



# Rainbow Reflections

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## Address Service Request

### Phase II: Land, Ho!

#### RAINBOW TRAIL MOVES INTO FUNDRAISING FOR THE ACTUAL LAND EXCHANGE PROCESS

It is amazing to see the difference a year makes. A year ago, the Rainbow Trail Board of Directors had just voted to accept the price and sign a contract to own the non-federal parcel to be used in the land exchange. Last spring, Rainbow Trail closed on the Locke Park property and is now a proud land owner. With the acquisition of the Locke Park property, we are one step closer to home. And this is a big step! This past summer, the San Carlos District Ranger and land specialists in the Forest Supervisor's office spent a day with us walking the Locke Park property as well as the extended Rainbow Trail property that we would acquire. They loved the idea of the Locke Park property becoming part of the National Forest, probably as much as we desire to own our site!



Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp is a holy place for so many people and has become a precious gift of the Church. Since its inception Rainbow Trail has leased land from the Forest Service. Ownership of the property would protect the

camp's investment of \$4.5 million in buildings to date. And by owning our site, we will guarantee that Rainbow Trail will be available for generations to come.

As you hopefully know by now, the Forest Service does not have the authority to conduct an outright sale of National Forest lands. A land exchange is the only method for acquiring federal lands such as the site on which Rainbow Trail currently resides. We are now ready for that next step! A formal exchange proposal will be submitted to the Forest Service, beginning the

64-step land exchange process. The process will culminate in the Forest Service issuing a patent to Rainbow Trail and Rainbow Trail deeding the private lands it secured to the federal government.

#### Most Asked Questions

There are several questions that continue to be asked. Hopefully by answering these, we can clarify the whole exchange process. **Didn't the exchange already happen?** No. Rainbow Trail acquired non-federal land back in February that can now be used in an exchange. That was

an important step to initiate the process to move into an exchange. **When are you moving camp?** We are NOT moving camp. Camp will stay right where it has always been, but will be surrounded by about 90 additional acres that will be ours after the exchange process. **How long will the exchange process take?** The land exchange process can take anywhere from two to eight years,

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### Bridging Borders is Broadening Horizons

#### Open Registration and Adult Trips Available

For many years, the Bridging Borders program at Rainbow Trail has served in Mexico, Puerto Rico, Galveston, TX; Joplin, MO; New York City, and, most recently, in Boulder, CO. From building houses, to hurricane and flood relief efforts, to Day Camp-style ministry in Ecuador, Bridging Borders has offered these domestic and abroad service trips to youth groups from



around the country.

Every 3 years, the ELCA hosts a National Youth Gathering at various places in the United States. Although many youth groups will make the trek cross country to the Gathering this summer, there are many groups that have opted for other summer faith journey adventures, and other ways to serve God's people such as

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#### Rainbow Trail Mission Statement

Through the ministries of Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp, God claims us, Christ transforms us, and the Holy Spirit sends us for faithful service.

# Trail Boss

By Dave Jarvis - Executive Director

Our Staff has sprinted into 2015! I think this is one of our busiest Januaries ever. Between multiple retreats, Bible Study Writers' retreat, middle school youth gathering, young adult leadership retreat, and RTALC promotions every Sunday at one of our congregations, we have truly hit the ground running!



We have had excellent early registrations for our summer on-site programs. Three weeks are already full with three more getting close to full. We already have 35 day camps scheduled for summer but we have room for a few more day camps during specific weeks.

Contact Ben Larson if your church may be interested. Our off-site programs always have a dip in participation on National Youth Gathering years since those programs have traditionally been focused on senior high students. If your senior high youth aren't going to the national gathering, consider a Compass Point backpack trip or a Bridging Borders mission trip for your group. We can help you create an unforgettable experience for your kids. Both programs have individual sign-up weeks for churches that may have an individual or two that would like to participate. Our summer camper weeks will fill quickly. Don't wait to register! Take a look at which week works for you and register now. It will be a life-changing week for you! And bring a friend with you to share the experience.

I know that many of you are still experiencing the effects of a recovering economy. But we are here to help. The first question to ask is "Do you want your child to go to camp?" That is a yes/no question. If your answer is yes, then, together, let's figure out a way to get them there. If you are in a position where finances will prevent you from sending your child to camp, please contact me—we'll find a way to get your child to camp! This is a very private process – no one will know but me. Do it for your child. We are planning on giving out over \$15,000 for camperships this year. That is why those funds are there. We have several very generous donors who give specifically to camperships. If you want your kids or family to come to camp this summer, we will find a way to make that happen!

