be a part of “all the things” that we were engaged with the hiring of a new executive director for RTLCL. We often said as she expressed her frustration of “not doing enough” that she is with us in spirit and that God will use her gifts

in mighty ways as God always does! Faithfully and courageously, Sandy did the large, very large, task of preparing a handbook for Dave Gunnlaugsson who is following the 37 years of Dave Jarvis as executive director. Can you imagine the details? Can you imagine the organization? Sandy had great gifts in the human relations world in corporations and

she gave us a gift that will carry us in this time of transition. Her expertise, her wisdom, and her commitment to RTLCL are held with great gratitude to God for her life and her love.

Our hearts ache and our boards meetings will feel her commitment to all that was life-giving and good, and our prayers remain for Scott, Lauren and Ian. Thank you, dear Sandy, for a life well lived, for love poured out generously, and for allowing us to journey with you in beautiful ways.

We will miss you.  
God’s peace and our love, The RTLCL Board of Directors

**“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest...”**  
Isaiah 9:2-3

## A Farewell to Remember! Dave Jarvis’s Retirement Celebration

Listen to the words and take them home with you!” As 400 voices stood together to sing the Song of Blessing over the Jarvis Family, the guitars rang out, the tears flowed, and the room was filled with gratitude and thankfulness for what an incredible gift Dave and Nellie Jarvis and their family have been to RTLCL for the past 37 years. It was a night those in attendance will remember for a long time. There were friends reunited, the room was alive with conversation, hugs and stories were shared, and endless photos were taken. People had come from all across the country from many different years of summer staff, board members, campers, families, and so many whose lives have been touched and changed by Dave Jarvis and his faithful service over almost four decades. It was truly a special evening; better

than any of us could have imagined! In addition to the 400 guests, there were so many special gifts shared throughout the night. There was amazing music from Charlie Pineda, James Hersch, David Lee Brown, Nick and Jessica Erhardt. The history, present, and future of RTLCL were explored. Jesse and Lindsay Crock presented a beautiful painting to Dave and Nellie. Dave was able to share a heartfelt thank you. And Traci Dorth gave a beautiful sharing on behalf of the staff alumni which ended in providing Dave and Nellie with their brand new camper, “The Bojangles!” There were several standing ovations, prayers, songs, and moments of gratitude for the gift that the Jarvis family has been to RTLCL and so many! Overall, it was the perfect evening of celebration and memories!

The Rocky Mountain Synod, ELCA was able to be in attendance and offered this beautiful insight on the evening, “The celebration overflowed with the Holy Spirit’s work – alive in relationships across generations and among people from every walk of life. What a powerful witness to what God has done, is doing, and will continue to do through the ministry of Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp.” Dave was able to share as well in a post on the RTLCL Staff Alumni Facebook Page: “What a weekend! We were overwhelmed by the show of love at my retirement party and by the amazing turnout! We wish we could have spent a week with all of you catching up, hearing your stories, and cooking eggs over a fire. As it was, we were absolutely thrilled to be even able to say hello to hello to you! . . . Thank you from the

bottom of our heart, we love you all!” It was an evening of love, laughter, tears, stories, hugs, and joy! A true celebration that spoke of the love and appreciation that is felt far and wide over miles, years, and memories for Dave and Nellie and their beautiful family! What a gift God has given us all! They have left a legacy for us all to stand on and have helped us all experience the love of Jesus! A big thank you to the planning team, the RTLCL board, the RTLCL alumni community, Tricia and Ruth in the RTLCL office, the full-time staff, and countless others who made this a true Farewell to Remember! Thank you most of all to Dave, Nellie, Leah, Ben and their family for 37 unbelievable years that touched each of our lives!

