

GVR Summer Camps Aim to Model Christian

Experience » Seeing a photographer approach them, the two girls, Laila and Lyla, wave and smile. "Do you need some help to get your canoe out of the weeds?" I ask. "Thank you. No need. We got stuck, but we will get out of it," says Laila. I snapped a few photos, and watched them work hard to pull their canoe into the open water on Minnie Lake, joining half a dozen other canoes. On the shore, a camp assistant watches as the campers sort out their predicament, as expected.



Laila and Lyla are among 93 campers referred to as 8-11 year-old Cub II campers. A random survey of the campers reveals that "this is the best camp I have been to," most citing horse riding, arts, canoeing and skits as their favorites. Isabella from Highlands and Lindsey from Denver, who refer to themselves as "best friends", challenge each other whether or not it is the nature center that tops their list.

Other members of the camp staff list similar "most enjoyable camp features," but add spiritual activities coordinated by Laura Groessel from Brighton as being the most rewarding. With 60 percent of the campers having a limited religious experience, morning and evening worships, an Agape service, and plays based on Bible stories, introduce them to being at a Seventh-day Adventist camp. "The creation story, what's that?" asks one of the young campers.

Friday, June 23, 2017



"Life is wasted if we do not grasp the glory of the cross, cherish it for the treasure that it is, and cleave to it as the highest price of every pleasure and the deepest comfort in every pain. What was once foolishness to usacrucified God--must become our wisdom and our power and our only boast in this world."

-- John Piper



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The organizers* from the Rocky Mountain Conference youth department explain the importance of giving the young campers a "full experience at our camp," and modeling who we, as Adventist Christians, are.

Steve Hamilton, RMC youth director, points to the quality of the team, all 74 of them, making a good ratio of service for the kids attending a week-long camping experience.

"From me, you've heard the saying, "Teamwork makes the dream work." And we really sense that more this year than ever. This has really been an enjoyable time and it's because of the people God has placed in our lives and the leadership," Steve remarked.

The success of the camp is largely due to several weeks of detailed planning and preparation by Kiefer Dooley and his colleagues at the Denver office. "It was when I first got here, probably the two months heading into it, there was more stress than I've ever experienced in my life. Then [later] when I got to GVR, and the staff were here, to see the quality of the people we have working at summer camp makes a difference. It was rewarding to see other people benefitting," Kiefer said.

When asked about the challenges, Kiefer does not shy away from explaining what they are, but prefers to list "a lot of coordinating, putting out fires here and there," as "customer service, you know." As for the kids, one staffer had a hard time listing the camp problems. "Oh, yes, there is a bit of home sickness when the kids get here," she remarked, "but it passes quickly.

But one topic is not an issue for Kiefer and the camp stuff in 2017. "The food is better this year," campers speak freely.







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Upcoming Events

July 4th -- Office Closed 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Staff Meeting

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Cowboy Camp Meeting

July 5, 2017 6:30 p.m.

Wyoming Camp Meeting

July 11, 9:00 a.m. July 15, 6:30 p.m.

Executive Committee

July 18, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

RMC Constituency Meeting

July 22

MAUC Pastor's Meeting (Omaha)

July 29 - July 31

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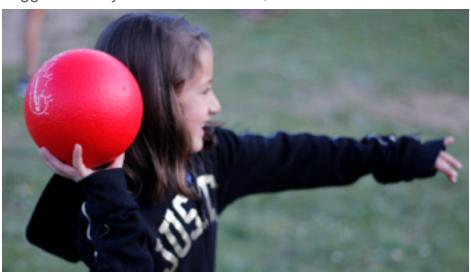
RMC CAMP MEETINGS

NE Camp MeetingCampion -- June 9-10



Since horse riding got top marks from several campers, I went to observe what it was that made a difference for many campers. Heidi Beierle from Arkansas is the chief wrangler, coordinating the activities with five other wranglers and 19 horses. Riding is the favorite activity kids enjoy, but a rodeo is the highlight of the week.

A visit to the stables gave me quotables for this short report. Asked whether any of the kids have fallen off their horses, Heidi responds that "kids have not, but some of the staff have," she laughs and her team of wranglers join in. As for a surprise, Heidi was quick to offer a bit of astonishment when "two boys asked to scoop the horse poop, though I suggested they brush their horses," she said.