We are getting ready to begin our recruiting tour to look for our 2015 summer staff. We are already out on the road visiting the Colorado state schools. We have talked with some great candidates. We will be heading to the Midwest on February 7th for two weeks. Ben Jarvis and I will be traveling together this year. I ask for your prayers as we travel. I also ask for your prayers for the whole selection process. We are anticipating a strong group of returning staff from last summer's crew that will make a great foundation for this summer. This is always a fun time of the year as the summer ministry team starts taking shape.

The land exchange continues to move forward. We are ready to boldly step into phase two of this process. Phase 1 was finding and acquiring land that we could use in a land exchange. Our Board did a great job of searching for, finding, and securing an incredible piece of property that is attractive to the forest service. The mantra for the land exchange continues to be patience and persistence. We are now in the process of finding a person that will serve as a point for us in the exchange process. Once that is secured, things will begin to move more quickly. We will need to raise more money but we promise this will be our last time we ask you to give to support the land exchange process. Thank you for your prayers and support thus far in this process. The reality is that we only need to raise another \$190,000 to cover all the remaining expenses. This goal is easily attainable. Remember, this is a gift for the generations. If you want to give or give again, we need you!

We are continuing an initiative called 50 for the Future that we started last year. We are looking for 50 families or individuals that can commit to giving \$2,500 to \$5,000 per year annually to undergird the financial side of this ministry. We started the year with 25 individuals or families giving at that level. We now have 44 individuals or families supporting RTALC at this level! This combined with all the other gifts we receive will put us in a position to really strengthen all aspects of our ministry. Prayerfully consider being one of those families. Nellie and I have made that commitment. I hope you'll join us!

This has been a phenomenal year for our ministry. We own land; we have an amazing new ropes course; we had our highest participation ever in our summer programs; we gave \$4,098 to Young Adults in Global Mission to support that program from summer offerings; we sent over \$9,000 to ELCA World Hunger from your efforts at Grace Race; and we had one of our best financial years. None of this would have happened without you. We strive to make the best use of your gifts, to reach as many people as possible with this ministry, and to be an excellent partner with the

congregations in the geographical area of the Rocky Mountain Synod. You make ministry possible. I am humbled and I am grateful. I want to thank you all for another incredible year of support for this ministry and for me as director. I am beginning my 27th year at Rainbow Trail. I am reminded weekly that what we do matters in our world.

I am so excited for this year. Please pray for this ministry and for our staff. We take great joy in serving you through RTALC. May God surprise us in amazing ways!!!!

Until next time...

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depending on the time available for the Forest Service to focus on our exchange and time needed to complete all of the studies as part of the exchange. We are heavily in the search process of finding a retired Forest Service employee to serve as the point person on our exchange. We are hoping that this land exchange process can be completed over the next three years. **What is the cost of the land exchange process?** The cost of necessary studies and reimbursing Forest Service staff to process the land exchange is approximately \$200,000. However, there are additional expenses such as the land conservancy process, consulting fees to walk us through the exchange, and a new site master plan that need to happen as part of this exchange that take the total cost of the land exchange process to \$275,000. The great news is that we have already raised over \$85,000 for Phase 2!

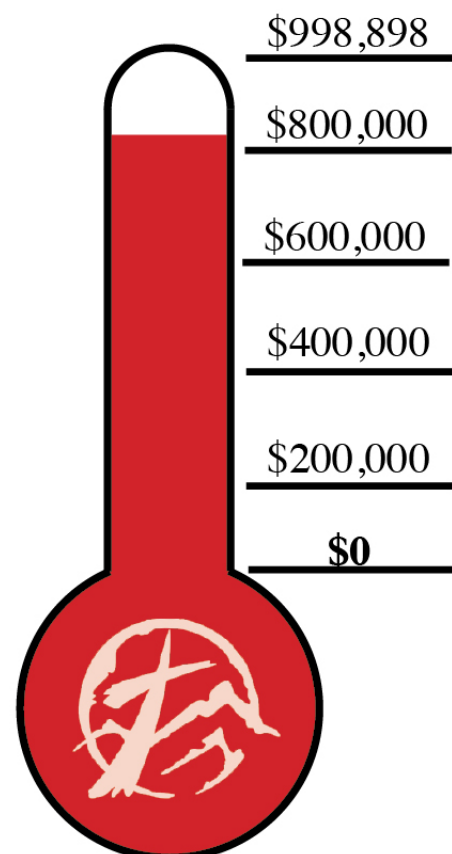
### How Can You Help?

