Camp Varieties are Top of the Game at Glacier View Ranch

Imagine you’re a Midwest American teen seeking some ray and typical summer activities under the heat of the hot July sun. You might envision a group of teens huddled around a trio of teepees, or kayaking in a secluded mountain lake with the Rocky Mountains jabbing the clear blue sky above, their reflection rippling under your paddle.

Maybe that's not your thing. Maybe you would prefer traveling a mountain biking trail, hiking, horseback riding, and swimming. Or, even the slop trot, described by campers like Kaity, who is in her ninth year with the camp, as “a sloppy obstacle course.”

That’s exactly what teens (13-17) experience during their week, July 10-17, at Glacier View Ranch (GVR), which in my humble opinion is not so much a ranch as it is a cabin resort hidden in the quiet meadows of Boulder’s foothills. Aesthetics reflect that of an old western mountain settlement, mirroring the private, weathered homes settled in the canyon below. Newborn rabbits, skyblue dragonflies, and tiny chipmunks frolic along the sanded path leading to Glacier View, and the campout features a country store selling water bottles, sweatshirts, tees, and other camper souvenirs.

No need to worry about the heat, because this getaway is cool and breezy. Put your cellphone away—there is no signal. Here,
it's just you, about 100 other campers, and nature. 

As it was for Jesus, nature is the perfect place for these 98 young people to reflect on the grace and glory of God.

Cecila, a second-year GVR camper who learned about the summer camp through her mother's work friends, testified it offers her a break from the "real world" by allowing her to experience God in nature. She said the GVR experience helps her be more spiritual, and develop her patience.

Daniel and Zander, two campers in their fourth round of GVR camping, shared that their time here brings them closer to God every year. They smiled and then resumed their game of UNO at the lunch table.

The short and sweetly-expressed sentiment was not uncommon around these parts. They must be teenagers—they do not want to talk. But they know how to have fun and learn how to grow closer to God.

Third-year camper Lauren echoed these sentiments, adding as she balanced a ball python in her hands, that the experience helps her learn how to manage and deal with family situations.

C.J., stationed beside Lauren while a garter snake slithered around his elbow, joined our conversation, saying his greatest take-away is realizing how "God loves everybody, and He changes lives." In his sixth year at Glacier View Ranch, he has seen numerous changes made in campers' lives.

This is not a strange phenomenon, shared the GVR Nature Center Director Audrey Hatfield, a fourth-year Nursing major at Union College. When not teaching the campers about salamanders and how to care for other forest animals, she is watching the campers explore her shop of critters. These animals range from lorikeets to hamsters, chameleons, mice, rats, hermit crabs, snakes, and even chickens.

In her fourth year as a camp leader, third in this position, Audrey has seen bundles of students transform as a result of their stay. In fact, she commonly witnesses kids wonder about supernatural experiences. "They see things, feel things, and they don't know if it is angels or demons. They want to know what it is, and what it means," she shared. Many of the children have these questions.

Curious, I probed further and discovered most of the campers are not Adventist. In fact, said Audrey, only about a quarter of the campers are Adventist, and about half of them are Christian. Most of the remaining campers have no religious affiliation or association with any church, but they are sponsored through a partnership between GVR and Centura Health.

Michael, decked out in a black snapback and red sunglasses, is a sponsored teen experiencing his first summer camp with GVR. He was excited to be there, and eager to share his story with me, but as it was his first day he could not divulge much information. Abruptly called away by his camp leader for the biking trails, he walked away, but not before peacing out.
Camp pastor for the week, Tyler Morrison—recent Union College graduate—added to Audrey's claim that the kids show a concern for their salvation. What he hopes they learn is "They are justified by His death, and accepting this is what saves them. It is not about works. God already sees them as perfect." His goal: That staff and campers leave with the concept of righteousness by faith.

Tyler's goal ties in with the camp theme, Forever Flawless, which will be echoed at Mills Spring Ranch from July 17-24.

[Stefani Leeper; photos by Rajmund Dabrowski]

Global Health Initiatives Celebrates a Decade of International Health Service

A decade-long medical mission service was celebrated on June 7, by Centura Health employees, volunteers, and physicians and surgeons who convened at Hudson Gardens to celebrate volunteerism without borders with Global Health Initiatives (GHI).

Lining the winding gravel pathway were multiple canvassed photographs framing faces of the world, faces affected by Global Health. Grass and flowers extended almost as far as the eye can see. Attractions included beautiful park scenery, free photographs with a motorized rickshaw, light snacks and freshly squeezed fruit drinks, and an ethnic Nepali dinner.