### 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

# Full Circle

By Dave Gunnlaugsson - Executive Director

As I drove up the dirt road to camp on January 2nd, I couldn't quite believe what was happening. I have driven up that road hundreds of times in the past 30 years but nothing quite like this. I wasn't coming for a visit, a reunion, to drop off kids, or to volunteer. I was driving up the road, full of emotions, excitement, and awe. After months of interviewing, packing, goodbyes, closure, and many miles, I was driving up to camp at the beginning of a completely new adventure. God had called me back. I was experiencing John 10:10 come to life right in front of me, "I came that they may have life and have it to the full!" I was full of life and excitement, humility and thankfulness, excitement and honor to be called to serve as the new Executive Director of RTLCL! To the Rainbow Trail Board, I say thank you for this incredible opportunity and for trusting me. To the RTLCL community, I say thank you for your prayers, support, encouragement, and trust you have placed in this ministry. To my friends and family, thank you for believing in me and sending me. To my kids, Isaac and Sylvie, thank you for telling me to go and encouraging me. To Dave and Nellie Jarvis, thank you for an incredible 37 years of pouring your hearts and lives into this ministry and this community. We stand on your legacy. And to God, thank you for carrying me through and bringing me Full Circle back to RTLCL! I'm so thankful and excited!!



If I haven't met you yet, my name is Dave Gunnlaugsson, or Packer Dave! I first began my adventure at RTLCL in 1995 as a summer counselor. Over the next eight years I would serve as Program Director, Traveling Director, year-round Program Assistant and as Assistant Director. I met incredible people, worked with amazing staffs, and loved each opportunity. I loved RTLCL and my time and when I drove down the mountain in 2003 to begin Seminary, I said goodbye having no idea of the incredible reunion God had in mind over 20 years later!

Throughout those 20 years, I studied Elementary Education at Luther College, received a Masters of Divinity at Denver Seminary, traveled the world with Youth Encounter, spoke to teenagers around the world at camps and weekend conferences, served as a Middle School Pastor, planted a church, and most recently served as a Pastor and worked at Feed My Starving Children. And perhaps best of all, I have had the amazing privilege of being dad to Issac (20) and Sylvie (18). Looking back, I'm so incredibly thankful for these opportunities that have prepared me to serve as your Executive Director!

Although it's only been a few weeks on the job, there is so much incredible news to share! Week one brought our Summer Bible Writing Team together. It was a powerful three days and I'm so thankful for what this study will be for our campers this summer. A big thank you to our Bible Study writers this year. They poured their hearts into this process and really leaned hard into the Holy Spirit's leading!

Week two brought my first official board meeting. They really are an incredible group of people who care so much about RTLCL. I'm thankful to be partnering with them and sharing our passions for RTLCL!

A few days later, we were able to gather for Dave's retirement party. What an incredible evening with 400 of your favorite people. It really was an amazing evening thanking Dave and Nellie and their family for everything they have given to RTLCL! If you haven't had a chance to send Dave and Nellie a note or email, I'd encourage you to keep them coming!

As you read this, we will be out on the recruiting trail. I'd ask that you join us in prayer as we interview and prepare the 2026 summer staff. The team was able to visit the Colorado Schools this week, and we will be headed to the Midwest in the first part of February. I'm so excited for this time and thankful for what God does every year to bring together such an unbelievable summer staff! It's hard for me to fathom I had my first RTLCL interview over 30 years ago!

Summer is looking great as well. Three weeks of summer and Labor Day are full. There are 27 Day Camps, 15 Compass Point Trips, and 2 Bridging Border Trips on the calendar. Over 960 campers already registered. I'd ask that you join in praying for each camper and that God would meet them in powerful ways this summer!

So much more to share but for now I just want to thank you all again for your prayers and support that have made this all possible. I'm humbled and honored to be stepping into this role after Dave's incredible years of service. I'm overwhelmed by your generosity and support and all that it allows us to do in the ministry of RTLCL! And above all, I'm so excited for all that God has for the future of RTLCL! I'm thankful to have come Full Circle and be back home at RTLCL loving kids to life! I can't wait to see all of you this summer, hear your RTLCL stories, and encourage your kids! Thanks for loving RTLCL with us! What a gift!

**-Dave**

# SUMMER STAFF 2026



Do you know anyone interested in working at camp this summer? Recruiting for 2026 staff has already begun! If you know someone who loves kids, is passionate about Young Adult Christian community, and would be a great fit for Rainbow Trail, encourage them to apply for a position on our summer staff! We will be interviewing for the next month and hiring in March. Send those interested to [www.rainbowtrail.org/summerstaff](http://www.rainbowtrail.org/summerstaff) for more information! Applications are due February 28th.