We still need to raise an additional \$190,000 to cover the cost of consultant fees, administrative expenses, and the work to complete the Forest Service's 64-step exchange process. These funds will cover exchange process related expenses as well as all of the studies and assessments related to the exchange that will occur during the exchange process.

We need your prayers and

we need your financial support. For us to achieve the goal of raising the additional \$190,000 to finish this project, we need people to step forward that believe in the value of this ministry in the lives of youth and families. We know that many of you have already given and given generously to the purchase of the land. We promise this will be the last time we come back to you and ask you to give to the land exchange project. If you gave to the land purchase, I hope that you will consider giving an additional gift for the future of RTALC. If you haven't given yet, consider making a special gift for the future generations that will be a part of this ministry. We are open to matching fund opportunities or a capstone gift if you would like to use your gift to help encourage others to give as well. We have already received two gifts of \$25,000 that are matching funds gifts that will make your gift make a bigger difference. We can also easily accept stock gifts. Call me to get the critical information. I have even put a bounty on my mustache for a capstone gift of at least \$30,000 to \$50,000 to finish off this campaign. I would love to have a more in-depth conversation with you and explain more about this once in a lifetime opportunity. You can reach me by email at [dave@rainbowtrail.org](mailto:dave@rainbowtrail.org) or by phone at 719-429-1377. Help us make Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp our Home At Last!

### Land Exchange Donations



# Site to Sight

By Kyle Larson - Director of Site and Facilities

I hope this time of year all finds you well. As I sit and write this, it's 70 degrees outside. Not too shabby for the end of January! I never get tired of Colorado! The warmer weather is a nice change to the very cold weather we've had this winter. It's been a busy season with numerous retreats and lots of things to get done! I love winter because it gives me more time to chip away at the ever changing to do list.



Before the snow flew, we were able to sneak in a work weekend of final ropes course clean-up and what I would consider to be the final bit of windstorm clean-up as well. It was a great few days of hard work and even greater fellowship. I sometimes can't believe the incredible gift of time and effort that people are willing to give to Rainbow Trail. What a huge blessing. Thanks to all of you who were able to make it! Know that your efforts don't go unnoticed. If you weren't able to make it this year keep an eye on our website. The hope is to make it a yearly time of getting the site ready for winter.

I've recently been busy trying to get the logistical pieces handled for a water system upgrade that we will be doing in the middle of February. While no major infrastructure changes will be made, the Chlorinator will be changed out and few new filters will be installed. It's a blessing to have such great water at camp; these new changes will ensure that it stays that way.

The slower time of year also gives me some time to start chipping away at what has become quite the unraveling project at home. I had hopes of remodeling my place all at once but may be taking a step back and doing it in a few smaller parts. The unexpected change to the schedule is going to free me up to take some time off and enjoy a few vacations before we roll into the summer season! I certainly can't be mad about that.

As the warmer weather approaches, we all start turning our focus toward summer. While the guys are out on the recruiting trail, I'll be doing interviews for summer maintenance positions. Taking time to sit and talk with people who are as excited about working at Rainbow Trail as I am is a huge passion of mine. It's always fun to hear the stories of why people decide to apply to Rainbow Trail and how the Holy Spirit is at work in their lives. If you know someone interested in working at camp this summer, make sure they get their application in ASAP.

Avery is just over a year and a half old now and is what we all like to call "fun size." She was the largest in her litter when I picked her out and has proven to be quite the runt. While I had it in my mind that I wanted a big dog, she has proven to be the perfect size. I think it's about time I get outside and play an hour (or two) of fetch with her.

Until next time, *Kyle*



Weeks are filling up but spots are still open in the following sessions.

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|-------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Junior High #1</b> June 7-13     | <b>Senior High #2</b> July 18-24       |
| <b>Junior Camp #1</b> June 14-20    | <b>SH Compass Points</b> July 18-24    |
| <b>Intro to Camp #1</b> June 14-17  | <b>Junior/Jr High #2</b> July 26-Aug 1 |
| <b>Intro to Camp #2</b> June 17-20  | <b>Intro to Camp #3</b> July 26- 29    |
| <b>Senior High #1</b> July 5-11     | <b>JH Compass Points</b> July 26-Aug 1 |
| <b>Into the Wild</b> July 5-11      | <b>Family Camp #2</b> August 2-8       |
| <b>BB Open Reg. (Mex)</b> July 5-11 | <b>Junior/Jr High #3</b> August 9-15   |

Check [www.rainbowtrail.org](http://www.rainbowtrail.org) for up-to-date status of each week and register today!

