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## The Full-Time Family Gets Another Member!

### RTLC Calls Maggie Brakke to be New Director of Compass Points

Rainbow Trail would like to extend a warm and hearty welcome to Maggie Brakke as she takes on the role of Director of Compass Points and Day Camp ministries. Originally from Duluth, Minnesota, Maggie brings with her years of experience in outdoor ministries, including two summers as a counselor and one summer as program director at Voyageurs Lutheran Ministries in Cook, Minnesota. Voyageurs specializes in high adventure ministries, specifically canoe trips in the beautiful Boundary Waters Canoe Area wilderness of northern Minnesota and Canada. She is also a three-time volunteer at Holden Village outside of Chelan, Washington. While there, she served two months in the kitchen and two summers as a “maverick,” which means



she joyfully served in whatever capacity was needed. Maggie started serving last fall at RTLC as one of our program assistants and retreat hosts. But when she learned of the Compass Points/Day Camp director opening, she felt called to apply for the position in hopes of joining the year-round team. She started her new position on January 3rd.

Maggie received her

bachelor’s degree in Mathematics and Hispanic Studies from the College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, Minnesota, after which she taught 6th grade math in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, for two years. In addition to her love of the outdoors and her passion for serving people, Maggie enjoys competitive swing dancing, and she and her partners have torn up dance floors across the

country! Rainbow Trail guests and campers will find Maggie to be a welcoming and enthusiastic host, an engaging communicator and active listener, and a partner with them on their faith journeys. We are very excited to have Maggie join us as a part of our full-time, year-round staff! When you come to camp next time, be sure to find Maggie and introduce yourself!

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## Let’s Make Tax Season Fun Again! ReFUND CO

It’s that time of the year again - that dreaded tax season. It is a part of spring that we all try to avoid. Well, we have a way to make it more fun for you! As you file your taxes, you have the opportunity to donate to Rainbow Trail out of your refund! Donate to a Colorado Nonprofit is a new option on your Colorado Tax Return for your 2019 taxes. Taxpayers with a Colorado refund can use the “Voluntary Contributions” schedule to choose an eligible nonprofit to donate to



from their tax refund. Rainbow Trail just found out that we qualified as an eligible non-profit!

Look for the NEW additional option of “DONATE TO A COLORADO NONPROFIT FUND” on the Voluntary Contribution schedule and list the following 3 items on your 2019 Colorado tax refund. To donate to Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp use the following information:

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#### Rainbow Trail Mission Statement

Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp creates holy spaces that embody God’s radical grace to affirm, empower, and transform all people to be Christ’s light in the world



## Trail Boss

By Dave Jarvis - Executive Director

We are less than a month into the new year and we are already moving at lightning speed. Nell and I had a promotion in Denver on January 5th and then I raced back to camp for our Bible study writers' retreat. Since then, I've had two more promotion Sundays and we have been preparing for recruiting our summer staff in Colorado and the Midwest. We will leave for the Midwest in early February.

We have had incredibly strong early registrations for our summer on-site programs. Four weeks are already full with two more getting close to full. We are close to 1,000 campers already registered for this summer and we are still in January. This is the fastest our camps have filled in over 15 years. Don't wait to register! Take a look at which week will work for your child and register now. It will be a life-changing

week for your kids! See if week 10 will work for your schedule. It is one of our best weeks of the summer! And bring a friend with you to share the experience. We are expanding the group of campers for that week to create a Beloved Community that includes kids of different abilities. We also have 37 day camps scheduled that will be happening out in the congregations. There is still room for your senior high youth to go on a Compass Points backpacking trip or Bridging Borders service trip this summer. Contact Maggie Brakke or Cam Regennitter respectively for more information on these programs.

The Bristlecone Lodge remodel is moving forward. We spent the better part of a week clearing out all of beds, mattresses, furniture, accounting history boxes, and artwork from BC. It looks very different! Construction will begin any day. We will keep you updated as things progress!

