Western Slope Camp Meeting Hearks Back to the Old Days  

Giving life to the impression of an old-time camp meeting with presentations on the unique message of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Mike Ryan was the featured speaker for the Western Slope camp meeting held August 1-4. He traced major historical figures in the church, asserting that it's our turn now, our time to stand for our faith and take the gospel to the world. Ryan was a former general VP for the General Conference, and is currently assistant to the president in charge of strategic planning.

Held in the foothills 15 miles outside Montrose, this was the third camp meeting on the Western Slope following a ten-year hiatus. More than 200 people, up from 182 last year, erected tents or stayed in cabins or motorhomes. Some drove in from nearby towns. Attendance has grown each year following its resurrection.

"Montrose pastor, Fritz Krieger "has done a marvelous job of getting these camp meetings started again on the Western Slope," explained Ron Johnson, Grand Junction Church member.

Seminars presented by pastors Nate Skaif, Eliezer Roque, Ron Price, and Carol Sikora focused on healthful living, digging deep into the Bible, healthy relationships, and witnessing.

Jim Burr, recognized throughout the world for his
achievements in telescope design and manufacturing, was on hand to share his perspective on astronomy and the Bible with affirming evidence of creation. Using two of his telescopes, he gave attendees the opportunity to view Jupiter, along with two of its moons.

Events for the youth were led by Wildfire, a group from Campion.

"The presence of the Spirit was evident," said Johnson. "The inspiring meetings and seminars, catching up with friends, getting better acquainted with the speakers and making new friends in a scenic location made for a spiritually, emotionally, intellectually, and physically refreshing retreat." Ron and wife Linda took advantage of the scenic location, hiking the Simms Mesa Trail before dawn one morning, watching the sun rise in the smoky eastern sky over the Elk Mountains and picking blueberries along the valley trail.

"Meals provided a time for good fellowship," said Eric Nelson, VP for RMC administration. "Huddles of people enjoyed conversing and I frequently heard exclamations like, 'It's so good to see you' followed by hugs and more visiting."

-- Carol Bolden; photos by Ron Johnson

Pathfinder Clubs Gather at Glacier View Ranch for Annual Camporee » Tumbling, airplane modeling and paper quilling were on offer among 21 honors that could be earned by Pathfinders at their 2018 RMC Camporee at Glacier View Ranch August 1-4. One honor not offered was how to meet

Upcoming Events

Hispanic Pastor's Meeting
Glenwood Springs
August 7-9

Hispanic INTEL Class
August 10-11

Pastors Meeting
August 12-15

RMC Property and Trust Committee
August 16, 9:30 a.m.

Staff Meeting
August 21

GVR Board
August 21, 9:30 am

Hispanic Camp Meeting
August 31- September 2

Labor Day -- Office Closed
September 3

Staff Meeting
September 4

Prayer Summit
September 7-9

Hispanic INTEL Class
September 7-8

Hispanic Net 2018
September 21-23

Executive Committee
September 25, 9:30 a.m.

Women's Retreat
September 28-30

Hispanic Women's Retreat
new friends. It wasn’t needed, though, as friendships were forged automatically, some perhaps for life.

Greeley Frontiersmen Hasina and Casper Mountaineer Sydney both worked on airplane modeling and duct tape honors, fashioning wallets out of duct tape. Hasina also created a purple, blue and black bow tie out of the sticky stuff.

Although winds and rain threatened activities like the scavenger hunt held outdoors on Sabbath afternoon, it only added to the high spirits of the Pathfinders.

“This was the best camporee we’ve ever had,” said RMC Pathfinder Director Chris Hill who, along with husband Don, also a Director, coordinated the event, citing “tons of compliments” from leaders on the speaker, record attendance filling the church bowl all the way up to the trees, and the ‘I AM’ theme with Pathfinders writing what it meant to them on stage blackboards.

The 2018 Camporee brought 350 members from 25 diverse clubs throughout the Rocky Mountain Conference, including an Indonesian club that attended for the first time, Hispanic clubs, and a club from Central States Conference “that we’ve adopted,” commented Chris Hill.

Pathfinder clubs in the Rocky Mountain Conference thrive because of their strong leadership. But with the pull of many, varied activities available to today’s youth, including technology, along with the fracturing of society, even a good
organization can struggle. RMC youth leaders are constantly evaluating and integrating new ideas. One leader suggested a less-formal organization that provides activities for its members, integrating the honors with the activity. A camping weekend could provide an opportunity for Pathfinders to earn honors in Camp Craft, Camp Safety, Camping Skills, Dutch Oven Cooking, Edible Wild Plants, Fire Building & Camp Cookery, and Cold Weather Survival. Or Pathfinders wanting to learn about farming could create a garden at their church and/or volunteer on a farm and earn honors in Gardening, Fruit Growing, Goat Husbandry, Herbs, Horse Husbandry, Horsemanship, Livestock, Poultry, Seeds, and Sheep Husbandry. There are any number of interests that could be pursued through activities.

As leaders sort out ways to reach Rocky Mountain Conference youth, those who attended last weekend’s camporee enthused about “going on a Jeep trip” between camporee activities with Steve Hamilton and singing with the praise team. “I got to be with some of my best friends and I love singing,” said Hasina.

-- Carol Bolden; photos by Paula Nelson

Young People Comment About Pueblo Wildfire Experience

Last week, NewsNuggets published the article, "Wildfire Team Outreach Impacts Pueblo." We’d like to share quotes from participants involved.

Nolan Eickmann reflected, “It’s been awesome to grow in my relationship with God and to help others grow in their relationship with God.”

Ashley Halvorson said, “Wildfire made me realize that people might have something going on inside that you don’t see, so you should always be kind to them and be praying for them.”