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Bridging Borders.

Although Bridging Borders trips are traditionally youth groups that come together for a week of ministry, it's come to our attention that not every congregation has the numbers in their youth program to support service trips every year. In an effort to offer these opportunities to entire congregations, adult groups, and youth who are without a youth group in their church, we are expanding our programming to include adult trips throughout the summer as well as offering an open registration trip to Mexico for youth during the week of July 5-11, 2015.

If you participate in, or know of an adult group that has been looking to serve this summer in a unique experience, going on a Bridging Borders service trip might be exactly what that group is

looking for. If you know individuals that have never experienced a week of service and ministry, or are looking for another way to walk in faith alongside people outside of our own communities, Bridging Borders trips are invaluable. One church has already booked their adult trip for this summer and we have had individuals call our office asking about an open registration Bridging Borders trip.

Of course, multiple smaller youth groups can also pair up together for any week of the summer for a trip. In the past, we have even paired groups from differing states to experience a week of service together. This summer, we are offering trips to Ecuador, Mexico, and Boulder.

Please contact Ben Jarvis at [ben.jarvis@rainbowtrail.org](mailto:ben.jarvis@rainbowtrail.org) for more information.

AVAILABLE

### Program Assistant

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### Internship Positions

Have **YOU** ever considered Outdoor Ministry as a career? Maybe you know someone who might be interested in Outdoor Ministry. The Rainbow Trail Program Assistant Internship is designed to allow people to work in and learn about all aspects of Outdoor Ministry, create your own OM philosophy, gain valuable knowledge, serve wonderful people, and live at Rainbow Trail. For more information, email Ben, [ben@rainbowtrail.org](mailto:ben@rainbowtrail.org).

## 50 for the Future



Rainbow Trail has been fortunate to have a loyal and faithful support group that gives in every way they can: their time, their talent, and their treasure. Because of the support of individuals, congregations and organizations, we have been able to do some amazing things through this ministry over the last 58 years.

As our ministry grows, the cost of providing this ministry continues to grow too. Our budget is designed that literally one-third of it is covered by generous donations and support of those that believe in this ministry. You are an integral part of Rainbow Trail. We are continuing an initiative called 50 for the Future that we started last year. We are looking for 50 families or individuals that would be willing to make a commitment to providing \$2500 to \$5,000 or more per year annually to Rainbow Trail's ministry to create a foundation for our annual fund. We had 25 families in this group when we started 2014. We now have 44 people that are currently giving at this level! This will give us the financial stability that we really need. Rainbow Trail will still need the current support we have at all levels to maintain our ministry. All gifts are critical.

Prayerfully consider becoming one of the 50 for the Future. You will have a game changing effect on our ministry! If you have any questions, please contact Dave Jarvis or email him at [dave@rainbowtrail.org](mailto:dave@rainbowtrail.org).

## Ben There...

By Ben Larson - Director of Compass Points & Day Camp

In early January I had the opportunity to explore the Bible with eighteen energetic young adults on retreat at camp. My job was to teach "Bible Study – Theory." Lutheran Theology, Bible components, and reading approaches are not the most exciting topics for a Saturday morning. So, after pushing through too many PowerPoint slides, I asked, "What is the Bible?" I read what my Dad wrote on the inside cover of my Confirmation Bible, "May this story of faith be an important part of your story of faith and may your story of faith be a part of this faith story." A lively conversation ensued. We had to ask Chris to hold lunch as we finished our discussion on how this book helps us explore the faith stories of God's people, the story of God's faithfulness, and how those stories shape us. We learned that the Bible is a sacred place for stories, and a place for sacred stories.



As I procrastinated writing this article, I was flipping through that same Confirmation Bible again, and found writings that aren't part of the original manuscript, but are just as much a part of my faith story. I found scraps of papers, notes, outlines of camp worship, prayers; bits and pieces that have found their way into my Bible, woven themselves into my faith story. I have the privilege to hear lots of stories through the ministry I'm part of at camp, and watch people share their stories with others; watch bits and pieces be woven into each others stories. I wonder if the power of camp might be that it's a sacred place for stories, or maybe a place for sacred stories to be told.

Camp is definitely not the only place that this happens, but it does seem to happen here a lot. Maybe we need a place to get away to, an excuse, or permission. So, I invite you to come and be part of this story and leave part of your story here; at summer camp, on retreat with your church, fly fishing, serving others on Bridging Borders, backpacking, on the ropes course. If you can't do that, look for God's story, let it become part of your story, share your story, share God's story anyway. At work, in school, waiting for a bus, at a ball game; share your story where ever you are. Let your story become part of the bigger faith story.