Many people think that church camp is a nice "extra" in their child's summer. But it is so much more. I hear from campers over and over again about how camp has solidified their faith and really equipped them to be Christ's light in the world. Camp changes people in some amazing ways. I want every child to experience that wonderfully loving and grace-filled community. Money should never be the reason any child doesn't come to RTLCL. So, don't let that be a barrier. 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! We have very generous donors that have given specifically to provide camperships for this exact reason. Do this for your child. If you want your kids or family to come to camp this summer, we will find a way to make that happen!

We have begun our recruiting tour to find our 2020 summer staff. We have already visited the Colorado state schools and have talked with some great candidates. We will be heading to the Midwest on February 3rd for two weeks. Cam, Maggie, 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 solid foundation for this summer. This is always a fun time of the year as the summer ministry team starts taking shape. We know God has great plans for this new ministry team that is forming!

The Land Exchange is moving forward! The Forest Service has begun work on their land exchange feasibility analysis. The feasibility analysis will run to the end of 2020. There are still opportunities to support this effort. We have calculated that we will still need to raise around \$199,000 to cover all of the remaining costs of the 64 steps of the actual exchange. We will do one last fundraising push for the Land exchange after we receive the positive results from the Forest Service feasibility analysis. Please keep this land exchange in your prayers.

2019 was another great year for our ministry. Our programs continued to be very full; we had an amazing summer staff; we continued to systematically upgrade our site including starting the remodel of Bristlecone Lodge; and we had phenomenal support for this ministry—through financial gifts, prayer, and the gift of people's time. None of this would have happened without you. I am truly humbled by the generosity of our supporters this past fall. I know we asked a lot between the BC remodel and Colorado Gives Day. Even so, you gave over \$230,000 to these two projects in less than four months. This is incredible! Thank you all for supporting for this ministry and for me as your director.

I want to personally thank Sam Berglund for her years of service to Rainbow Trail. During Sam's time at RTLCL, Compass Points grew to the largest number of people served through that ministry. Sam also really became a partner with the Day Camp coordinators in providing a great experience for the campers through their specific congregations. Sam, know that these programs have your fingerprint all over them. Thanks for serving boldly and being an integral part of our full-time team for four and half years! We'll miss you!

I attended two celebration of life services this past Saturday. These were people who were important in the life of the RTLCL community. Tom Guinn was a pastor in our Synod for 56 years and was a key player in keeping Rainbow Trail open in the late 60's when tough decisions about the viability of this ministry needed to be made. Sandy Kistler loved Rainbow Trail, had been a camper growing up, and shared it with her kids. Her daughter Heather worked for us for five summers. It was an emotionally draining day, but as part of the sermon at Tom's service, Pastor Ron Bock shared a keen insight. "I think we know God better because we knew Tom." I would say the same about Sandy. Our prayers continue to be with both the Guinn and Kistler families.

This year has started off with a bang. I am so excited for what lies ahead and all the possibilities. Please pray for this ministry and for our staff. We take great joy in serving you through RTLCL. I am beginning my 32nd year at Rainbow Trail. I could not have asked for a better place to live over half my life and have the opportunity to serve you with all of my gifts. Nellie and my circle of friends stems from this RTLCL community. You have all become an integral part of our story. Thanks for being my partner all along the way! I can't wait to see what God has planned for us in 2020!

Until next time.




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  2. Registration number: 20123031231
  3. The amount you wish to donate
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For FAQ's about ReFUND CO, go to the RTLCL website under Donate and click on Give A Gift.

Anyone living in Colorado can make a donation through their tax filing. So, invite your friends to support a place that you love as well. Just copy this article and give them the required information. Every little bit will help! Please call or email your questions to: [dave@rainbowtrail.org](mailto:dave@rainbowtrail.org) Or direct your questions to 719-276-5233. Thanks for being faithful supporters of this ministry!

## Bristlecone Update



The remodel of Bristlecone is in full swing! Our full-time staff has spent a lot of time cleaning out all furniture and other stuff in preparation for the demo crew to start. The crew will begin by removing all existing fixtures in the bathrooms and scraping the popcorn ceilings in each bedroom. They will then start reframing the new bathroom layouts and cutting concrete for the relocation of all the toilets. Make sure to keep an eye on all of our social media pages for exciting updates and progress reports!