# THANK YOU COLORADO GIVES DAY!

# \$212,017

We experienced another incredibly magical day during our 2025 Colorado Gives Day. At the encouragement of our donors, we set our 2025 Colorado Gives Day base goal at \$200,000. The overwhelming generosity of the RTLCL community far exceeded our expectations. This year's Colorado Gives Day was off the charts! In just 24 hours on December 9, 2025, the Rainbow Trail community responded to the challenge, blowing past our base goal and the challenge goal by 10:00pm! At the end of the day, our community raised \$212,017. The response to this day of giving not only shows the incredible generosity of this community, but also shows that Rainbow Trail is a place where so many people invest their hearts. For that, we are truly grateful beyond measure, and hope you all will accept our deepest thanks. Your gifts have set us up for a great start to 2026. These funds help support the day-to-day operations of camp, including program equipment, summer staff salaries, our full-time staff, and site and facilities maintenance, to name a few. In all, Colorado Gives Day raised \$54.6 million for 4,183 non-profits in Colorado. Thank you again to those who joined us in this Spirit-filled day and to those who gave gifts to help support this ministry and all those it impacts. Stay tuned for the date of Colorado Gives Day 2026.

## Program Assistant

### Internship Positions

- The Program Assistant (PGA) internship is designed to equip and nurture young adults interested in full-time Outdoor Ministry through experiential learning and professional development.
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  - > Training sessions each month lead by Full Time Directors to enhance practical experience
  - > Training Topics Include: Philosophy, Budgeting, Staffing, Program Development, Marketing, and more!
  - > 9 Month (late August-early May) Commitment
  - > Lodging, Food, Bi-monthly Stipend
  - > Apply for the 2026-2027 season on our website. Applications due February 28th!

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Are You Registered For Camp This Summer?

## Cam(p) Vibes

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

**Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord.**

- Colossians 3:23

Hello everyone! As I reflect on this past year and look ahead to another summer at Rainbow Trail, that verse feels more true than ever. Life has been full, busy, stretching, joyful, and deeply meaningful, and we are incredibly grateful for all that God has been doing in and through this community.

This past year brought some of our biggest personal changes yet. Delta and I stepped into the adventure of parenthood, and it has been every bit as humbling, exhausting, and joy filled as people promised. We are so thankful for the love, prayers, and encouragement we've received from our camp family along the way. It has meant more to us than we can fully express, and we feel incredibly blessed to raise our family within a community that cares so deeply. Pierce is the biggest gift to Delta and I, and it is so much fun to be known as Pierces Dad.

As we look toward the upcoming summer, it is hard to believe how quickly it is approaching and how exciting it already feels. Registration is moving quickly, and we are thrilled to see campers and families eager to return to Rainbow Trail once again. Every summer brings new stories, deeper relationships, and moments where God shows up in powerful ways, and we are expectant for what this season will hold.

One of our biggest priorities right now is building an incredible summer staff team. Recruiting is in full swing, and we are praying for passionate, faith driven individuals who are ready to serve, lead, and grow. Working at Rainbow Trail is more than a summer job. It is a chance to invest in the lives of campers, build lifelong friendships, and be part of something far bigger than yourself. If you know someone who would be a great fit, we would love to connect with them. If you have any young adults who would be a great fit into our summer staff, make sure to send them our way!

There is a lot happening, and while the pace can feel full, it is a gift to be part of a ministry that is so alive and growing. I am continually thankful for each of you who make Rainbow Trail what it is, campers, parents, staff, volunteers, and supporters. Your prayers, encouragement, and commitment make this ministry possible, and we are so grateful to walk this journey together.

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Dave Jarvis as he steps into retirement after faithfully serving as our Executive Director. Dave has been a steady leader, a wise mentor, and a dear friend to me, and his impact on Rainbow Trail cannot be overstated. I am deeply grateful for his guidance, encouragement, and example of faithful leadership. His investment in this ministry and in the people who serve here has shaped who we are today, and his legacy will continue to be felt for years to come. Dave, thank you for your years of service, your friendship, and your unwavering commitment to this camp community. You will be greatly missed, and we wish you nothing but the best in this next season.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to Dave Gunnlaugsson as he steps into the role of Executive Director. We are grateful for his willingness to lead Rainbow Trail into this next chapter, and we are excited for what lies ahead under his leadership. I am thankful for his heart for this ministry, his commitment to our mission, and his readiness to serve our campers, staff, and families with faith and integrity. Please join me in praying for Dave as he begins this new season, and in offering him encouragement and support as he leads our camp community forward.

