



# news nuggets

Friday, March 22, 2019

**Global Youth Day »** Millions of Adventist Youth around the world united on March 16 to be the hands and feet of Jesus as they organized food and water drives and other projects.

Launched on March 13, 2013, "Global Youth Day" is designed as a day for youth from across the planet to join together in acts of community service, recapturing the reality of Adventist youth as a global movement mobilized for service, contributing to the proclamation of the everlasting gospel, and ushering in the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. It is grounded in the words of Jesus in the parable of the Good Samaritan, "Go and do likewise." (Luke 10-25-37)

This year's Global Youth Day (March 16) found a group of 26 Campion students, along with RMC Youth Department leaders at Vista Ridge Academy, geared up for some community service, and Casper, Wyoming youth volunteering at Food Bank of the Rockies.



The VRA volunteers split into groups to help with several projects, including picking up trash around the VRA campus grounds, storing playground equipment for the winter, chipping ice off sidewalks, and packing care bags with useful items for homeless people.

The Casper group of more than 25 volunteers, including youth and adults from the Casper Church and Mountain Road Christian Academy students, helped fill and pack 449 boxes

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"God has not called me to be successful. He called me to be faithful."

-- Mother Teresa



## Healthy Nugget

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"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then, is not an act, but a habit."

-- Aristotle

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of food under the leadership of Pastor Shayne Vincent,

Once the VRA volunteers completed their projects, they piled into buses and headed to downtown Denver where they split into smaller groups to walk the streets, talking with homeless people, sharing a care bag, and offering to pray with them. The youth had many interesting conversations with the people they met and sent heartfelt prayers heavenward.

Under the Global Youth Day theme, "Be the Sermon," Pastor Shayne spoke to the Casper group on practical ways we can be the sermon. "Do your actions teach love?" he asked. "Do they show compassion? Do you bless your family? Do you forgive and find the good in others? What is the IMPACT of your life? If you want genuine authenticity," said Pastor Shayne, "then your life must be based on something more than selfishness. It must be based on what is real, authentic, genuine."



Youth Director Kiefer Dooley connected by Skype with the NAD portion of the GC live broadcast for Global Youth Day while the group was still downtown and the students were interviewed by

NAD youth director, Tracy Wood, about the projects they were involved in during the day.

When the VRA group headed back to the academy, they were greeted by pizza and ice-cream, followed by vespers with student-led music and a worship thought by Assistant Youth Director Brent Learned. The rest of the evening was spent in the gymnasium where they played hard.

After a successful event in 2019, the Youth Department is already looking forward to Global Youth Day 2020!  
-- Shannon Werner and Gabriela Vincent; photos by Brent Learned and Tom McDonald

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**MHA Students Witness Joy in Uganda »** Students, faculty, and sponsors returned from Uganda on March 12, exhausted but beaming, with stories of the miracles witnessed by the 38 missionaries who impacted the lives of the refugee population in Kiryandongo District, Uganda. The



## Upcoming Events

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**NAD Treasurers Council**  
*March 27 - 28*

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**Town Hall Meeting --  
Casper Church**  
*March 30*

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**Town Hall Meeting --  
Denver South Church**  
*March 31*

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**Wyoming Taskforce  
Meeting**  
*March 31*

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**Staff Meeting**  
*April 2*

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**RMC Women's Retreat  
Wyoming**  
*April 6-7*

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**Town Hall Meeting -- Grand  
Junction**  
*April 6*

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**Town Hall Meeting -- Pinon  
Hills Church**  
*April 7*

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**Executive Committee**  
*April 9*

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**Town Hall Meeting --  
Campion Church**  
*April 13*

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**Town Hall Meeting --  
Colorado Spr Central  
Church**  
*April 14*

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**GVR Board**  
*April 16*

lives of these missionaries were also profoundly affected.