## Thank You Sam and Tuka, and Good Luck!

Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp has a great tradition of hiring such fantastic staff, not only in the summer but also for our full-time team as well. With that said, it never gets easier to say goodbye when they move on from camp! Sam Berglund started as a Program Assistant back in 2015-2016, worked as a Travel Support Director in the 2016 summer, and was hired as the Director of Compass Points and Day Camp Ministries after the 2016 summer. During her time on the full-time team, she grew the Compass Points program in many different ways. Her knowledge and leadership helped so many staff members and campers embrace the wilderness with confidence and comfort so that they would have the best experience possible on the trail. She created so many relationships with congregations outside of Colorado and our Synod, which helped shape our largest Compass Points summer ever in 2019 with 21 trips that went on trail. The Day Camp program consisted of over 30 day camps each summer, which allowed us to serve 1500 campers. Something else Sam contributed to camp was her artistic skills and creativity for all of the programs. From creating life-like decorations and characters for Village of the Day themes to creating huge stain glass pieces for retreat season. It was extraordinary to see Sam's artwork bring a campers dream to life!



Lucky for us, Sam is not that far away. She will continue to live in Salida and work towards her dream of growing her business, The Grizzled Moon. Her artistic style is now available to be your own with The Grizzled Moon clothing line and homemade wares.

Thank you, Sam, for everything you have done over the years for Rainbow Trail. Camp will not be the same without you, but the fingerprint you left will help camp continue to grow over the years to come! The hours and days of dedication you had for camp will never be forgotten, and we will miss having you and Tuka around. Good luck and know you always have a home here at Rainbow Trail!



# Camp Vibes

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

As I sit here looking forward to the 2020 year, there are so many things I am excited for. I am thrilled about the potential of what the summer staff could shape to be. As we are currently on the recruiting trail, we have had so many conversations with many people about their passion for spending three months up in the Rocky Mountains to serve all of the campers that come through Rainbow Trail. We truly have the best staff in the world every summer, and I genuinely believe this summer will be no different!



I am excited to have grown in this position to a point where I have more knowledge and confidence in what I do for this organization. When people ask me how the job has been, I always tell them I couldn't be happier where I am at. It truly is a special place to be to serve all of you who get to experience the ministry of Rainbow Trail, especially during the summertime, when I see so many faces! I also say it was a lot of learning as we go, which honestly, is my kind of style. I receive more information once I have gone through the experience personally, and it sets me up to succeed at a high level for the people that we serve.

I am also excited about the Bridging Border trips we have heading out this summer. One trip is heading out to Ecuador, and has a group size of 40 people! When I reached out to Marco, our very close friend who we work with in Ecuador, he was so excited for us to be able to send that many! Continuing to live out the friendship we have with Marco and his family is a priority of mine. Marco is just a fantastic person who seeks out to serve the people of his town near Riobamba and seeks to live and share about Jesus with everyone he meets. Our group will continue to work on the dental clinic that Marcos family is building, as well as visit the villages that are around Ecuador. The people of Ecuador are some of the most hospitable people you will meet and will always make you feel welcomed into their homes. It is a very humbling experience that goes far beyond the physical labor on Bridging Border trips. We are also sending four congregations to the Appalachia region. This trip was our new one last year, and now it is our most popular trip this year. Appalachia Service Project is a great organization that I am so happy we have partnered with! I am excited to continue to grow with them and have people meet and walk with the great families that they get to serve.

And as for personal life, the holidays were very good to me. I was able to spend lots of time not only with my family but with my life long friends who flew in for the holidays. I love the feeling of having people that, even though you may not see them for a long time, nothing changes between you. It was a very refreshing holiday season for me, and I am now ready to continue to do ministry throughout the year. Thank you for all of the love and support over the year. I am humbled to be part of a place that so many call home!

Blessings to you all!

*Cam*

## 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 Compass Points to RTLC South to camperships,

Trailblazer and Pathfinder dollars help to make a difference in countless lives through wonderful faith experiences. Support from the Rocky Mountain Synod to Rainbow Trail needed to be reduced to \$19,500 annually a few years ago. 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).