No matter what activity topped the list for Hanna, a camp assistant from Maryland, for whom it was a third year at the GVR camp, "it was the best camp ever," she said.

The week of June 18-25 will have an even bigger camp attendance at a Junior Camp with more than 140 kids participating. The camp staff expects to hear again, that "my friends here are awesome," as Isabella added.

[Rajmund Dabrowski; photos by Ashton Kennedy (2, 4) and Rajmund Dabrowski (1,3)]

*The summer camp staff is coordinated by a team of Kiefer Dooley, Shannon Werner, Matt Moreland, and Steve Hamilton, together with Dan Hansen and the year-round Glacier View Ranch team.

Contact 970-667-7403

Cowboy Camp Meeting Silver Jack Reservoir July 5-9 Contact Adam Smith 303-591-7277

Wyoming Camp Meeting
Mills Spring Ranch
July 11-15
Contact Jodie Gage 307259-5301

Western Slope Camp Meeting

Near Montrose, Colorado August 2-6 Contact Fritz Krieger, 970-497-6175

Hispanic Camp Meeting
Glacier View Ranch
September 1-3
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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

Total Health Project Dedication Held in Peru » A new center of "influence and education" was dedicated by Centura Global Health Initiatives (GHI) and others on Wednesday, June 7. Local and regional government authorities, along with representatives of the project's strategic partners, celebrated the completion of the facility located in the Amazon basin of Peru. Castle Rock CEO Todd Folkenberg was among the delegation representing Centura



The idea for a new approach to health education and prevention was conceived by GHI two years ago. Partner agreements between Centura Health, the Ministry of Health, the local government, Clinica Adventista Ana Stahl (GHI's partner hospital in Peru), and the Union University of Peru took several months to complete. Four university students in their final year of training--two in nursing, one in nutrition, and one psychology--were then selected to spend an entire academic year living in the village where the program is based. A nurse manager was employed to oversee the project and to reside with the students in the Amazon community. For the next academic year, two medical students are scheduled to join the team.

Focus areas for this first year of operations include programs designed to diminish the high rate of anemia among children <u>five</u> and under, and to reduce the number of teen pregnancies, domestic violence and sexual abuse.

Future plans include replicating this program in other communities in the Amazon Basin using the experiences and lessons learned from this pilot project.

[Text and photo by Kim Kennedy]

Newday Invites You to Visit the Holy Land »

Many times when reading the Bible, don't you wish you were in the places where Jesus walked and where Peter was catching fish? Dave Kennedy, pastor of Newday Church, can confirm that your Bible reading would be enhanced if you

experiences of church members.

Please email your story to 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.

were given opportunity to visit the Holy Land. Rajmund Dabrowski, editor of *NewsNuggets*, asked Dave to explain.

NewsNuggets: You are planning to lead an excursion to the Holy Land. What motivated you to organize it?

Dave Kennedy: My first trip to Israel was more impactful than I could have possibly imagined. I had heard from others who had gone how "you'll never read the Bible the same again," and how this trip "makes the Bible come alive." Yet little did I realize how powerful this spiritual pilgrimage really was. At each site, our experienced guide would share historical background, and then the pastor would share Biblical teaching that was appropriate for that particular site. We would sing, pray and read Scripture together. It was like an 8-day, 3-D immersion into the Bible. My love for the Bible and my passion for Jesus were reignited. I returned with the commitment to bring as many people back as I could, so they too could experience what I had experienced.

NN: Are you covering the places from the stories of the Old and New Testament?

DK: Yes. Our tour starts in Joppa, goes through Caesarea, Mount Carmel, Nazareth, Cana, the Sea of Galilee, the Jordan River, Masada and the Dead Sea, and of course, lots of time in Jerusalem. While the primary focus of the trip is the life of Jesus, we also will see many Old Testament sites and recount the stories of the prophets and kings.



NN: What features of the trip will ensure it becoming a spiritual pilgrimage?