If you ask Mr. Russell Palmer, trip sponsor, he will tell you the miracle was that such a few people were able to provide Vacation Bible School programs for more than 700 kids each day, provide medical

care for more than 500 who came for help, deliver sports classes for more than 500 kids who came each day to participate, complete the building of a church and a basketball court, and put in place the materials for a three-room school.

If you ask the students, they mention over and over how much joy they saw in the children. How, even through the sorrow of losing everything, these children are happy with anything. Every student said the same thing. They saw happiness where they would have expected sadness.

Sixth grader, Andrea, said it best, "They are grateful for what they have because they lost everything and now they see the value in anything."

Another sixth grader, Boomer, said, "I saw God there. They have enough. Just enough, but enough."

The wisdom that these students gained through seeing other children in different circumstances, is something that will last a lifetime. They went to bless and they were blessed.  
-- Agape Hammond; photo by Tim Freccia

## **FEJA Volleyball Tournament Draws Crowd**

» Teams from Boulder, Denver, Grand Junction, Montrose, Olathe and other places across the state, gathered on March 17 to participate in the Rocky Mountain Conference Hispanic Youth Federation (FEJA) Annual Volleyball Tournament. An organization within Hispanic Ministries led by youth lay leaders from across the conference, this event drew as many as 175 youth and adults with 10 teams signing up for the coveted title of tournament champions.

## **MAUC Presidents Council Board**

*April 17-18*

## **Property & Trust Committee**

*April 17*

## **NAD Human Resource and Secretariat Conference**

*April 21-23*

## **Native American Camp Meeting**

*April 27-28*

## **RMC Women's Retreat -- GVR**

*April 26-28*

## **INTEL Class**

*May 3 - 4*

## **Union College Graduation Weekend**

*May 4 - 5*

## **Staff Meeting**

*May 7*

## **Hispanic Music Festival -- FEJA**

*May 18*

## **Mile High Academy Graduation**

*May 25, 8:30 p.m.*

## **Campion Academy Graduation**

*May 26, 10 a.m.*

## **INTEL Class**

*May 31 - June 1*

## **Staff Meeting**

*June 7*





The double-elimination tournament meant that every team was guaranteed at least two games. The final playoff included three teams--Grand Junction, Montrose, and Denver South Hispanic. In the end, the Denver South Hispanic Church team took first place, having never lost a game.

Mike Shannon, Western Slope pastor, commented on the large amount of people who came to participate. "It is so great to see this lay-led ministry bring in such a large crowd of young people. They traveled for hours just to have a social experience within the church. This shows the power of church members and what happens when we unite. We can make conference-wide ministerial impacts."

Would you like information about FEJA's future events? Contact Vanessa Rivera, Public Relations Director for FEJA at [feja.rmc@gmail.com](mailto:feja.rmc@gmail.com) or visit [rmcsda.org/feja](http://rmcsda.org/feja).

**Children's Ministries Offers Certification** » Sixty Children's Ministries leaders gathered at Westminster Hispanic Church March 15 and 16 for the Rocky Mountain Conference Children's Ministries Certification, receiving certification for Track 2: Teaching Children. This track provides leaders with ideas and educational theories for teaching children using fun, dynamic and spiritual methods.



North-American Division Children's Ministries sent two presenters--Norma Rocío Rojas, who led the English track; and Ana María Benzaquen, who led the Spanish track. While some participants thought they would be sitting in their seats



**Story Guidelines: We want to share your news!** » News Nuggets is your publication. We strive to provide news and information expressing our church life. Every church, every family, every individual has a story to tell. We are inviting pastors and secretaries of churches and institutions within the Rocky Mountain Conference to share with us relevant information -- about developments, issues, notable events, as well as experiences of church members.

Please email your story to [nuggets@rmcsda.org](mailto:nuggets@rmcsda.org) so we can share how God is working through His people in your territory. When submitting your story, please include the following: the Ws (who, what, where, when, why...also how), a personal quote, a photo and the name of the photographer. Please consider time constraints and always send in fresh new stories instead of outdated ones. Submission deadlines are Wednesdays by noon.

taking notes, that was not the case. Both facilitators had the attendees actively participate out of their seats.