According to a GHI report, published for the occasion, the initiative was designed to strengthen underdeveloped health facilities and services around the world by extending Christ's healing ministry, and was established in 2005 as an international service of Centura Health. "Several Adventist hospitals throughout Colorado, the Adventist Health System, and Catholic Health Initiatives contributed financial support to the initiative. GHI has gone on 102 missions in its 10 years of existence: it has given 2,082 surgeries and served over 43,000 patients.

Eric Shadle, the South Denver Manager of CREATION Health, attended the event. He shared that the alliance between CREATION Health and GHI is meant to apply principles of CREATION Health overseas in attempts to improve overseas healthcare.

Being involved with GHI for over a year, Dr. Shadle went on a mission trip to Nepal, where he gained insight toward how women's health issues are handled. He was able to actively aid in finding solutions. His goal: "Understanding healthcare needs, and making sustainable solutions for those in foreign countries." He hopes to accomplish this by providing lasting infrastructure in addressing healthcare needs, not a temporary solution.

Lauri Enderson, the wife of a Centura Health employee, also visited Nepal. She did home visits for women who had surgery for benign breast conditions.

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uterine prolapse, a condition in which worn-out muscles can no longer support the uterus. She also helped with children's programming, much like vacation Bible school.

“I don’t think I’ve ever been in such a dark place,” Lauri expressed. “It solidified my love for being a Christian [and made me] passionate about the health of the people. They’re so much in the dark about what can be done.” And they’re so appreciative for the help they receive. Lauri recalls a recovery hostel where 15 women recovering from surgery wanted to touch and hug the volunteers and show their appreciation.

More travelled, Susan Barrett has gone on six trips to Peru with Global Health Initiatives. She runs the operating room (OR) team and is planning to be on yet another mission trip in November 2017. The experience has changed the way she lives. “Life is more simple,” she said, and now she concentrates “less on stuff and more on living.” She shared that God put just the right team together to save lives.

“There are many people who don’t have the knowledge to live a healthy life,” said Greg Hodgson, the GHI director who helped coordinate the teams who visit underdeveloped nations an average of ten times per year. “We are fortunate to live where we have resources, but life isn’t just about the United States.”

Hodgson praised the volunteers and donors involved with GHI and recognized how their involvement impacted their lives. After his experiences in Peru, Nepal and Rwanda, he feels he has gained as much as he has given, he commented.

Current GHI projects include addressing women’s health in Nepal, removing barriers to healthcare in the Peruvian Amazon, improving orthopedic care in Rwanda, constructing the partner hospital Hôpital Alma Mater and improving medical care in Haiti, as well as Helping Babies Breathe and Essential Care for Every Baby, which educate local providers on neonatal care.

“My platform is women empowering women,” said Shanel Perry (Miss Colorado), and it’s a passion of hers she shares on a global scale with GHI, especially with its work in Nepal. Shanel was introduced to GHI through her mother, who worked as an OR nurse and who went on mission trips to Panama and Peru. She claims her mother was an inspiring role model, and Shanel is looking forward to going on a future trip with the organization.

Future GHI projects include making the environment cleaner to help preserve life, a reflection of faith in God as Creator. This will involve new aspects of service in the countries where GHI has established itself, and in new countries, among them Cuba and Tanzania. “A belief in creation and our ensuing responsibility for the world’s inhabitants forms our perspectives,” shared another event participant. “It influences how we view, treat, and respect the world.”

Shanel concluded, “If you want to make a difference globally, you have to give back globally; get involved.” The first step to health begins with taking care of God’s creation.

[Stefani Leeper with Carol Bolden; photos by Rajmund Dabrowski]
Daughters of Grace is the theme of presentations planned for September 16-18 by the RMC Women's Ministries. A Conference-wide women's retreat at Glacier View, it will feature Elizabeth Talbot, director of Jesus 101 Biblical Institute, and the author of several books. She is also the presenter on the Surprised by Love DVD Bible study for women. Talbot travels internationally as a lecturer and revival/motivational speaker.

As director of the RMC women's ministries, Ginger Bell envisions participants coming to the feet of Jesus. “That is exactly where Dr. Talbot wants to be, and she has devoted her life to the study of the Scriptures. Her passion for the good news of Jesus Christ forms the bulk of her identity. ‘It’s like fire in my bones!’ she says.”