If you have any questions about summer camp, staffing opportunities, or Bridging Borders trips, please do not hesitate to reach out. We cannot wait to see all that God has in store for this summer. It is going to be a special one.

Cam



...as of February 1st.



## Words with the Wise

By Delta Regennitter - Director of Retreats



Hey y'all! It's always crazy around here, in work and life, so before I catch you up let me start with a little invitation to just breathe. Over the holidays, between Christmas and New Years I decided to spend one solitary day at camp with no one around but me and Eagle Peak herself, to just disconnect and "be the camper" as I told myself. I wanted to sit on the Columbine swing and stare at the wet mountain valley, walk around, journal, drink coffee, and 'just be' with God. Surprisingly I don't do that a lot. Maybe those who work in ministry will understand that feeling of needing to re-fill so you can continue to pour into others. But I wanted to do

it at camp, not somewhere else. Because that day I felt that feeling I got the first time I ever stepped foot onto the grassy knoll in 2013. It reminded me how deeply interwoven I am with Rainbow, as are all of you reading this. We all experience this magical place in different seasons of our lives and yet here we all are with that same feeling we can't explain. When the sun set and the cold paralyzed my fingers, I headed inside, built a fire, and wrote for hours on hours. If you can't tell, I love to write. And you may know from previous newsletters I've written to y'all that I love the winter at camp because of its unique ability to remind me of God's creation and power. So, I ended the year in a state of reflection. The next day I drove to Salida and celebrated New Year's Eve with Kyle and Katie Larson, Cam, and Annsley and Sands. I used to live there briefly after my first summer working at camp and I deeply love to visit. Funny enough we ran into Dave and Nellie which made me so happy, as they concluded their year basically doing the same thing. The following morning on the first of January they watched the sunrise on the ball field together. I would be remiss if I didn't carve out space in my reflection of the year to thank them both. So here goes:

Dave, I don't even know where to start. I've told you before, when I came to camp as a teenager in the summer and spring I didn't know life could be like it was here. What I learned later on in my years on staff is that it wasn't coincidental that it was like that. You built, with hard-work over decades, the characteristics you wanted staff to show us. Laser beaming, radical hospitality, Jesus' all-consuming and welcoming love and selflessness, grace and respect for all God's people and nature, and SO much more. It hit me like a truck as I tried to learn it and grasp it during my twenties. I made mistakes and fell a lot, but you still took me under your wing as a full-time employee and I got to see it all up-close for myself. It's been the launching pad for my adult life. Nellie, your genuine spirit is not only charismatic but contagious. You don't ever fake it with anyone. You give so much of yourself, and expect nothing in return. Your honest, loving conversation has meant so much to me since our first chat on the mall during lunch on my first day on staff in 2017. You laugh and play simultaneously to your steadfast teaching and working. You are a fiercely independent and confident woman I am constantly in awe of. Thank you for your friendship. I love you both, and cannot thank you enough for changing me as a person. I hope retirement is incredible to you because you more than deserve it. Oh and thank you for raising my friends, Leah and Ben. You did a great job raising them just as you helped to 'raise' a bunch of college kids and kindergarteners.

Now that I'm totally crying, let's continue into a re-cap of the fall season! Lol! Since writing to y'all in October, we've hosted eleven retreats! I didn't schedule anything over the Grace Race this year so I go to attend and see everyone up there which I loved to do. We held our confirmation retreat where Packer Dave, our new Executive Director, was our speaker! Total coincidence since I had asked if he'd be interested almost a year before that. It landed perfect so he could come hangout with us and see it all in action. We also had our Senior High Retreat where Pastor Nate from Bethany Lutheran was the speaker. We love when Nate's around, he's so funny and cool, so thank you Nate for being a steadfast partner with us. Adventfest was packed again with around 100 people. Cam and I's baby Pierce got to enjoy his first camp Christmas along with two other camp babies around his same age who's camp parents we are also good friends with. It's been so special (and challenging haha) to have Pierce at camp with me for these retreats. In the middle of those larger weekends we hosted schools, churches, knitters, and locals for Thanksgiving. In January we welcomed our Bible Study Writers back for another few days of writing. Special shout out to Pastors Nicole, Jane, Brad, Rod, and Pam for their conversation, biblical knowledge, and love of this place. Two ski retreats later, here we are in February! Upcoming we have a few retreats this month, March is always a little emptier, and then things pick back up in April and May. Cam just left this morning for weeks of recruiting with Will and Packer Dave. Meanwhile Matt, Abby, Jackson, Chris, Tricia, Ruth and myself are holding the fort down!