"It was great to see everyone participate and look like they were actually having fun," remarked Patty Rivera, RMC Children's Ministries Director. "I saw everyone so engaged, some people didn't even take their scheduled breaks. They would stay behind and ask questions. It was clear everyone was very interested in this subject area."

Jessyka Dooley, assistant youth director for the Rocky Mountain Conference, gave a devotional thought on effective leadership for children. "It was such an honor to have her with us. She loves children and wants to collaborate with children and youth ministries," Rivera remarked.

After this event, attendees had the opportunity to stay for the Vacation Bible School (VBS) Training for Jamii Kingdom, the North American Division's VBS program in which children will have fun exploring an African savanna while making friends and learning how we are all part of God's family. Participants were guided through stations, learning how to lead the rotations.

Margarita Meza, member of Denver South Hispanic Church, reacted to the experience, saying, "We learned so much. I know that I will take what I learned and incorporate it whenever I'm involved with children.

-- Vanessa Rivera; photo by Dámaris Guerrero

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**Come Walk With Jesus in Old Jerusalem »** This Easter marks the fifth time front-range Seventh-day Adventist churches have combined to invite community members to the Journey to the Cross and Beyond interactive program on the campus of Campion Academy. This annual event will begin Friday evening, April 19, with a concert at 7:00 p.m., featuring the Adventist Chorale of Northern Colorado directed by George Swanson.



Tour groups will assemble April 20 on the Campion Church campus before walking through the Jerusalem marketplace in the Campion gym where they will encounter and interact with



merchants, soldiers, priests, and booths, and be part of the drama as Pilate sends Jesus to the cross.

Guests will experience a moving short drama of the crucifixion and resurrection that many have said is “life changing and starkly real.”

Following the presentations, participants are invited to enjoy refreshments in the church Fellowship Hall where they will see first-century Roman artifacts, armor, crucifixion nails, and have a photo opportunity to see themselves as a Roman centurion in full armor.

Tours begin every hour on the hour, starting at 1:00 Sabbath afternoon, April 20. The entire tour will take about an hour and the last tour will begin at 6 p.m. Everything is wheelchair accessible. All events are free, but attendees are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item that will be given to local food agencies for people in need. Reservations are not needed.



There will be hourly drawings for each group for the book “Messiah” by Jerry Thomas, a contemporary version of the best-selling book *Desire of Ages*. A grand prize of the Andrews Study Bible will be given.

To assist with the interaction of the guests and people in the village, attendees will receive five “gold” coins. However, tax collectors and others will want those coins, making the event highly interactive and memorable.

“The focus is on what Jesus did for us, and what we have because of His death and resurrection,” says Dick Stenbakken, one of the organizers. “It gives the local church members and schools a chance to become involved sharing the Gospel in a unique way,” he says.

Mark your calendars, make plans, bring friends, neighbors and relatives.

-- Dick Stenbakken; photos by Raelynn Kelley

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## UPCOMING ORDINATION

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March 23

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## TOWN HALL MEETINGS

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Casper Church	Sabbath, March 30
Denver South Church	Sunday, March 31 (new)

Grand Junction Church	Sabbath, April 6
Pinon Hills Church	Sunday, April 7

Campion Church	Sabbath, April 13 (new)
Colorado Springs Central Church	Sunday, April 14

**All Town Hall meetings begin at 6 p.m.**

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## CAMP MEETINGS

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**Native American** -- La Vida Mission, April 26-28, Speaker: Ed Barnett

**NE Colorado** -- June 7-8, Speaker: Dan Jackson

**Cowboy** -- Location: Uncompaghre National Forest near Silver Jack Reservoir, July 10-14, Speakers: Ron Price/Ed Barnett