## The Summit Relax, Renew, and Recharge

You know how hard your youth ministry staff works for your congregation. Crazy hours, lock-ins, calls in the middle of the night, mission trips, and attending youth gatherings! Well, Rainbow Trail wants to give them a little bonus for all that they do. Rainbow Trail hosts The Summit, RTLC's youth ministry retreat, each spring for your youth and family ministers. And it is absolutely FREE for them. It is our gift, The Summit will be held April 19-22, 2020 at camp and is free to church personnel who work with youth in the Rocky Mountain Synod.



Weeks are filling up but spots are still open in the following sessions.  
**DON'T WAIT! Register today, or you may not have a spot!**

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| <b>Junior High #1</b> June 7-13     | <b>Junior #2</b> July 26-Aug 1           |
| <b>Junior Camp #1</b> June 14-20    | <b>Intro to Camp #3</b> July 26- July 29 |
| <b>Intro to Camp #2</b> June 17-20  | <b>JH Compass Points</b> July 26-Aug 1   |
| <b>SH Compass Points</b> June 21-27 | <b>Adult Compass Points</b> Aug 2-8      |
| <b>RTLCL South (NM)</b> July 12-18  | <b>Family Camp #2</b> Aug 2-8            |
| <b>Senior High #2</b> July 19-25    | <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!

## SUMMER STAFF 2020



Do you know anyone interested in working at camp this summer? Recruiting for 2020 staff has already begun! If you know someone who loves kids, is passionate about 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!

## The Lions Den

By Daniel Kirschbaum - Director of Retreat

What a beautiful winter we've had so far! The weather in Canon City and Colorado Springs has been wonderfully moderate and we've been able to enjoy the snow up in the mountains. For me, winter is a time to hunker down with warm drinks and spend some quality time with the folks I love to be with.



The second half of our fall season brought many moments of joy. Senior High Retreat was bursting at the seams with youth and adults. We had an impactful weekend unpacking what it means to be known by God, community and ourselves. I missed Adventfest this year. On one hand, it's a hard retreat to be gone for; I always look forward to some intentional respite at the front end of the Christmas season. On the other hand, it wasn't for the worst reason. Jonathan and I were able to spend a week in St. Thomas for our honeymoon. We fit in sailing, hiking, eating seafood, a LOT of snorkeling and even some scuba diving!

For Christmas, we made the drive back to Wisconsin to see friends and family. I love being back by the Mississippi and having the chance to walk over the frozen lakes. Jonathan and I were able to see both of our large families and celebrate Christ's birth in several styles.

As I look ahead to the rest of the winter and into the spring, I'm overwhelmed with joyful anticipation. We have so many exciting things coming towards us. We will be putting both our summer and retreat staff into place, we are making progress with our Bristlecone renovations, and I'm preparing for several groups to join us on the mountain for some winter respite. We have several family camps and ski groups, a Men's retreat, youth retreats, and some high ropes adventure days planned! If you've never been onsite during the colder months, I encourage to find a way to be check it out!

As I head into the completion of my first year as a full-time staff member, I continue to be in awe of the power of this community. Thank you for all the ways you support this ministry. I hope to see you on the mountain soon!

Peace,

*Daniel*



**Bristlecone Remodel**

*RTLCL is so humbled after receiving so much support in the Bristlecone Remodel project. The following names donated towards the BC project.*

Chuck Aigner  
 Kevin & Janet Flesch  
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 Tanda McCombe & Tom McCombe  
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 Cory Sample  
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 Kent & Becky Cookson  
 Amber & Joe Turner  
 Brian & Marisa Carlson  
 Phil & Traci Dorth  
 Chris & Abbey Raap  
 Alexis Carey  
 Kim & John Olson  
 Erik & Kelly Williams  
 Ben Hogue  
 Hanna Nichols  
 Craig & Vonda Orton  
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 Randy & Lisa Schrader  
 Jacob Peck  
 Roger & Claudia Larson  
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**Program Assistant****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. Application deadline for the PGA positions is February 28, 2020. For more information, email Dave Jarvis at [dave@rainbowtrail.org](mailto:dave@rainbowtrail.org).