*Ben* ...Done That



"Just Be" the CD is on its way! We are very excited that Rainbow Trail will be putting a CD out on iTunes. This new CD will have many camp favorites recorded by the wonderful 2014 summer staff. We are very pleased that we will have some Nick Ehrhardt original songs on a CD for

the first time. This project has been in the works for a while and should be coming to you by the end of February. Please keep an eye on the website as well as the Rainbow Trail Facebook page for the official release date. Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to make the CD a reality.

## FLYING HIGH!



This time last year, we asked for a donation of two GoPro cameras to get new perspectives of the ministry at camp, but we also received a donation of a remote-controlled drone that can hover overhead with a GoPro attached. After a summer of using these wonderful cameras, we have found that it would be helpful to have one additional GoPro to use with the drone and for our videographer's use. If you would like to donate, you can find a link to this camera on our Wish List online!

## Compass Points

### Wilderness Faith Adventures



Whether you've spent miles on the trail, or never shouldered a backpack before, a Compass Points adventure can help you explore God's creation and your faith in amazing new ways! Mountain peaks, whitewater rafting, and options for rock climbing, service projects, and high ropes will fill your week. Daily worship and Bible study in the midst of such a spectacular setting teaches you ways you can take what you learned on the mountain top back down the mountain.

**Space Still Available  
in Open Registration Weeks!**  
Contact Ben at 719-431-0050 or  
ben@rainbowtrail.org for more information.

Join us for a week of incredible experiences and amazing ministry!

## He be Jammin

By Ben Jarvis - Director of On-Site & Bridging Borders

Colorado is weird. We've had temperatures in the 70's multiple times. While that makes snowboarding kind of bleak, I can't complain too much about wearing shorts in January.

When this time of year always rolls around, I tend to start thinking about summer. We have already done some outstanding interviews at our Colorado schools and we have received a myriad of applications for summer positions. I love the eager people I get to work with on full-time staff, and on summer staff. They are a big reason for me enjoying my job as much as I do. They are not only colleagues and employees, but they are friends, mentors, a loving community, confidants, and family. With every passing day, I am more and more grateful for the opportunities I've been given to be surrounded by people like this and to work at a place that provides growth, challenges, and fun! The culture of summer camp, for those of you that have come in the past, truly carries over into the retreat season and the rest of the year. This place runs on love and the grace of God 365 days a year.

We recently had our Bible study writers at camp, tackling the topic of the Fruit of the Spirit. It's always a humbling experience to sit around the couches in Columbine as those minds go to work. I find that I learn so much just by being in the room. Our summer staff is so fortunate to have these leaders who are willing to give of their time and energy to write an in-depth Bible study for counselors to then teach their campers. I, too, am so fortunate that these men and women graciously sacrifice their time to write this quality study, as opposed to what I would come up with by myself. I want to extend a very sincere and genuine thank you to those 5 individuals: Russ, Vera, Twiet, Nicolé, and Jane. You guys are great, and it was a treat to watch the Holy Spirit move through the conversation between you at our retreat together.

T-minus 1 week until we head to the midwest for our recruiting trip. Please keep us in your prayers as we brave the frigid, untamed north that some people like to call Minnesota. Blessings on the rest of your winter! And if you know of anyone who would be exceptional for our summer staff and would thrive in a summer of ministry, please send them our way!

Later,



# Thank You For Being Part of The 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 2014; 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!



Summer campers and staff enjoy the physical and mental challenge of the new ropes course.

## **Presenters & Writers**

*RTLC 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. Dave Risendal  
Rev. Vera Guebert-Steward  
Rev. Jane Jebsen  
Rev. Nicolé Ferry  
Rev. Michael Stadtmueller  
Nellie Jarvis

## **Youth Directors' Retreat**

### **Presenter**

Louise Johnson

## **Confirmation Retreat**

### **Presenters**

Jason Davis

## **Men's Fly Fishing Retreat Presenters**

Rev Dave Risendal  
Rev Roger Thompson  
Greg Felt - Ark Anglers

## **Staff Training Presenters**

Faith Evans  
Rev. Dave Risendal  
Rev. Vera Guebert-Steward  
Rev. Jane Jebsen  
Rev. Nicolé Ferry  
Rev. Michael Stadtmueller  
Rev. Ron Roschke