**Wyoming** -- Casper, July 16-20; Speakers: Ron Halvorsen Jr. (adults); Joe Martin (youth).

**Western Slope** -- Montrose -- July 31-August 4, Speaker: Pastor Rodney Palmer, undergrad teacher at Andrews University

**Hispanic Camp Meeting**--Glacier View Ranch --August 30-September 2.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

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**Twin Peaks Church »** Dr. Neil Nedley's "Optimize Your Brain" program is being hosted by Twin Peaks Adventist Church (9696 Paschal Drive, Louisville, CO 80027) on Monday evenings from 6 - 8 p.m., **March 11 - April 22**. This program is designed to maximize your intellectual and emotional intelligence in the areas of brain nutrition, thought and character development, and relationship skills. The \$99 per person cost (\$225 retail value) includes these resources: "Optimize Your Brain" workbook, DAAT Emotional Quotient (EQ) Assessments, Brain Enhancing Music CD, and a light, nutritious meal each evening. Registration required. Call 720-890-3767 for more information.

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**AdventHealth University Open House »** Please note that because of the weather forecast, the **March 20** Open House was rescheduled. Stay tuned for more information.

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**Littleton Church »** Lucile Claridge will be honored by the Littleton Church on the occasion of her 100th birthday on Sunday, **March 24**, from 2-4 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. Lucile was a charter member of the Littleton church. She drives her car to church every Sabbath morning and plays the piano for the Cradle Roll Sabbath School division the first two Sabbaths of every month. Along with her late husband, Wally, Lucile was a member of the old Central Church in downtown Denver. In 1962, they were part of a group who caught the vision of planting a church in Littleton. Wally and Lucile worked tirelessly and gave sacrificially to see that dream come to fruition. During the intervening years, Lucile has filled many positions of responsibility in the church--too many to list. She has worked with and been a friend of many of the members of other churches in the Denver area. Littleton would like for all these friends to help celebrate Lucile's life of service on March 24.

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**Rocky Mountain Music Festival »** Students in grades 5-8 are invited to participate in Campion Academy's annual Rocky Mountain Music Festival **March 23-24** featuring choir, handbell choir, and a string orchestra. Don't miss this opportunity to join together with other young musicians across our Union to further hone your musical talents and join together to praise God. The deadline for online registration is Friday, March 1. [Register for Music Fest](#)

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**Women of Spirit »** Please plan to attend *Women of Spirit*, a women's community monthly activity for all faiths meeting at 6:30 p.m., Monday, **March 25** at the Brighton Church Annex, 567 East Bromley Lane, Brighton CO 80601. Debbie Hardy will present "You Can Be Fabulous From 40, 50, and Beyond." In spite of hardships and disappointments, Debbie has a positive outlook on life, encouraging others through her writing, mentoring and speaking. After all she's faced, she has become the Queen of Resilience. A light meal will be served, so come, bring a friend! There is still time and space to make a reservation by calling 303-659-1999 or 303-562-5173.

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**Vista Ridge Academy Dinner Theater »** The first and second-grade class at Vista Ridge Academy will present a dinner theater experience, featuring *The Little Red Hen* on Thursday, **April 11**. The soup dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. with the play following at 7:00 p.m.. All proceeds will be added to the first and second-grade class fund. Tickets will be on sale beginning Wednesday, March 27. Ticket pricing: Ages 0-2 Free; Ages 3+ \$10. Ticket sales end



Monday, April 8. To purchase tickets or for more information, contact Vista Ridge Academy at 303-828-4944 or [hello@vistaridge.org](mailto:hello@vistaridge.org). Vista Ridge Academy located in Erie, Colorado.

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### **Vista Ridge Academy Annual Scholarship Gala**

» You are cordially invited to Vista Ridge Academy's 1st Annual Scholarship Gala on **March 28**. A welcome reception begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., followed by a program and live auction. Tickets for an individual are \$50; for a couple, \$75. Please purchase tickets by March 15 by either contacting the school office at 303-828-4944 or sending an email to [mbartulec@vistaridge.org](mailto:mbartulec@vistaridge.org). Be sure to designate any dietary concerns. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Scholarship Fund. Formal attire, please.