**Sight to Site**

By Kyle Larson - Director of Site and Facilities

Life during winter at camp is always refreshing for me. Time to slow down and really take in the beauty of the site has become something that I've come to cherish every year. Of course, there is always a lot to do during winter but the opportunities to stop and breathe are much more present.

As is the case every year, January means that we have officially started the slide into the summer season. As I write this, our full-time team is already out on the road recruiting for summer staff. It always amazes me how quickly summer sneaks up on us each year. This year I'll be out doing interviews for summer maintenance positions the week of February 10th. I'll mostly be in the Denver metro area but often make the trek to New Mexico if need be. If you know of someone entering their Junior or Senior year of high school and who are wanting to explore the option of spending the summer at RTLCL, send them my way!

Each year during January we host our annual Bible Study Writers retreat. It's always a great time to re-center and remember what a gift it is that we all get to do what we do in a beautiful place. Each year I'm blown away by the devotion and time that the writers take out of their busy lives to be present. The weekend always starts the same way but is then so evidently pulled in one direction by the Holy Spirit. The end product is something incredible and completely unique to Rainbow Trail. This year's study focuses on seeing ourselves and others as God does. The study is going to be awesome for both campers and staff alike. I can't wait to see all of the creativity and passion that will go into the village of the day themes for this summer!

Probably the most exciting and time-consuming thing happening at camp this retreat season is the remodel of Bristlecone Lodge. I hope that you have all had a chance to take a look at the new plans and really grasp how great this remodel is going to be for all who use the building. The plans have truly been a living breathing document for the past few years. Lots of changes have happened along the way to get us to a floor plan that works best for both summer and retreating. We as a full-time staff spent a good amount of time cleaning out furniture and an unbelievable amount of other stuff that has been untouched for years. It was a lot of work but really exciting to see the building fully empty and ready for the demo crew to come in and do their thing. Make sure to keep an eye on our social media pages for updates and pictures of the progress. If you haven't had a chance to see the plans or visual renderings of the new space make sure to check out our website. In addition to pictures and plans, there is also an invitation to financially support the project. We've had incredible support for the project thus far but will still need to raise a little more money to make sure we have all that is needed to get the project finished and not take on any debt while doing so. A huge thanks goes out to all those that have already donated to the project. Your donations are going to make a huge difference to this ministry and those that we are blessed to serve each year.

Personally, life is great. I'm planning on taking some time during March for a vacation which will be a perfect time to slow down and relax prior to the crazy summer season. January 1, 2020 marks the beginning of my eighth year at Rainbow Trail. I can't say enough how much I appreciate the support and love I've been given during my time here. I'm beyond lucky to be able to do the ministry I do in a place that is truly my second home.

Here's to 2020!

*Kyle*





# 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 2019; 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

*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. Michael Tassler  
Rev. Vera Guebert-Steward  
Rev. Jane Jebson  
Rev. Nicole' Ferry  
Rev. Dave Risendal  
Nellie Jarvis

## Youth Directors' Retreat

### Presenter

Tammy Devine

## Senior High Retreat

Pastor Margo Wright

## Confirmation Retreat

Pastor Nicole Ferry

## Men's Fly Fishing Retreat

Rev Dave Risendal  
Rev Roger Thompson  
Rev John Schaumburg  
Greg Felt - Ark Anglers

## Staff Training Presenters

Dave Kirberg  
Rev. Michael Tassler  
Rev. Vera Guebert-Steward  
Rev. Jane Jebson  
Rev. Nicole' Ferry  
Rev. Dan Tisdell  
Rev. Leslie Welton  
Rev. Asher O'Callaghan  
Peter Severson  
Julie Miller

## Raft Training

Arkansas River Tours

## Staff Banquet Cooks

Howard Bonser  
Brett, Jennifer, Elizabeth, & Sarah Palmer  
Jessica Craver  
Greg Dorow  
Elise Delaware  
Mac Ritter  
Kalie Saathoff  
Karyn Saathoff  
Shannon Lavelle  
Bex Schmelzel  
Dean Klinkerman