## **Raft Training**

Arkansas River Tours

## **Staff Banquet Cooks**

Dave, Susan, Claire, & Lauren  
Fisk  
Jon & Kate Palmquist  
Howard Bonser

Dave Kirberg  
Brett, Jennifer, Elizabeth, & Sarah  
Palmer  
Dave Cruson

## **Camp Grandparents**

Dave & Ruth Ericson  
Fred Ehlers  
Karen Pforr  
Joyce Witte  
Adele Vickers  
Colleen Campbell  
Rick & Jill Reed  
Charlie & Linda Kelly  
John and Kathy Erickson  
Mary Koepf  
Kathy Twaddell  
Gail Mannington (extra nurse)

## **Family Camp Presenters**

Rev. Ron Roschke  
Rev. Jay Gamelin  
David Lee Brown – Music  
James Hersch – Music  
Meg Erke – Art  
Dave Holliday - Art  
Heidi Peterson – Art  
Nellie Jarvis – Art  
Kyle Larson - Art  
Jesse Crock - Art  
Charlie Pineda – Woodcarving  
Paul Oman - Art

## **Labor Day Leader**

Rev. Julie McNitt

## **Thanksgiving Contributors**

Westcliffe Supermarket – variety  
of food  
U. S. Foods – Mash Potatoes  
City Market - Turkey  
Bob & Aurice Worley - Turkey  
Sara Marietta - Turkey  
Ben Jarvis – Turkey  
Ben Larson - Turkey  
Chris Seaman - Turkey  
Mark & Michele Robinson - 2  
turkeys  
Dave & Nellie Jarvis – 2 turkeys  
John & Pam Marietta - Turkey

## **Thanksgiving Volunteers**

Dave, Susan, Claire, & Lauren  
Fisk  
Dave & Nellie Jarvis  
Ben Jarvis  
Jordan Jensen  
Michele, Mark, & Linda  
Robinson  
Karen Gourley  
Sedra Fitahiana Raz  
Dean and Denise Obermeyer  
Dion Obermeyer  
Ashleigh Clinkenbeard  
Desiree Lipka  
Rachel Marty  
Paul, Marcia, and Luke Dahlgren  
Linda and Harry Stanley  
Jim and Carol Reppert  
Mark and Heidi Peterson  
Jewyll Peterson

## **AdventFest Leaders**

Chad Kohlmeyer  
Aly Kohlmeyer  
Nellie Jarvis  
Miles Brown  
Charlie Pineda  
Roberta Wentworth  
Cheryl Mahon  
Lauren Brown  
Mari Peterson  
Ben Jarvis  
Kyle Larson

## **Ambassadors**

*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!*  
Annie Scheider  
Rick & Becky Romano  
Brad Chewakin  
Bruce Kelly  
Cathy and John Goodman

Claire & Charlie Pineda  
Dawn & Shannon Ambrosio  
Dee & Jayne Baumgartner  
Jerry & Joan Brown  
Cindy Budde  
Brad & Kathleen Chewakin  
Effie & Glen Christiansen  
Maren Diercks & Paul Eppard  
Gerald Engleman  
David & Ruth Ericson  
Deidre & Timothy Farrell  
Kathy & Eric Ferdig  
Glenda & Joshua Ferraro  
Kevin & Janet Flesch  
Rebbie Garza  
Denise Gergen  
John & Cathy Goodman  
Bud & Linda Grimm  
Donna Hayden  
Karel & Tom Hemler  
Nancy Henning  
Rosalie & Brian Hipple  
Wendy Jendro & Joel Brown  
Bruce & Sheila Kelly  
Mary Koepf  
Kim Law  
Dee Ann & John Lord  
Cheryl & Steve Mahon  
Tanda & Thomas McCombe  
Dawn & Brent Meyer  
Nora Jean & Keith Miller  
David Miller & Anne Wenzel  
Jill & Doug Monsen  
Gail & Mark Muehlethaler  
Janice & James Mulvany  
James & Judy Myra  
Chuck & Gayle Newell  
Vicki & Stacy Padilla

If you would like to volunteer at Rainbow Trail in 2015, to help with a program, be a Retreat Host, or do a camp improvement project please contact us at 719-276-5233



Counselor Cody Christensen and his awesome campers grit their teeth after a game of GaGa Ball- a camper favorite

Suzanne & Ray Peterson  
 Charlie & Claire Pineda  
 Randie Polidori  
 Gordon & Susan Queen  
 Mark & Michele Robinson  
 Rick & Becky Romano  
 Christine & Ari Rubin  
 Ruth & David Ryll  
 Kristen & Michael Saathoff  
 Randy & Lisa Schrader  
 Paul & Lisa Smith  
 Rachel & Aldis Strautins  
 Michelle & Robert Szydowski  
 Kathy & Craig Twaddell  
 Eric & Kate Waggoner

### **Memorial Day Work Weekend Volunteers**

Memorial Day weekend brings our annual Work Retreat. Families come to help Rainbow Trail prepare for the busy summer season. Work projects range from general cleaning

of cabins and lodges to building steps, decks and bridges. Retreat participants complete projects that would take full-time staff weeks to finish, and the site always looks spectacular for the coming summer season.