DK: First and foremost, it will be covered in prayer. We will not only be praying before and during the trip, but we will also have teams of prayer partners lifting the participants up while they are in the Holy Land. Second, it will be entirely focused on Scripture. The Bible will be our main focus, and the teaching will be applicable and come from over 20 years of ministry experience. Just being there stirs something in the heart of a believer. When you add prayer, worship, and relevant Bible teaching, it is life changing.

NN: Are 8 days enough to cover such a vast area and history of Palestine?

DK: It really is. Palestine is a very small area. We work

through the country in a very systematic way, going from site to site geographically. By the end of the 8 days, we will have seen a majority of the places where the Bible stories took place.

NN: When many people think about traveling to Israel, they are concerned about safety. Is that something to be concerned with?



DK: While travel is never risk free, Israel is a country that has security and safety as their highest values. And they do it well! Over three million people visit Jerusalem each year. During my time there, I was never concerned about safety nor did I worry about security.

NN: If someone is interested in joining you, what would they do to sign up?

DK: First, they should check their calendar and make sure they have September 3-11 free. Second, they should go to our website to get more information, or to register. We are intentionally limiting our group to 30 people so that it will be more intimate and easier to get around. We have 10 spots left, so if someone is thinking of joining us, I would encourage them to register soon before the trip is full. Again, this is a life changing, heart stirring, spirit-awakening trip. I'm praying that those whom God wants to come will hear the Spirit's prompting and come!

For more information, visit our website: goo.gl/13GD6U Pictured: Dave Kennedy sitting on the bank of the Sea of Galilee where Jesus and Peter had breakfast together after the resurrection (John 21), and Jerusalem, a view of the Western Wall. Photos courtesy of Dave Kennedy.

Western Slope Camp Will Meet August 2-6 »

For the second year, Western Slope churches are hosting a camp meeting at Mountain Top Retreat in Montrose.

Attendance last year was excellent, with almost 200 on Sabbath. Located at 339 Bible Camp Road, Montrose, Colorado, Mountain Top Retreat's campground is open Monday through Sunday.

RV and tent sites are available on a first-come basis with a cost of \$10/night. You're welcome to arrive early to enjoy the peace and beauty of the area.

Ron Price will present the 7 p.m. evening services (Wed/Thurs/Fri) under the theme, "Christ in You, the Hope of Glory: What is that all about?" The author of *Play Nice in Your Sandbox at Work*, Ron has spent 30 years as a professional mediator. Married for 36 years and with a Master's in counseling, he has been a relationship coach since 2017.

James Fox, former ministerial secretary, evangelism coordinator and personal ministries leader for the Wisconsin Conference, will speak Friday evening ("The Spectacle of You"), Sabbath morning ("Jesus, the Judgment, and You"), and Saturday night ("Living by Faith in the Last Days") all under the theme, "Being in Jesus in the Last Days."

The camp ground is 15 miles west of Montrose, next to a national forest with mountain recreational opportunities. Enjoy morning devotions at 7:00 a.m., afternoon seminars, and evening programs.

In these trying times, it is important to meet together for these annual convocations for the spiritual support these programs can give. We hope you can attend. For more information, contact Fritz Krieger at 970-497-6175.

Franktown Church Ladies Gather Purses With a

Purpose » The Women's Ministry ladies at the Franktown Church rallied to collect purses filled with useful items for women at Castle Rock Crisis Center.



Filled with lotion, feminine products, pens/pencils, note pads, shampoo, conditioner, other hair products, makeup, nail polish and perfume, the more than 100 purses they collected by last weekend will bless the ladies facing crisis. [RMCNews]



RMC CAMP MEETINGS

Cowboy Camp Meeting » Cowboys at heart will meet on Forestry land about a mile past Silver Jack Reservoir from July 5-9 for Cowboy Camp Meeting. Delinda Hamilton will speak on the *Gospel of the Stars* and Amy Gane, on the *Science of Creation*. For more information, including detailed directions to camp meeting location, contact Adam Smith at 303-591-7277. Silver Jack Reservoir is located south of Cimarron, Colorado, on Interstate 50. Take Big Cimarron Road south into the Uncompander National Forest and watch for signs as you near Silver Jack Reservoir.