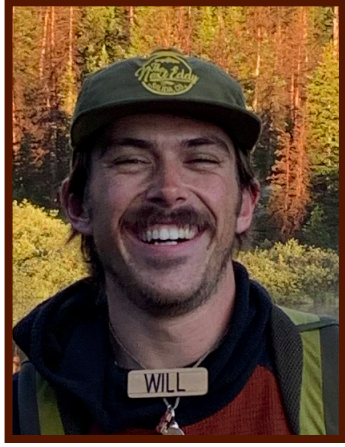
In my personal life we spent a week in Texas over Christmas visiting my family back home. Pierce got to go on his first plane ride and enjoy some tiny bites of good ole Texas food. But that wasn't his only plane ride, we actually just got back from Hawaii if you can believe it! We'd never been, and one of Cam's mom's church friends helped to gift us all the lodging opportunity. Hawaii was magical, and the people were so so so kind. My favorite memories include swimming with a turtle just naturally out in the ocean and watching whales on the horizon splash around. I feel so lucky to have been able to experience a once-in-a-lifetime kind of trip with Cam and I's family. Aside from travel, Pierce is 8 months now and really showing some fun personality. He's bashful, smiley, and a little shy. We love growing alongside him, and he too will experience the magic feeling of Rainbow as he does. Love y'all!

-Delta

# Into The Wilderness

By Will Johnson - Director of Compass Points & Day Camp

Hello and Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season! I'm writing to you as we are on the recruiting trail here in Colorado. So far, it has been a successful recruiting trip and it has been great to reconnect with our alumni, and talk to potentially future staff members as well! It's been a while since our last newsletter and so much has happened already!



This fall we had an awesome start to the retreat season with the Men's Fly Fishing retreat, the Senior High retreat, and Adventfest! We also went to the annual Lutheran Outdoor Ministry conference in Asheville, North Carolina this November, and that was an incredible experience! I loved getting to reconnect with so many friends at other camps across the nation and share stories and resources together. What an awesome time and great resource for us in outdoor ministry!

My own personal world has also been super busy but so much fun! I recently moved from Salida over to Silver Cliff, CO and have been loving everything the Wet Mountain Valley has to offer. Nothing makes me happier, or appreciate God and his creation more, than getting to look at the Sangre de Cristo Mountains from my own home. It's much closer to camp and I'm living with one of my best friends and co-workers, Matt Turman! What a blessing! I've also been blessed to spend some quality time with family and friends back home that I've missed dearly since moving out here. I was lucky enough to spend about 2 whole weeks back in Texas this Christmas break and it couldn't have been any better! I loved getting to see my family and spend time at our family ranch in Dripping Springs, TX, where I also bagged 2 whitetail deer this season! The freezer, tummy, and hearts are full to say the least!

Looking forward to the next few months until summer begins, I'm really looking forward to the rest of recruiting and getting to work closely with our new executive director Dave Gunlaugsson! It's been a great start so far and am looking forward to the rest of the recruiting trail with him and Cam. I'm also looking forward to having my brothers come visit this March to snowboard, and to fish with me on my new raft! It will be good to get back on the water for the spring hatches!

And looking forward to this summer, we are preparing to send out 13 Compass Points trips and 26 Day Camps! I'm looking forward to this year's bible study "Hands Wide Open" and applying that to both of these programs. I'm also looking forward to getting a few more tents in our rotation and some new rain flies for our hammock campers! Thank you all who donate to RTALC, your gifts are all greatly appreciated and there is no such thing as a gift too small. God is good and thanks for supporting what we do! You guys make what we do possible!

That's about all from me this time but as always, come say "Hi" if you're ever up at camp or want to talk about backpacking or fly fishing!