## Camp Grandparents

Janice Ehlers  
Rick Green  
Bob Veuthey  
Ruth Ericson  
Kris Ericson  
Mary Koepf  
Bill and Charlotte Dausses  
Lisa and Don Mietz  
Cheryl Mahon  
Dave Kirberg  
Karen Pforr  
Bob and Joyce Witte  
Charlie and Linda Kelly  
Jack and Bonnie David  
Rick and Jill Reed  
Rick and Brenda Thompson  
John and Kim Olson

## Family Camp Presenters

Rev. Sara Olson Smith  
Rev. Joel Rothe  
David Lee Brown – Music  
Heidi and Mark Peterson – Art  
Nellie Jarvis – Art  
Kyle Larson - Art  
Jesse & Lindsay Crock – Art  
Charlie Pineda – Woodcarving

## Labor Day Leader

Rev. Julie McNitt

## Thanksgiving Contributors

City Market – 2 Turkeys  
Bob & Aurice Worley – 1 Turkey  
Sara Marietta – 1 Turkey  
Tammi Schneider – 1 Turkey  
Chris Seaman – 2 Turkeys  
Susan Wedel – 1 Turkey  
Dave & Susan Fisk – 1 Turkey  
Brett & Jennifer Palmer - Turkey  
Dave & Nellie Jarvis – 2 Turkeys  
John & Pam Marietta – 2 Turkeys  
Scott & Janet Harrison – 1 Turkey  
Darlene & Kevin Rohrbough – 1 Turkey  
Karen & Nick Sartori – 2 Turkeys  
Nick & Holly Massie – 1 Turkey

## Thanksgiving Volunteers

Dave, Susan, Claire, & Lauren Fisk  
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Rick, Becky, and Katie Romano  
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Dave & Nellie Jarvis  
Colleen & Jim Doughty  
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Leah Jarvis  
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Kevin & Darlene Rohrbough  
Melissa, Ryan, and Kellie Neff  
Chris Barr

## AdventFest Leaders

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Maggie Brakke  
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Nellie Jarvis  
Heidi Peterson  
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Sam Berglund  
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Cam Regennitter  
Dave 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!*

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## 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.*

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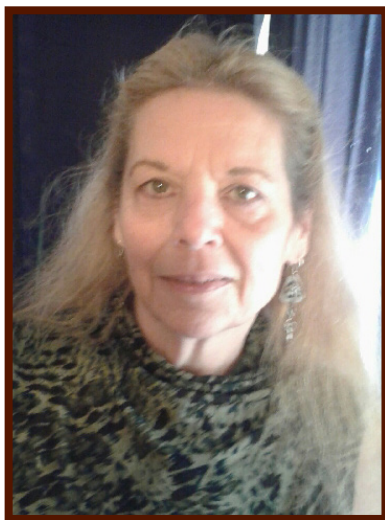


# Chris' Corner

By Chris Seaman - Food Service Manager

Hello to my RTLC Family!

It has been a crazy winter! Most of you may know that I had a complete reverse shoulder replacement on Dec. 9th. As I am writing this I have a little over 1 week left in the sling. Boy, will I be glad when it is not needed anymore! Then starts the real therapy. I am so happy that I was able to work Advent Fest! It is one of my favorite retreats all year! Thank you Kristen Sattoff for bringing me the ice machine. You are such a dear friend! The love and support you have all wished for me bring tears when I think about how fortunate I am to be a part of this large, crazy family that is Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp! Looking back, I never could have envisioned the friendships, love, and family that were to become a part of my life! For this, I have been truly blessed!



My BFF Carol has been taking care of me, the animals and the house. I think she needs a vacation! This time of year is historically slow. Of course, that was before the whirlwind Daniel took over as Director of retreats! So many new people and retreats. Our family continues to grow! I will be back to work in March; just in time for the Sheridan Ski Retreat. Love my Nebraska people! Just a side note here... someone needs to make me a t-shirt that says, ROBO COOK!

So, in my downtime, I have become very interested in various forms of holistic healing that involve foods and herbs. I would like to share some with you.