Wyoming Camp Meeting » Held at Mills Spring Ranch July 11-15, Wyoming Camp Meeting will feature Philip Samaan for both the afternoon series, "Dare to be a Daniel" and the evening series, "Jesus is Still the Way." Rocky Mountain president and vice-president, Ed Barnett and Eric Nelson, will present the morning meetings followed by Olivia Gold, teacher at Forest Lake Education Center, who will present "Catching Kids for Christ: Reaching Every Age with the Ageold Truth." To reserve a cabin or RV/tent space, call Jodie Gage at 307-259-5301. Mills Spring Ranch is located at 8000 Tower Hill Road, Casper WY 82601.

Western Slope Camp Meeting » From **August 2-6**, at Mountaintop Retreat near Montrose, Colorado. Contact: Fritz Krieger at 970-497-6175 for more information.

Hispanic Camp Meeting » From September 1-3, Glacier View Ranch will host Hispanic Camp Meeting with the theme *Small Groups*. Guest speakers include Omar Grieve and Nessy Pittau-Grieve, both from the Hispanic Voice of Prophecy, and Julio Chazarreta from Pacific Press. Lourdes Chazarreta will present music through voice. Worship and activities will be held for the children. Glacier View Ranch is located at 8748 Overland Road, Ward CO 80481.

Summer Camp » Glacier View Ranch and Mills Spring Ranch camp sessions are filling up. Spots go quickly, so sign up today at rmccamps.

GLACIER VIEW RANCH

Sessions	Dates	Ages	Cost
Junior	June 18-25	10-12	\$295
Family	June 25-July 2All		\$140 + Lodging
Tween	July 2-9	12-14	\$295
Teen	July 9-16	13-17	\$295
Climbing	June 11-18	13-17	\$300
Backpacking June 18-25		13-17	\$300
Teen OutpostJuly 2-9		13-17	\$335

MILLS SPRING RANCH

Sessions Dates AgesCost MSR CampJuly 16-239-17 \$210



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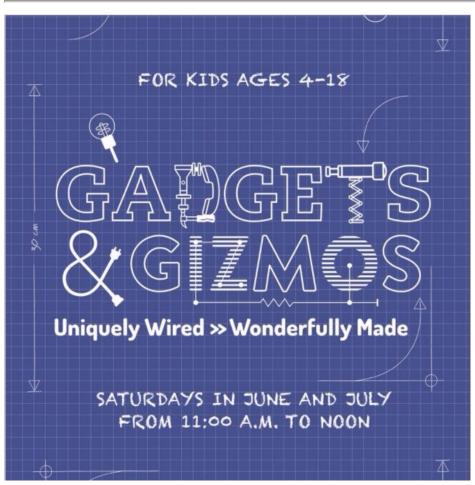
Record Services is pleased to announce open registration for National Camps for Blind Children (NCBC) at Glacier View Ranch. NCBC will be in session at GVR Sunday, **June 25** through Sunday, July 2. Blind camp will be combined with family camp to offer a casual, enjoy-at-your-own-pace good time. NCBC campers are required to bring a trusted friend or family member (age 18 or older, of the same gender as the camper) to be a sighted guide or personal care attendant and to share in the fun of camp.

National Camps for Blind Children (NCBC), a Christian Record program, sponsors camps in locations around the United States. This summer, 11 camp locations will offer traditional summer camp activities such as horseback riding, waterskiing, crafts, archery, and much more. To see the full camp schedule, visit www.BlindCamps.org.

To register for blind camp, please contact Shannon Werner at 303-282-3664 or shannonw@rmcsda.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Agape Haitian Church » Between 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. every night (except Monday and Wednesday), from Sunday, June 11 through Saturday, July 1, the Agape Haitian Church is holding evangelistic meetings titled, "There is Hope in Jesus." Sermons include "The Scripture and the Prophecy," "Christ in the Prophecy," "The Seal of God and the Mark of the Beast," "Two Corpses in the Streets." Agape Haitian Church is located at 14190 E. Jewell Avenue, Unit #3, Aurora CO 80012. For information and transportation, call 720-472-8139 or 720-251-0561.



Gadgets & Gizmos at Boulder Adventist Church

» "Gadgets & Gizmos" is a weekly Sabbath morning program for children aged 4-18 (older kids serve as staff). It started Saturday, June 3 and will run through to the end of July (nine weeks in total). Check-in is at 10:45 a.m. For more information, contact Pastor

Elia (<u>elia@boulder.church</u>) or Pastor Jessyka (<u>jessyka@boulder.church</u>).