## -WILL

## Be A Difference Maker!

Trailblazers and Pathfinders are Rainbow Trail's annual giving clubs that sustain our ministry and allow it to grow. Your gifts help us cover the expenses of the day-to-day operations of camp. For as little as \$10 a month, or \$120 a year, you can become a Trailblazer and make a huge difference in everything that happens here at camp!

Pathfinders are those that would like to give a little more. For \$1,000 or more a year, you can become a Pathfinder and can make a bigger difference in this incredible ministry. From Day Camp to Bridging Borders to On-Site ministries to camperships, Trailblazer and Pathfinder dollars help to make a difference in countless lives through wonderful faith experiences. We need your support more than ever. Support from the Rocky Mountain Synod to Rainbow Trail has been reduced in recent years. You can join by simply making your gift to Rainbow Trail. If you are interested in knowing more about Trailblazers or Pathfinders, please contact Dave at the Canon City office (719-276-5233) or by e-mail at [daveg@rainbowtrail.org](mailto:daveg@rainbowtrail.org).



# 2026 Summer Schedule



The Rainbow Trail summer 2026 schedule has been set. The fee will be \$540 for all youth camps, with the exception of Intro Camp, which will be \$315. Family camp fees are \$540 for adults (ages 19 and older), \$400 for teens (ages 13-18) and \$270 for ages 4-12. There is no charge for kids under age 4. **Be sure to register early!**

May 22-25.....	Memorial Day Work Weekend
May 25-June 6.....	Staff Training
June 7-13.....	Junior High #1
June 14-17.....	Intro To Camp #1
June 14-20.....	Junior #1
June 17-20.....	Intro To Camp #2
June 21-27.....	Confirmation Camp
June 28-July 4.....	Family Camp #1
July 5-11.....	Senior High #1
July 5-11.....	Into the Wild
July 12-18.....	Open Sr. High Compass Points
July 12-18.....	Mixed Junior #2/Junior High #2
July 19-25.....	Senior High #2
July 19-25.....	Open Jr. High Compass Points
July 26-August 1.....	Mixed Junior #3/Junior High #3
July 26-29.....	Intro To Camp #3
August 2-8.....	Family Camp #2
August 9-15.....	Joshua Station Family Camp
September 4-7.....	Labor Day Family Weekend

### Grade Levels as of Fall 2026

Intro to Camp = entering 2nd - 3rd grade

Juniors = entering 4th - 6th grade

Junior High = entering 7th - 8th grade

Senior High = entering 9th-12th grade

**Please note:** Lutherans of the Rocky Mountain Synod, ELCA have registration priority until January 1, 2026 This applies to all camps, including family camps.

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# Thank You for Being Part of the 2025 Ministry of Rainbow Trail!

Rainbow Trail is blessed to have a great cloud of witnesses that give their time and talent to the ministries that happen. The staff at Rainbow Trail work very hard to offer quality programs, food, and facilities, but it would never happen without the amazing support and dedication of all these volunteers. We've made every effort to include all those who have volunteered in 2025; if we inadvertently left you off the list, please forgive us and call the camp office at 719-276-5233 so we can make a correction. Thank you for your amazing service to Rainbow Trail!

## Presenters & Writers

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

## Bible Study Writers

Rev. Rod Hank  
Rev. Pam Challis  
Rev. Jane Jebesen  
Rev. Nicole' Ferry  
Rev. Brad Doty  
Deacon Debra Uppendahl-Alba

## Mens Fly Fishing Retreat

Rev. Dave Risendal  
Rev. Roger Thompson  
Ark Anglers

## Senior High Retreat Presenter

Rev. Nate Preisinger

## Confirmation Retreat

### Presenters

Dave Gunnlaugsson

### Retreat Hosts

Sophie Fowler  
Zirui Parkhouse-Song  
Ben Hizer  
Maddie Parker  
Yilun Parkhouse-Song  
Kayla Hallmark  
Lindsay Smith  
Charlotte  
Annika Buhr  
Chloe Peterson-Foust  
Hales Hayden  
Kylie Brown  
Jack Beckman  
Hunter Resley  
Macy Pederson  
Katelyn Jaster  
Taylor White

Payton Waggoner

Kelsey Drewry

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Rev. Rod Hank

Rev. Pam Challis

Rev. Jane Jebesen

Rev. Nicole' Ferry

Rev. Brad Doty

Julie Miller

## Raft Training

Arkansas River Tours

## Camp Grandparents

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Paula Burky

Bill Dausses

Charlotte Dausses

Janice Ehlers

Rick Green

Robert Hammond

Elizabeth Hargreaves

Karel Hemler

Scott Jorgenson

Ranelle Lang, Ed.D.