Esequias Perea, associate pastor at Campion Academy, commented, “Next summer we are hoping to have two to three Wildfire teams. The more kids that are involved, the more churches we can reach.” With God’s help Wildfire will continue to grow and bless others.

Nestor Soriano, chaplain at Campion started Wildfire in 2015 out of a desire to help youth preach the word of God. The name Wildfire comes from Acts 2 when the Holy Spirit came upon the believers and tongues of fire appeared above their heads. Wildfire has since grown to include a week of prayer during the school year for Campion Academy and a summer job program from the beginning of June to August.

-- Information provided by Ashley Herber
SAVE THE DATE:  **FAMILY FIRST**

In a world where families are under attack, join us for a weekend focused on strengthening families. Mindy and Jason Salyers will be presenting. Mindy is a “bullying specialist” and Jason specializes in conflict resolution. This event is NOT just for moms and dads; it’s for the kids as well! Bring the whole family and learn valuable skills! Become more effective at processing conflict, working through bullying, growing closer together as a family and to God. You won’t want to miss this exciting event **November 2-4** at Glacier View Ranch.

To register, go to the RMC Conference website--www.rmcsda.org--and locate the “Family Ministries” tab under Departments and find the registration link. Registration will open September 2, 2018.

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**LAST CAMP MEETING DATE 2018**

**Hispanic Camp Meeting:**
Aug 31-Sept 3   Glacier View Ranch

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**SABBATH SERVICES AT YELLOWSTONE**
Rocky Mountain Pastors will be at Yellowstone National Park every Sabbath from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Traveling through Yellowstone this summer? Join them for worship beginning at 10 a.m. each Sabbath in Old Faithful Lodge.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Volunteers Needed  » Volunteers are needed to work at the Westbury Fire Recovery Distribution Center in Westminster. No training is needed. The center is located at 3915 W 73rd Avenue, Westminster, across the street from Fire Station #1. Hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, contact Cathy Kissner, RMC ACS Director at 970-201-3799.

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Public Evangelism at Rocky Mountain Ghanaian Church  » Pastor Esteb Pierre, MDiv, MBA, will present the meetings, “Time is Running Out” from 7-8 p.m. beginning Saturday, July 28 and ending Saturday, August 11. The meetings exclude Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturday nights. Hear about "Daniel's Predictions," "Signs You Can't Ignore," "What is Jesus Doing Now?", and "Facing the Future Unafraid." The church is at 3600 Helena Street, Aurora CO 80011.

New Adventurers Club » New Adventurers Club coming to Denver! We are very excited to announce that the Denver South Seventh-day Adventist Church (2675 S. Downing St.) will welcome children, pre-K to 4th grade, to join a fun and educational club. The mission of the Adventurer Club ministry is to serve an intercultural community of children and their parents or guardians and assist Adventurer families in growing as followers of Jesus! For more information and to find out how you can volunteer as a staff member, contact Humberto Mateo, Adventurer Director at 813-924-713.

Prayer Summit » Registration opens for our September Prayer Summit. We are excited to have James L. Black, Sr., North American Division Prayer Ministries Director, as our guest for “OPEN IT!” Prayer Summit, September 7-9. “Prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock Heaven’s storehouse,” and we want to OPEN IT together! In addition to deepening our own personal prayer life, we’ll learn how to best use prayer ministries as an evangelistic tool for our communities! Plan to attend and help SPREAD THE WORD! Registration is online
Women’s Retreat  » “Branded in Christ,” RMC women’s retreat will be held at Glacier View Ranch September 28-30. Heather-Dawn Small, Women’s Ministries Director for our SDA world church, is our featured speaker. View the brochure at: www.rmcsda.org/women. Registration is online and begins July 15. For questions email deeannb@rmcsda.org, or text/call 303-243-1172.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Mile High Academy  » Mile High Academy has immediate openings for the 2018-2019 school year for two part-time drivers for our transportation routes. Qualified candidates will be at least 21 years old, possess, or be able to obtain, a current Colorado driver's license (Commercial Driver's License not necessary) have no more than two traffic citations and no at fault accidents during the last three years. Candidates must also possess current U.S. work authorization. While maintaining the dignity and respect for all students, the driver's primary responsibility is the safety of students while transporting them to and from school. To apply, please send an email to Vivien Vasquez to request an application (vivienv@rmcsda.org) or contact her by phone at 303-282-3653.

HMS Richards Elementary  » Part-time preschool teacher needed at HMS. We are growing and looking for an enthusiastic teacher to lead our preschool program. Must be ECE teacher certified. Do not need to be director certified. Please contact Davin Hammond or Kari Lange for more information @ (970) 667-2427.

Vista Ridge Academy  » Seeking candidates for a Part-time Aide in Preschool and PreK/Kindergarten (20+ hours per week). Candidates must be active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Completion of ECE state licensing requirements for a preschool teacher is a bonus, but not required. Also seeking candidates for a Part-time Extended Care Supervisor (8-10 hours per week). Candidates must be an active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church and available to work after school. For more information, please contact Sandy Hodgson at 303.828.4944 or shodgson@vistaridge.org.
ESL Teacher Needed for Mile High Academy Sister School China Campus

Mile High Academy still has a position available on their extended campus at the Guangdong Experimental Shunde - ESL Teacher Needed

This is a unique opportunity to serve as a teacher in Shunde China at Mile High Academy’s extended campus at the Guangdong Experimental Shunde. Please see link below to explore the school: http://www.gdsysd.com/Home/IndexEnglish

Contact Principal Toakase Vunileva at tvunileva@milehighacademy.org for questions or to submit your resume.

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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.

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
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- 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.
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they should be concise. Web page links or phone numbers
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--Editor

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