The retreat will include praise and worship music, inspiring skits, book giveaways, friendship circles, Saturday night activities, and a service project opportunity. The Adventist Book Center will feature a display of several publications by Elizabeth Talbot for sale.

Registration and information brochures were sent to Women's Ministries leaders in participating churches. Call or email Ginger Bell for more information, and to receive a brochure via email, at 720-980-9006 or rexngingerbell@msn.com.

Registration deadline is September 1.

Everyday Heroes »

Something just didn’t fit.

Sitting comfortably in the reception swivel chair, recording over-the-phone notes from Ray, my boss at the RMC communication office, while simultaneously typing away at an article for this week’s NewsNuggets, movement outside the glass door entryway caught my attention. A couple wandered across the sidewalk, gesturing toward the Rocky Mountain Conference headquarters’ grassy lawn.

I caught myself staring at the spectacle.

As they scratched their graying heads, an elderly woman with a red walker and pink floral blouse crept into view, eyed the grassy hill, and began her wobbly ascent.

Having ended the phone call as they breached the surface of the hill and marched slowly forward, I stood to open the door. The younger woman asked for a pastor and I blinked in confusion. In response, she gestured to the elderly woman who repeated the request. “May I ask what you need?” I voiced, wondering why they visited the conference office for a pastor when the church lies directly across the street.

“I don’t know. She wants to see a pastor,” the woman I would later come to know as Kelly informed me.

“Oh! I thought this was the church!” Kelly exclaimed with a sheepish smile before shaking her head at her bespectacled husband. She proceeded to explain, “I just Googled her denominational church and this was the closest address we got.”

Before I could reply, the elderly woman interjected, “Yeah! I got to see a pastor and get an address or else they’ll take away my benefits!”
Her name is Olive, and she’s 94-years-old—and homeless. Having experienced theft one too many times in Anchorage, Alaska, where she lived for ten years, she made her way down to her home state of Florida. For reasons unknown, she then left Florida by train and over the weekend landed in Denver, Colorado. She stayed in homeless shelters and a hotel, and on July 12 arrived at the local social security office, where she met Joe and Kelly, who offered to help her find a Seventh-day Adventist church.

Instead, they found us. The next 45 minutes consisted of Kelly calling Adventist Community Services and local shelters, and Joe researching directions and addresses while the assistant human resources director Vivien Vivanco helped me research various shelters and organizations that could help Olive. Not able to find much help, we asked her about her family in hopes she might know someone to lend a hand.

Olive was married at age 15. Her marriage, as she summarizes, resulted in two black eyes, and three daughters who are now too old to take care of her. Hope seemed lost until the friendly face of the administrative assistant in our office, Carol Bolden, lit up the lobby. After working magic only Carol can do, she returned unfaltering and with a solution. “Well, I’m completely at a loss, so I figured to turn to the one Man who knows everything.”


Even after the prayer, the room was filled with silence. There was now a calmness we had previously been lacking. How easily we forget the One who is always there to help us.

“Carol, thank you. That was the best thing you could do,” Kelly whispered. The rest of us nodded in assent.

“It’s the only thing I could do,” Carol replied modestly. “You were brought here so we could help you somehow and that’s what we are going to do.”

“I guess Jesus led you here,” echoed Kelly, before she added under her breath, “and that’s not usually something I say.”

I was taken aback. Could this mean she is not familiar with our Redeemer? All this time, she and Joe had such a Christian presence, such a Christ-like heart in regards to helping this woman, driving her across town to make sure she didn’t spend another night in a shelter or lose her benefits.

“I usually say ‘God,’ because of other religions....” Kelly trailed off, and then gave Carol and myself hugs.

Meanwhile, the HR directors Danielle Toddy and Vivien discussed the dilemma and found a solution: Porter Place. Olive then excused herself to the restroom, and when she returned, she was smiling with her previously tied up hair now hanging loose to her shoulders. “My banana!” she exclaimed, snatching up the banana we provided for her before charging toward the exit. “Let’s get goin’! Don’t wanna waste another minute!”

We never found out if Kelly and Joe are Christians, or what exactly made Olive so spunky, but we know our reliance on the Lord helped make a difference. We never know when the chance to witness of God’s love will arise. But when it does, it’s everyday heroes like Carol, Vivien, and Danielle who help make a Christian difference.

[Stefani Leeper]
In last week's article, "Literature Evangelists Make History by Repeating History," the appropriate surname spelling of the first-time LE is Graybill, not Grayville.