Cheryl Mahon

Lisa Meyerdierks

Karen Pforr

Diane Sather

Mark Sather

Ken Trana

Cor VanderWel

Pam Wagner

Bob Witte

Joyce Witte

## Family Camp Presenters

Rev. Sara Olsen-Smith

Rev. Jeremy Swigart

Nellie Jarvis – Art

Heidi and Mark Peterson – Art

Matt Turman – Art

Richard Walker – Art

Jesse Crock – Art

Meg Erke and Dave Holliday - Art

Charlie Pineda – Musician

Nick Ehrhardt – Musician

Paul Bogart – Musician

## Labor Day Leader

Rev. Brad Doty

## 2025-2026 Board of Directors

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Heidi Peterson

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

# Talking Turman

By Matt Turman - Director of Site and Facilities

Hellooooo Rainbow Trail family! Happy new year from the town of Silvercliff. I hope everyone out there had a good holiday season. Mine was full of rest but it's been good to be back on the mountain side hanging around site. For a Texan that's lived most of their life somewhere where it never snows or freezes I think I've finally hit some kind of acclamation plateau. It's been nothing but beautiful though, even though the trees have lost their leaves and the creek is a slow trickle instead of a rush the site still surprises me with wonder. Just the other day I was walking around high ropes with Norman and the quiet from the new snowfall just makes you stop, be still, and look up, moments I've been grateful for.



With the new year upon the maintenance world there's a lot to be excited about. With the slow time on site the Columbine main room was able to get a paint job, and a lot of Memorial Day planning is underway. There's always something to do on site and I can't wait to complete my first year on the full time team in April. Working with the new guy has been great too, Dave G has been a good fit and I look forward to serving with him. Not to mention the retirement party for Dave J was a night to remember. So many familiar faces and it was great seeing all of y'all that could make it!

Well that's all I have for this newsletter but I hope everyone's winter season is nothing but great! And if you know how to fix a car heater shoot me an email, currently in a cold truck!

*-Matt*

## A Great Way to Support RTLC: Thrivent Action Teams

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



### HELP RTLC WITH YOUR THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS

If you are a Thrivent Financial member, we need your help! We set a Thrivent Choice goal for 2025 of \$35,000 and we still think that goal is very attainable. With that kind of increase, not only can we continue to provide camperships but we can also possibly upgrade some of the equipment on our site. Here is how you can help. You will need to go out to Thrivent's website each quarter to direct your Thrivent Choice dollars. This is the only way to ensure that your Thrivent Choice dollars will make it to Rainbow Trail each quarter.

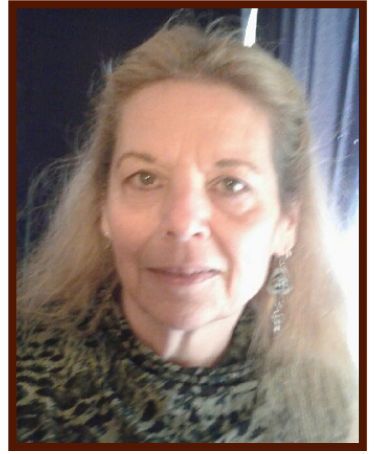
Go to <http://www.rainbowtrail.org/donate/thrivent-choice/> and follow the steps to make your designation. If you have friends that are Thrivent members and who have not designated their Thrivent Choice dollars, please encourage them to designate those Thrivent Choice dollars to Rainbow Trail. We heard that there was still close to \$1 million dollars in Choice dollars NOT distributed last year. Help us change that! You can make a world of difference!!

# Chris' Corner

By Chris Seaman - Food Service Manager

Hello To My Rtlc Family!