Worldwide studies show that a mixture made of apple cider vinegar, garlic, and honey can help prevent or cure almost any ailment under the sun, including Alzheimer's disease, arthritis, asthma, high blood pressure, obesity, ulcers, and cancer, as well as muscle aches and colds. The simple formula: Mix 1 cup of apple cider vinegar, 1 cup of honey, and 8 peeled garlic cloves in a blender on high speed for 60 seconds. Pour into a glass jar that has a tight-fitting lid, and refrigerate it for 5 days. Then every day before breakfast take 2 teaspoons of the mixture stirred into a glass of water or juice. Works best with fresh orange or 100% grape juice.

Quite a few people send requests for recipes; so I try to choose the most requested one. Once again the banana cookie recipe wins! Katie Briley in Australia, this is for you, with love!

You will need, 3 1/2c. flour, 1 tsp. Baking powder, 1/4 tsp. Baking soda, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/2 c. soft butter, 1/2 c. shortening, 1c. White sugar, 1/2 c. brown sugar, 2 eggs, 2 tsp. Vanilla, 1 c. mashed, ripe bananas. For the frosting, you will need, 1/2c. Packed brown sugar, 1/3c. 1/2 and 1/2 or evaporated milk, 1/4c. Butter, 1/8tsp. Salt, 2 1/2c. Powdered sugar (approx.). For the cookies, preheat oven to 375f. Sift together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Set aside. In a large bowl, cream together the butter, sugar and brown sugar. Beat in the eggs, one at a time, then stir in the vanilla and bananas. Mix in the dry stuff till just blended. Don't overmix or you will have a dense instead of a light textured cookie! Drop by tsp. Onto parchment-lined cookie sheets and bake for 10-13 min. Till bottoms are light brown. Don't Overbake! As soon as your cookies are in the oven, start your frosting. You want to put warm frosting on warm cookies; Yum! In a saucepan, on low heat melt the butter, add sugars, milk, and salt. Increase heat to med. High and bring to a rolling boil stirring constantly. Cook for 2min. Without stirring. Remove from heat and sift in enough powdered sugar to make a slightly runny frosting. You want to have the frosting cover the warm cookies when you spoon it on. This is a high altitude recipe. To adapt for regular altitude, increase baking powder to 2tsp., and reduce flour to 3 1/4c. You could add 1c. Chocolate chips or coconut. Make it your own! I would like to close this article by welcoming the lovely Maggie Jean to our full-time staff as Director of Compass Points! If you have not had the chance to meet her yet, you are in for a treat! So until next time, remember... GOD IS GREAT!!!

-Chris

## 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 if 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 dave@rainbowtrail.org and we'll send one out right away.

## Thank You Kleens!



Over the past few years, Rainbow Trail has received many generous donations to our vehicle fleet. These vehicles travel thousands of miles every summer, safely transporting our Day Camp teams across state lines and home to RTLC. We want to extend a deep and sincere thank you to Greg and Christine Kleen for the most recent donation to our fleet. The Honda Odyssey will serve as a great Day Camp vehicle this summer. It is because of generous donations like these that our vehicle fleet is the best it's ever been. Our Day Camp ministry would not be possible without these vehicle donations. Thank you, again!

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## The Brak Pack

By Maggie Brakke - Director of Compass Points & Day Camp

New year, new me! A year ago today, I was working as a 6th Grade Math Teacher in Brooklyn Park, MN. I was living with a constant call back to outdoor ministry. I was taking a chance, quitting my job, moving across the country, and accepting a nine month internship at a camp in the San Isabel National Forest all to better discern this call.



January 1st this year, I left my post as Program Assistant and started my dream job at Rainbow Trail as Director of Compass Points and Day Camp Ministries. With the support of an incredible Full-Time Staff and Board of Directors, I feel fully equipped to take on this new role. Growing up on the shores of Lake Superior, my faith has always been rooted in awe of Creation. I am thrilled to work with a program that fosters these holy experiences in the wilderness. My time as a teacher revealed to me how essential an uplifting community is for our young ones. I look forward to working with the churches of the Rocky Mountain Synod to help create these safe spaces for our youth to explore their faith down the mountain.