Boulder Adventist Church to Host Bike To Work

Day Breakfast Station » If you work in Boulder—or can
find a way to make your Bike to Work commute pass through
the city on Wednesday, June 28, 2017, stop by Boulder

Adventist Church in the historic Mapleton Hill neighborhood for a delicious breakfast. We will serve overnight oats with chia seeds, slivered almonds, pumpkin seeds, milk, Greek yogurt, sliced bananas, and berries. A limited number of allergen-free and vegan portions will be available. For information contact Becky De Oliveira (becky@boulder.church) or go to boulder.church/bike

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Open Invitation to Praise & Worship Concert at Glacier View »

All are welcome to attend an evening of praise & worship at Glacier View Ranch on Thursday **June 29**. Jon King and Company will be blessing our Family Camp with a contemporary praise and worship concert. The music will begin at 7:00 p.m. lakeside (weather dependent). Please feel free to come up early and enjoy the trails and beautiful grassy meadows GVR has to offer. Special note: our family camp is at capacity this year, so please plan on bringing your own picnic dinner if you desire to eat during your time with us.

We hope that you will join us at GVR for a wonderful evening of music and fellowship!

Glacier View Ranch 8748 Overland Road, Ward CO 80481

Please RSVP by Sunday June

25 to <u>gvrsummercamp@rmcsda.org</u> with the number in your party.

Women's Ministry Retreats 2017 » RMC Women's Ministries is excited to announce the Area Women's Retreats for 2017:

Wyoming: Seaside Escape—a study of Sarah and Hagar

Mills Spring Ranch on Casper Mountain

August 26, 27

Contact: Rhonda McDonald: 307-259-8147

Colorado Western Slope: Falling in Love Again

Speaker: Darla Sherman

Mountain Top Retreat (15 miles from Montrose)

October 6-8

Contact: Linda Johnson: 970-245-2294

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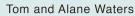
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Contact: Ginger Bell: 720-980-9006

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Full Solar Eclipse Coming in August » Come join us for an epic view of the full solar eclipse at Mills Spring Ranch in Casper, Wyoming! Casper is right in the middle of the solar eclipse path and you can get the best view on top of the mountain at Mills Spring Ranch.

Who: All churches, Pathfinders, and schools are welcome!

When: August 18-22, 2017

Where: Mills Spring Ranch in Casper, Wyoming

Prices:

Family Cabin of 4: \$50/night

Bunk House: \$10/person per night

RV Space (includes electricity): \$25/night

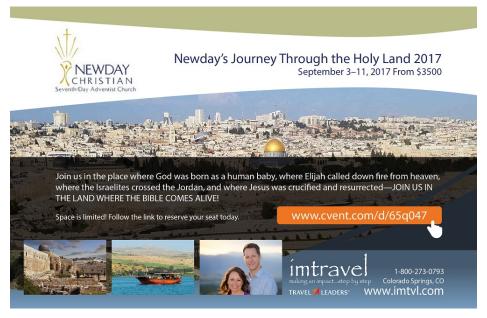
Tent Camping: \$15/night

Space is limited, so call to reserve your space!

Call or email Matt Moreland, 661-805-

6797 mattm@rmcsda.org

Journey Through the Holy Land » You are invited on the trip of a lifetime! Join others from the RMC on September 3-11 as we explore the land where Jesus walked. This is a spiritual pilgrimage that is guaranteed to be deeply impactful to your faith. A 4-day extension trip to Eilat and Petra is also being offered. The trip is limited to 30 people, so don't wait. For more information, CLICK HERE, or email pastordave@newdaysda.com.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

La Vida Mission » is in need of a missionary teacher/principal combination for grades 5-8. Please contact steve@lavidamission.org.

Vista Ridge Academy » is looking for a full-time preschool teacher for its preschool program and a qualified teacher for grades 1-2. If you would like more information about either of these positions, contact Sandy Hodgson at shodgson@vistaridge.org or Diane Harris at dianeh@rmcsda.org.

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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.

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