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**Chapel Haven Church** » Get more out of your Bible study time. Learn tools to improve your understanding of the Word of God and practical ways to grow in your walk with God as you seek Him in His Word. Presented by Creative Media Ministries, the seminar will take place at 6:30 p.m., **March 29** and at 9:35 a.m., 11 a.m., and 2 p.m. on **March 30** at the Chapel Haven Church, 9911 Huron Street, Northglenn CO 80513.

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**True Life Community** » You are invited to TLC's annual Women's Ministry event Spring Fling from 1-3 p.m. on **March 30**. Along with a light lunch, participants will support Family Promise of Greater Denver to end homelessness one family at a time. Bring any of the following items: scents for both boys and girls (please vary and/or use odorless products for allergy concerns), shampoo/conditioner, body wash/bar soap, feminine hygiene products, shavers, lotion, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, hair brush, Q-tips, nail grooming items, travel sewing kit, small first-aid kit, lip balm/chapstick, hair ties. Call Tammy for more details at 720-364-8339. Held at 6054 S Kipling Parkway, Littleton CO 80127.

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**The Mountains are Calling!** » All women and teen girls (13-17) are invited to attend *Cozy Mountain Lodge Women's Retreat* **April 6-7** at Hampton Inn in Buffalo, Wyoming. For more information and registration, go to [www.rmcsda.org/women](http://www.rmcsda.org/women).

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**Academy Days at Campion Academy** » Are you or someone you know interested in potentially attending Campion Academy? Academy Days is designed to give prospective 7th-11th grade students the opportunity to visit classes, stay a night in the dorm, eat cafeteria food, tour the

campus, make some new friends and just get a feel for academy life.

This year's Academy Days is scheduled for **April 12-13**. All visiting local students are asked to arrive on Friday, April 12 at 8:00 a.m. Students traveling from a distance are asked to arrive on Thursday, April 11 between 6-8 p.m.

"He knows me by name" is the theme and will feature Virtual Reality station games, an ice cream outing, awesome mixers, games and tons of food. Can't wait to meet you! [Academy Days Registration Page](#)

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**Lighthouse School »** You are invited to attend the grand celebration of a half-decade of educational excellence at Lighthouse Christian School. "Forever friends In loVe with JEsus" or FIVE, will begin at 6:30 p.m. on **April 18** at 700 West Meeker in Fort Morgan, Colorado. This fine arts spring program will include hand-chimes, choir, three comedy skits, and a video yearbook presentation. The evening will conclude with classroom displays of students' projects, as well as K-8 registration for the 2019-2020 school year. The Master Teacher has a mighty plan for His school in Northeast Colorado. Come, rejoice with us!

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**Mile High Academy »** Join Mile High Academy at their Annual Alumni Golf Tournament Friday, April 19 at The Ridge at Castle Pines North. Registration is at 8 a.m. Shotgun start is at 9 a.m., weather permitting. \$175/golfer; \$700/foursome. You can find sponsorship opportunities by visiting the website: [www.milehighacademy.org/golftournament/](http://www.milehighacademy.org/golftournament/) or by emailing Jocelyn at [jaalborg@milehighacademy.org](mailto:jaalborg@milehighacademy.org). All proceeds benefit MHA's Annual Fund.

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**Revive Us Again Prayer Conference »** Please join us **April 19-21** for the *Revive Us Again Prayer Conference* featuring Pavel Goia, author of *One Miracle After Another*, editor of Ministry magazine, associate Ministerial Secretary of NAD, and great advocate of prayer. You can find more information and registration availability at [www.rmcsda.org/prayer](http://www.rmcsda.org/prayer) or by contacting [deeannb@rmcsda.org](mailto:deeannb@rmcsda.org)

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**The Beach is Calling! »** All women and teen girls (13-17) are invited to attend our *Anchored in Christ Women's Retreat* **April 26-28** at Glacier View Ranch. We'll have workshops and gatherings especially for teens sponsored by the Youth Department. Don't miss it! Follow the link at [www.rmcsda.org/women](http://www.rmcsda.org/women) to register.