Linda & David Asselin  
 Howard & Melissa Bonser  
 Miles & Kim Brown  
 Mark Burris  
 David Currie  
 Bob & Holly Denning  
 Phil & Traci Dorth  
 Bob & Margie Dugan  
 Rachael & Kirk Dugan  
 William Ernstrom & Janie Hanson-  
 Ernstrom  
 Greg & Stephanie Fisher  
 Susan & Dave Fisk  
 Matt & Tasha Friedell  
 Ben Hogue  
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upon former Rainbow Trail staffers and friends who are willing to give of their time and energy to make these larger retreats a huge success. Your servant hearts are a blessing to this ministry!

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### **Retreat Hosts**

Our retreat groups are sometimes too large for full-time staff to handle on their own. Thankfully, we can call

## SUMMER STAFF 2015



Know anyone interested in working at camp this summer? Recruiting for 2015 staff has already begun! If you know someone who 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. Go to [www.rainbowtrail.org/summerstaff](http://www.rainbowtrail.org/summerstaff) for more information!

## Men's Fly Fishing Retreat September 10-13, 2015



Step out of the stresses of ordinary life and into the refreshing waters of the Arkansas River. This is a weekend of great fly fishing, hanging out with the guys, and amazing worship and conversation is led by Pastor Dave Risendal. His deep love of fly fishing and the gospel will help you re-center and deepen your faith. Expand your fly fishing skills with instruction from Greg Felt, owner of Ark Anglers Fly Shop, fly tying workshops, and advice from seasoned fishermen. Whether

you are an experienced angler or just want to try fly fishing, this is a weekend you won't want to miss!

The \$195 program fee includes meals and lodging. Don't have gear? No problem, we can connect you with rental equipment at a great price. To get more information, contact Ben, 719-431-0050 or [ben@rainbowtrail.org](mailto:ben@rainbowtrail.org) or go to the retreat tab on [www.rainbowtrail.org](http://www.rainbowtrail.org).

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Campers enjoy the rowdy rafting ride down the Arkansas River

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## Colorado Gives to Record Levels!



This year's Colorado Gives Day was amazingly successful for RTLC! We had set a goal of \$50,000 for this year's campaign. But none of us could have imagined how the day would actually unfold. On December 9, 2014, 203 donors gave over \$63,023 to Rainbow Trail's annual fund! These funds help support the day-to-day operations of camp including program equipment, summer staff salaries, our full-time staff, attendance at the youth gatherings,

and site and facilities maintenance. Thanks to all who contributed to this ministry on Colorado Gives Day and for making this day so fun and exciting. We are already setting a goal of \$65,000 for next year! We will let you know the date for 2015 as soon as it is announced. This is a great chance to invite your friends and co-workers to support a place that you love and to make a difference in the lives of the campers we serve.

## PATHFINDERS

The following individuals are members of the 2014 Pathfinders Club. Pathfinders is RTLC's next level giving club that keeps the ministry at Rainbow Trail growing and expanding. These individuals have given \$1,000 or more to this great ministry. To join, contact Dave Jarvis 719-276-5233 or find out more and donate online at [www.rainbowtrail.org/donate](http://www.rainbowtrail.org/donate). Many thanks to the following supporters of Rainbow Trail!

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### Blazing New Paths!

Trailblazers and Pathfinders are Rainbow Trail's annual giving clubs that sustain and allow our ministry to grow. 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. This year more than ever we need your support. Support from the Rocky Mountain Synod to Rainbow Trail has been reduced to \$18,000 annually. We need your help in covering that difference. 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 [dave@rainbowtrail.org](mailto:dave@rainbowtrail.org).



## NEW 15-PASSENGER VAN!



### THANK YOU CLAY AND LAURIE!

A special thanks to Clay and Laurie Mohler for donating funds to purchase a new 15-passenger van for Rainbow Trail. This van was used nearly every week this past summer on Bridging Borders trips, and will no doubt be necessary for RTLCL outreach in the future. Thank you again!