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**RMC EVENTS**

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**Mills Spring Ranch Summer Camp**  »  July 17 - 24. Ages 9-17. Cost $200 (each Wyoming church is giving $100 for campers from their church to attend MSR summer camp [up to 10 campers]). Contact your church for this discount. For more information, go to rmcyouth.org/camp.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN CONFERENCE CAMP MEETINGS**

- **Western Slope Camp Meeting**  »  August 3 - 7
  - Mountain Top Retreat near Montrose, CO
  - Speakers: Ed Barnett/Eric Nelson
  - Contact: Linda and Ron Johnson -- 970-245-2294
  - Use Instructions: http://www.rmcsda.org/camp-facility-use-instructions
  - Directions: http://www.rmcsda.org/mountaintop-retreat-directions
  - Registration: http://www.rmcsda.org/western-slope-registration-form

- **Hispanic Camp Meeting**  »  September 2 - 4
  - Glacier View Ranch, Ward CO
  - Speaker: Omar Grieve
  - Youth Speaker: Dr. Oscar Carreon
  - Contact: Ruben Rivera -- 303-910-1614

- **Native Camp Meeting**  »  September 16 - 18
  - La Vida Mission, Crown Point NM
  - Speaker: Monte Church
  - Contact: Dorie Panganiban -- 505-215-6642

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**Third Sabbath Monthly Health Seminar at Denver South**  »
At 2 p.m., July 16, Dr. Kenny H. Chan will be speaking on the topic of ringing in the ears. Dr. Chan is the chairman of Department of Pediatric Otolaryngology Children's Hospital Colorado. Location: Denver South Seventh-day Adventist Church, 2675 S Downing St. For more information, contact Dennis Tilon at 720-275-1355. To learn more about Dr. Chan, see https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3K7eYMI6zTE.

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**Prison Ministry, and Quarterly Reports Due**  » On July 17, 2016 at 10 a.m., a prison ministry meeting will be held for the Rocky Mountain Conference. This meeting is for all who volunteer inside prisons and jails, as well as for those who are chaplains or who work in ministry for inmates, returning citizens and their families. If you are thinking of starting a ministry, please join us. All you have to do is dial 641-715-3580, access code: 465-253. Help us identify the individual ministries that are within the Rocky Mountain Conference. Don't forget quarterly reports of your ministry are due!
Contact prison ministry coordinator Enid Almeida at 719-231-2360 or fokcee2@comcast.net.

Fort Lupton Church 25th Anniversary » The Fort Lupton Seventh-day Adventist Church is hosting a 25-year anniversary open house from 1-5 p.m., July 17th at 900 Northrup Ave., Ft. Lupton CO 80621.

Black Hills Health & Education Center » An intensive residential lifestyle CHIP treatment program will take place July 17 through July 28 at Black Hills Lifestyle Center. For more information, call 605-255-4101.

Media on the Brain » Author Scott Ritsema will present at the Golden Seventh-day Adventist Church, at 7:00 p.m., July 22, and the Denver West Seventh-day Adventist Church, at 9:30 a.m., July 23. We see it all around us: media. But what does the latest science say about the mind-altering effects of 21st-century media? And what is the spiritual agenda in the entertainment and advertising industries? For more information on this four-part series, contact Tenisha at 970.485.9876.

Wildfire II » Join us on July 29-31 as teens speak out with Bible predictions. Together we will explore the seedbed of terrorism, the placement of Islam in Bible predictions, and God’s honeymoon in search for good answers to today’s problems. There is no registration fee. Wildfire II will be held at the big tent at 4100 W 20th Street in Greeley, Colorado 80634.

Global Health Initiatives Inaugural Photo Gallery » Inaugural photo exhibit at Porter Adventist Hospital, July-August 2016. Coming to Adventist hospitals in Colorado, dates to be announced at https://www.centuraglobalhealth.org/CGH/10-Year-Anniversary/Special-Events/.