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**Voice of Prophecy »** Join the VOP for the believe

conference, held **May 5-8** at the North American Division headquarters. Free for NAD administrators, pastors, and lay leaders, the conference will feature Pastor Shawn Boonstra and other guest speakers. Discover the latest tools and practices for growing your church. Learn more at [youbelieve.org](http://youbelieve.org).

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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

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**La Vida Mission Openings »** La Vida Mission has staff needs for next school year. Do you want to be a missionary for Jesus? Are you a retired teacher and wanting to use your talents for the Lord? La Vida Mission, right here in your own backyard in New Mexico on the Navajo Nation will have the following openings: teacher for grades 5-8, a married couple for girls' dorm parents, student missionary, student teacher, etc. Please send an email to [steve@lavidamission.org](mailto:steve@lavidamission.org) if you are interested or know someone who is.

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**Voice of Prophecy Opening »** The VOP is looking for a full-time producer for their children's program DiscoveryMountain. They are looking for someone with exceptional organizational, communication and people skills with a foundational technical knowledge and a desire to serve God. The full job description and a link to apply are here: <http://www.adventistmediaministries.com/departmental-associate-director-producer/>

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**Glacier View Ranch »** GVR is seeking a qualified applicant to fill a full-time, food service coordinator position in the heart of the Rocky Mountains. Applicants should have a passion for camp ministry, ability to manage a kitchen, and experience cooking for large groups (200+) in a commercial/cafeteria environment. For additional information regarding job duties and position requirements and information about how to apply, see the following posting on the RMC website: <http://www.rmcsda.org/hr-foodservicecoordinator>. You can also contact Dan Hansen, Camp Ministries Director, for more information.  
Mobile: (989)745-3888  
Office: (303)459-0771  
E-mail: [info@glacierviewranch.com](mailto:info@glacierviewranch.com)

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## FROM THE EDITOR

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**We want to share your news --** Change is a part of the communication age. With online media experiencing constant evolution, the *NewsNuggets* is also experiencing an increased access from our readers and contributors. We will continue to encourage news sharing from our churches, institutions, and individual church members.

In order to make our eNewsletter accommodate an increased volume of announcements, our editorial work proposes to present information in a more efficient approach, ensuring that all timely promotions and announcements be included in a weekly, Friday release of *NewsNuggets*. **Submission deadline for stories, news, and announcements is at noon on every Wednesday. Please send all your submissions to [nuggets@rmcsda.org](mailto:nuggets@rmcsda.org).**

Thank you for your contribution, but also comments, as *NewsNuggets* continues to serve the church in an efficient and effective way.

**NOTE:** Questions are being raised regarding guidelines for the Announcement section of the RMC *NewsNuggets* newsletter. After a review of the guidelines, the following few points should be considered when sending announcements or promotional materials:

- The newsletter has been established primarily for news sharing within the conference, though selected general church news stories are also considered for publication.
- The primary readership of the newsletter are church members within the Rocky Mountain Conference.
- When submitting an announcement, consider that local Sabbath events may be drawing members from other local churches.
- Promoting evangelistic meetings in *NewsNuggets* is not attracting potential attendees for whom the meetings are primarily advertised.
- Due to space constraints, NewsNuggets will not publish posters and other large photos or images. However, information from the text will be used.
- Announcements will not be repeated more than twice, and they should be concise. Web page links or phone numbers should be provided for additional information.

We are inviting all correspondents and contributors to follow a general Adventist News Network *Style Guide*, including glossary. For guidelines, see: <http://news.adventist.org/styleguide/>

--Editor

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