It is with a very heavy heart that I must say to you all, this is my final article for this Newsletter! To have been able to share with you recipes, helpful kitchen tips, and my life has been a very great blessing to me! I would have never thought that in my life, I would have encountered a more loving and beautiful group of people. God Bless You All! I have been fortunate enough to work with some of the most awesome young people that I have ever met! If I tried to name you all, it would take another Newsletter! I cannot put into words the love, joy, support, and acceptance that have been given to me! I knew this day would eventually come. I just didn't realize how much it would hurt! Please know that I do and always will LOVE YOU!!!!!!



*-Chris*

## WANTED: RTLC AMBASSADORS WANTED

Normal, Everyday People who Love RTLC and Want to Serve as RTLC Ambassadors for their congregations. Ambassadors meet at RTLC for a retreat once a year to:

1. Find out what is new at Rainbow Trail
2. Build a display board for their congregation
3. Become equipped to pass along important information about what is happening at Rainbow Trail to their congregations.
4. Ambassadors are an important key to the ministry at RTLC

If you are interested in becoming an ambassador for your congregation, contact Dave G at : 719.276.5233 or [daveg@rainbowtrail.org](mailto:daveg@rainbowtrail.org)

### Remember Your Friends and Loved Ones in a Lasting Way

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



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CO  
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- Michelle Stone Kraus and Arthur J. Kraus - Shower curtain and shower curtain liner  
 Cathy Goodman - 11 decoupage plaques; 4 rough hewn boards; candle making supplies including molds, wax sheets, bulk wax, wax coloring  
 Scott and Emily Dalen - Queen Sheet Set  
 Bethlehem Lutheran Church - 16 reams of Astrobrite colored paper  
 Karel and Tom Hemler - black markers; sidewalk chalk; 2 storage bins  
 Cross of Glory Lutheran Church - 88 catalog envelopes; 14 reams copy paper; 31 red sharpies; 5 erasable pens; paper clips; 27 small legal pads; 14 large legal pads; assorted colored paper and cardstock  
 Jennifer Baldwin Heiny - 3 reams paper; easy close envelopes; 7 packages of tape  
 Riley Sawinski - Acrylic paint brushes: 160 pieces; 100 6x9 envelopes; 10 rolls masking tape; 12 small writing tablets; 12 large writing tablets

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- Benevity Community Impact Fund  
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## *2026 Memorial Day Work Weekend*

Memorial Day has become as much a tradition at Rainbow Trail as anything else we do. We typically have over 120 people that come and join in this annual work weekend to get camp ready for summer. We'll be sure to have another busy and memorable weekend! The dates for 2026 are May 22-25, 2026. Call the Canon City office at (719) 276-5233 or email Dave at daveg@rainbowtrail.org to reserve your spot.



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2026 Events Calendar

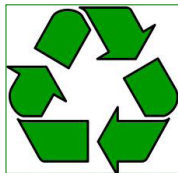
February 28.....Summer Staff Applications Due  
 April 1.....Summer Volunteer Apps Due  
 May 22-25.....Memorial Day Work Weekend  
 May 25-June 6.....Staff Training  
 September 4-7.....Labor Day Family Weekend  
 September 17-20.....Men's Fly Fishing Retreat  
 September 25-27.....Womens Retreat  
 October 3.....Grace Race  
 October 9-11.....Confirmation Retreat  
 October 16-18.....Fall Ambassadors Retreat  
 November 20-22.....Senior High Retreat  
 Dec 4-6.....AdventFest

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Are you considering a yearly gift to Rainbow Trail but don't know where you'll see a tangible return? Look no further! Each Memorial Day weekend Rainbow Trail hosts roughly 120 volunteers to make major improvements to our site and prepare for summer. What some might not know is that Rainbow Trail spends around \$20,000 in materials for the weekend! With the help of experienced contractors and careful planning, we believe we receive between \$40,000 and \$50,000 worth of labor in just three days! Rainbow Trail is seeking donors that are passionate about site improvements and would be willing to fund part or all of our annual Memorial Day work weekend. If interested, email [dave@rainbowtrail.org](mailto:dave@rainbowtrail.org).

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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!

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



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

### Shop Online

It's easy to give a gift from RTLCL's Needs or Wish Lists online. We've pre-selected items that we are looking for and provided links straight to great deals that we've found. There is also a Compass Points specific list online. You can even ship directly to us!

[www.rainbowtrail.org/donate/needs-and-wish-list](http://www.rainbowtrail.org/donate/needs-and-wish-list)

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