Mark Anthony’s Dinner and a Message » Come for a free, live vegetarian performing arts cooking show hosted by chef Mark Anthony, at 6 p.m. on August 9th, at the Fairplay Seventh-day Adventist Church. Learn about plant-based nutrition and other great topics, such as weight loss, lowering cholesterol, and increasing energy. Located at 801 Castillo Ave. Fairplay,
**Boulder 1:1** A 2016 gathering of a smaller-scale version of The One Project, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Sunday, August 14. Theme: "Jesus of Nazareth: His Message, His Passion." Based on the two-volume series *Jesus of Nazareth*, written by former Adventist Review editor William G. Johnsson and produced by the Biblical Research Institute, Boulder 1:1 will explore the message and passion of Jesus, helping participants to connect these concepts with their own discipleship journey. Scheduled presentations include: **Alex Bryan** - Why the Local Church Matters; **Dena King** - What Jesus taught about the Trinity; **Paddy McCoy** - What Jesus taught about the Kingdom of God; **Diane Johnson** - What Jesus taught about Grace; **Jessyka Albert** - What Jesus taught about Discipleship; **Stacy Soapmann** - What Jesus taught about the Sabbath; **Terry Swenson** - What Jesus taught about The End; **Jannelle Fazio** - What Jesus taught about Prayer; **Sam Leonor** - What Jesus taught about Power, Sex and Money.

The Boulder 1:1 gathering includes time for "recalibration," allowing participants to process their thoughts on the various reflections by noted speakers, and to begin engaging in practical applications that make a difference in their lives.

**Location:** Boulder Seventh-day Adventist Church, 345 Mapleton Ave., Boulder, CO 80304; Planning to attend? Register at [https://the1project.org/gatherings/boulder-2016#reserve](https://the1project.org/gatherings/boulder-2016#reserve). Visit our website at [visitwww.bouldser.church](http://visitwww.bouldser.church).

**Give Them Hope Health Summit** Learn how to reflect God's character in health ministries through ongoing support at the Give Them Hope Health Summit, held October 13-16 in Breckenridge, Colorado. Through the acquired skills of ongoing support, you can bring hope to your church and community through preventing and reversing diseases such as heart disease, cancer, Type II diabetes, and Alzheimer's. For more information about this health summit visit our website at [http://www.rmcsda.org/hope](http://www.rmcsda.org/hope) or call the RMC health ministry department at 303-282-3604.

**Mile High Academy** The Summer Sports and Arts Camps program continues through the end of July, and is a great way to keep your child active and learning during the summer months. You can still choose from volleyball and art camps. See the Summer Camps page on our website, milehighacademy.org for details or call 303-744-1069 and see how you can register your child today.

**Mills Spring Ranch Summer Camp** Watch our new Glacier View Ranch summer camp promo video at [rmcyouth.org/gvrpromovideo](http://rmcyouth.org/gvrpromovideo). For more information, go to [rmcyouth.org/camp](http://rmcyouth.org/camp) or visit the new website at [http://www.glacierviewranch.com/](http://www.glacierviewranch.com/).

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**
Adventist University of Health Sciences' Denver site is looking for a marketing and enrollment coordinator. If you love working with people, have a passion for Christian higher education, and are a self-starter, email your resume to Katie Shaw, ADU Denver executive director, at katie.shaw@adu.edu. Experience in marketing and/or college admissions is a plus!

**Mile High Academy** is looking for two part-time Kindergarten aides. These are exciting opportunities for the 2016-2017 school year. Applicants must be Seventh-day Adventist members in good standing, and possess current authorization to work in the U.S. If interested, please send your resume to Jocelyn at jaalborg@milehighacademy.org. Please visit our website at [http://www.milehighacademy.org/employment-opportunities/](http://www.milehighacademy.org/employment-opportunities/) for more information on the requirements and qualifications for these positions.

**Mile High Academy** is looking to fill a part-time front desk position. This employee will ensure that every person we have contact with via phone, email or in person receives quality customer service. In addition, the employee will provide administrative support by handling information requests, and performing clerical functions such as preparing correspondence, running attendance, greeting visitors, arranging conference calls, and scheduling meetings. The position's weekly schedule will be Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Should have a high school diploma and a minimum of three years of relevant experience. If interested, please send your resume to Jocelyn at jaalborg@milehighacademy.org.

**Daystar School** in Pueblo is looking for a part-time aide for K-3 for the 2016-17 school year. If you are interested in finding out more about this position, you can contact Michelle Velbis by email at michellevelbis@gmail.com or call 719-561-9120.

**Mailroom Assistant Supervisor:** Are you someone who loves logistics and has an eye for detail and a knack for supervision? If so, you might be the perfect candidate for the Voice of Prophecy's Mailroom Assistant Supervisor position! In this position, you would assist with the development, implementation, coordination and monitoring of all phases of mailing services in addition to supervision of mailroom staff. As a direct result of your work, people worldwide would receive resources like Bible lessons and make decisions for Christ thanks, in part, to your efforts in getting resources to them in a timely manner.

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