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## *Mustache Appeal*



You know it must be important if Dave is willing to put his mustache on the line for it. Well, the land exchange and the appeal to pay for it are that important to him. So there is now a bounty on Dave's mustache. We are looking for a capstone gift, a gift that will close out our \$275,000 campaign. In exchange for a single gift of at least \$25,000 to \$50,000 (or more), Dave will shave his mustache. Now that may not seem like a big deal but here are some interesting facts: the last time Dave shaved off his mustache, it was 1977; none of Dave's staff has ever seen him without a mustache, and neither have his kids, neither has his wife Nellie! Help us close out this appeal in grand fashion and make it memorable for all! Contact Dave at [dave@rainbowtrail.org](mailto:dave@rainbowtrail.org) if you are interested in making this special gift!

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- February 28.....Staff Applications Due
- March 13-15.....Youth Directors' Retreat
- May 22-25.....Memorial Day Work Weekend
- May 25- June 6.....Staff Training
- June 7- August 15.....Summer Camps
- Sept. 4-7.....Labor Day Family Weekend
- September 10-13.....Men's Fly Fishing Retreat
- October 3.....Grace Race 5k (Denver)
- October 9-11.....Fall Ambassadors Retreat
- November 6-8.....Fall Confirmation Retreat
- December 4-6.....AdventFest

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## A New Way to Support RTALC: Thrivent Action Teams

In our region of the country, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has eliminated their current chapter system and replacing it with an Action Team approach that they believe will encourage more people to be involved in more 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. If your church wanted to buy RTALC something off the wish or need list, you could host a breakfast using the starter funds and all the proceeds from your breakfast could be used to purchase that item. Or you could do something similar to raise campership funds for your youth to go to camp this summer. The sky is the limit for what projects can be done to help Rainbow Trail. Consider forming an action team and make a difference! Contact Dave Jarvis if you have any questions.

## Use Your Thrivent Choice Dollars Wisely

If you are a Thrivent Financial member, we need your help! We set a Thrivent Choice goal for 2014 of \$40,000 and we think that goal is very attainable. With that kind of support from Thrivent, 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. Thrivent has changed the rules and you will need to go out to their 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!!

We make every effort to list each donor, but mistakes do happen. If we have inadvertently omitted your name or have listed you incorrectly we apologize. Please call us, 719-276-5233, and let us know so that we can make corrections.

## A different, yet significant way to support the ministries of Rainbow Trail

### Needs List



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

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| White 20# copy Paper (Laser quality) | 9x12 Manila envelopes (no clasps)            |
| Reams of colored copy paper          | 6x9 Manila Envelopes (no clasps)             |
| Hobart 20 Quart Mixer                | 16 - 5 ft. round white Lifetime tables       |
| Avery 5160 labels                    | 6 or 8 ft. rectangular white Lifetime tables |
| Avery 5164 labels                    | Extension cords (all lengths)                |
| Masking tape                         | 25 gallon Rubbermaid tubs for the kitchen    |
| Adobe Creative Suite 6 (Mac)         | Adult size scissors                          |
| Sharpie brand permanent markers      | A "new" economic car for Day Camp            |
| Scotch tape                          | Extension cords (all lengths)                |
| Duct tape                            | Computer Battery Back-Up System              |
| Postage stamps                       | AA and AAA Batteries                         |
| UPS Surge Protector Power strips     |  |
| Long barreled fire lighters (Bic)    |  |

### 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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| Industrial Mop buckets (call us first!) | 2- 32" Digital Flat Screen TVs   |
| Sturdy wheelbarrows                     | 20 ft. or longer extension cords |
| Jump drives/thumb drives                | 2 - New gas grills               |
| New Mac desktop and laptop computers    | Motorola 2-way radios            |
| New full sheets - white                 | Bobcat Pallet toothed bucket     |
| New full or single mattress pads        | Free-standing Space Heaters      |
| New Queen sheets - white                | Pack-n-Play Cribs                |
| New Queen mattress pads                 | Freezerless Refrigerator         |
| 20 new 3-piece towel sets               | Dish Cart                        |
| 1 digital camera (min 10-12 megapixel)  | GoPro Hero 4 Black               |
| Costumes for life of Christ             | Ice Machine with Storage Bin     |
| 3 - 5 gallon shop vacuums               | Vermeer Brush Chipper            |
| 3 - upright vacuums                     | Skid Steer Tire Chains           |
| 3 new high chairs                       | Commercial Washers and Dryers    |

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