Looking forward to summer, we are preparing for 17 Compass Points trips and 37 Day Camps. For me, this will mean a month on the road recruiting summer staff, and the completion of my Wilderness First Responder and High Ropes certifications. Outside of work, I will be getting back into my favorite hobbies- reading, cooking, and dancing. Traveling and competing in Lindy Hop, a vintage swing-style dance, is often how I spend my time off. In some competitions, I dance with a partner from Minnesota, while others I get randomly paired with dancers from across the country. Before summer I get to visit California and Minnesota to compete, learn from international teachers, and social dance to live big bands.

Summer is coming fast and I am so excited to get to know you all. Make sure to pop into Eagle Peak to say hi!

Grace and Peace, *Maggie*



## COLORADO GIVES DAY

Thank you to all of those who gave on Colorado Gives Day, December 4, 2018

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### RTLCL Music Was The Drive For Colorado Gives Day!



This year's Colorado Gives Day was incredible for RTLCL! In a short 24 hours on December 10, 2019, the Rainbow Trail community responded to the challenge and gave \$80,531! An impressive 279 donors participated in giving to Rainbow Trail that day. 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. This amount of giving is even more impressive since we had just raised \$150,000 for the Bristlecone Lodge remodel in the prior three months. For that, we are truly

touched, and hope you all will accept our deepest thanks. 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 \$39.6 million for 2,569 non-profits in Colorado. We are already setting a goal of \$85,000 for next year! We will let you know the date for 2020 as soon as it is announced. 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.

### Bridging Borders

The world may be getting smaller, but RTLCL's Bridging Borders program continues to grow. With every passing year, we are presented with another opportunity to travel together to serve God's people both domestic and abroad.

Each trip offers unique experiences that challenge you to look at the world in new ways and grow in your servant life!

#### Appalachia - Anapra, Mexico Ecuador - Dominican Republic

Bridging Borders has a couple of weeks still available for youth groups, adult groups. For more information, contact Cam Regennitter by email at [cam@rainbowtrail.org](mailto:cam@rainbowtrail.org), call 719-276-5233

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The following individuals are members of the 2019 Trailblazers 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](http://www.rainbowtrail.org). Many thanks to the following supporters of Rainbow Trail!

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# Rainbow Trail


## 2020 Events Calendar

- February 28.....Staff Applications Due
- April 19-22....The Summit Youth Ministry Retreat
- May 22-25.....Memorial Day Work Weekend
- May 25- June 6.....Staff Training
- June 7- August 15.....Summer Camps
- September 4-7.....Labor Day Family Weekend
- September 24-27.....Men's Fly Fishing Retreat
- October 3.....Grace Race 5k (Denver)
- October 16-18.....Confirmation Retreat
- October 23-25.....Fall Ambassadors Retreat
- November 20-22.....Senior High Retreat
- Dec 4-6.....AdventFest

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### 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)	Long barreled fire lighters (Bic)
Reams of colored copy paper	9x12 Manila envelopes (no clasps)
Avery 5366 Labels	6x9 Manila Envelopes (no clasps)
Avery 5164 Labels	10x13 Manila Envelopes (no clasps)
Nalgene Water Bottles (40)	12 - 5 ft. round white Lifetime tables
Masking tape	Rain Jackets & Rain Pants
Scotch Tape	25-gallon Rubbermaid tubs (24)
Duct Tape	On-Site and Compass Points Day Packs
Packing Tape	Foam Brushes - 1"
Postage stamps	Paintbrushes - all sizes, inexpensive
8.5x11 Yellow Tablets	White File Folder Labels
8 ft. Rectangle "Lifetime" tables (5)	

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

## 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**

### An Active Way to Support RTLCL: 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 RTLCL 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 RTLCL. 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 Jarvis if you have any questions or need more details.

### Use Your Thrivent Choice Dollars Wisely

If you are a Thrivent Financial member, we need your help! We set a Thrivent Choice goal for 2020 of \$30,000 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. You will need to go out to the Thrivent 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 close to \$1 million dollars in Choice dollars NOT distributed last year. Help us change that! You can help make a world of difference!

### Craving Color?

Rainbow Reflections is available in a paperless, color version! E-mail Tammi at [info@rainbowtrail.org](mailto:info@rainbowtrail.org) to opt for the electronic version of our newsletter! You'll save trees and receive a colorful newsletter right to your inbox!

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.

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