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GVR 2018 Summer Camps: "I don't want to go from here!" »

When a week at summer camp at Glacier View Ranch ends, the best evaluation of its success is when a camper leaves teary-eyed. Counsellors often hear, "I don't want to go from here."

Coordinating a team of twelve girl counsellors is Tabitha Flemming, a student from Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska. She is spending her two summer months at GVR. "It is worth being here. I've had counselors come tell me about the love they receive [from their campers]. If they have a troubled camper that's been giving them a hard time all week long, before they leave on Sunday they're hugging on them and saying, 'I don't want to go, we love you so much.'



"It's during those moments when you realize you've made an impact and it really pays off. It's so worth it to work at camp, because even though you might not realize it until the end of the week, you're making a positive impact on these kids' lives," Tabitha shares.

Every year, there is a new set of counsellors. Together with the boys' counsellors, they form a team of 23. "We work well with each other," she says, and adds, "This camp has my heart."

The summer camp season in the Rocky Mountain Conference started on June 10 and will end at GVR on July 22. On the same day, a week-long summer camp for ages 8

"It cost God nothing, so far as we know, to create nice things: but to convert rebellious wills cost Him crucifixion."

- C.S. Lewis

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to 17 will begin at Mill Springs Ranch in Casper, Wyoming. The camp program includes such groups as cubs, juniors, family, as well as tweens and teens.

According to Kiefer Dooley, RMC assistant director, and camp co-director, Shannon Werner, the 2018 season will not break the numbers. They anticipate that approximately 650 campers will participate. “We anticipated that there would be less campers than last year because of a few changes. The first one being the two staff in every cabin rule, which takes one camper out.”

Also, the camper registration numbers were impacted by Colorado’s regulations which mandated that “we need the [camper’s] health history form 10 days ahead of time. We can’t take any reservations unless they are done 10 days prior to when they arrive at camp,” Kiefer explained.

A visitor to the GVR campsite will notice enthusiasm among the campers and staff. Nearly every week, a different group of campers arrives at GVR. This week, 117 Juniors are enjoying such activities as horseback riding, aquatics, bouldering, archery, as well as canoeing at the lake.

The activities director is another Union College student, Hanna Kern (pictured). She quickly lists the lake and horses as being the most enjoyed activities. Well organized, she shows me a number of pages with precise planning for her camp activity menu. This is her fourth year as a counselor at a summer camp, though her first at GVR.



This year, she lists two other popular activities as part of the camp offerings. Rock climbing for her is “the coolest activity to have here,” she says. “Hey, we are in the Rockies!” The second one she lists is teaching primitive skills, tailored for kids who love nature. The activity teaches wilderness survival skills, such as creating a shelter and building a fire from scratch, and all about wild edibles.

“The evening program is universal to all ages,” says Shannon Werner. The campers respond positively, as they are invited to engage in conversations between God and Moses. “Each evening they learn something new,” she adds.

Cowboy Camp Meeting

July 11 - 15, 7 a.m.

Wyoming Camp Meeting

July 17 - 21, 7 a.m.

Hispanic Marriage Retreat

July 21, 22

Mid-America Union

Hispanic Youth Camp

July 27-30

Western Slope Camp Meeting

August 1-4, 7 a.m.

Pathfinder Camporee

GVR

August 2-5

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 15, 9:30 a.m.

Staff Meeting

August 21

GVR Board

August 21, 9:30 am

Hispanic Camp Meeting

August 31- September 2



Story Guidelines: We

The evening spiritual program and games involve all campers.

According to the summer camp organizers, this year's theme is based on the current youth ministry theme of "I am. An identity in Christ."

Kiefer, says that this year's program is based on the recent Love Reality Tour, one of the popular youth programs of 2018. "Our program director, Gabe Riojas, worked closely with the Love Reality Tour and brought [elements of it] into summer camp as it relates to our theme, 'I am. An identity in Christ.' That's touched my life and the whole youth team," Kiefer shares.

"Now we're bringing that to the campers and already I know that some camper's lives have changed. Staff's lives have been changed, whether it's from the whole program or they're impacted profoundly by one piece. The Adam and Eve scene touched several staff members who have been calling home and saying, 'This has changed my outlook on so many pieces and boosted my confidence and helped me with my identity in Christ,'" he comments.

The 2018 camp is going really smooth, says Kiefer. "This year is awesome because we have so many new staff. However, no Dylan [the one with a bear-encounter last year] which means no bears. But we have seen some bears around. We've seen moose and one of our staff has seen a mountain lion. We have been handling that with some new protocols we put into place and wildlife officers know, and all the proper people know. We have bear spray, which is a new change, but we haven't had to use it, which is cool," he comments.

Commenting on how the summer camp is progressing, Shannon explains that "it's easy to get caught up in the logistics of camp and making sure things are running smoothly. But then there are times when we get to go out and interact in a program or an activity with kids and hear comments that kids make. Those moments make you realize why you're doing all of this work to make it happen."

She shares a moment that made her pause and be thankful for all her busyness. "The other day we had two kids walking past the summer camp office and one of them, just out of the blue, said to the other, 'Hey, you ever been to GVR before?' And the other kid said, 'No, I'm new here.' The first kid responds, 'GVR will change your life.' That was just two kids talking amongst themselves. It's those moments that remind you why it's worth it. This is why we're doing this," Shannon said.

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Behind the scenes there is a well oiled organization with several pros responsible for the planning and making sure the GVR facilities are up to scratch. “What we have here is the best we have ever had,” says staff member “Papa” Don Hill, involved with GVR events with his wife, Chris, since 1978. “There can always be improvements, but there has been much change in the last few years,” he adds.

Don says that his role involves “can you do this, can you do that; from plumbing to helping in the kitchen. His wife, Chris, says, “I do the fun things. This year I am making costumes and props for the programs. So, I made a giant fish for the Jonah story.” It was over the top, Don quips.

Meandering around the nature center on the shore of picturesque GVR lake, are kids from many different parts of the region. Danielle travelled from Highlands Ranch; Erika, from Elizabeth; Madison, from Evans; and Renee, from Boulder. They each enjoy different activities, and they love to meet new friends. And they each make a singular comment about being at summer camp “It’s all really fun!”

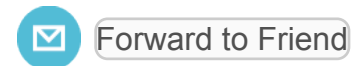
-- Text and photos by Rajmund Dabrowski

¡Buen Viaje! Champion Student Arrive in Spain for Summer Course »

Excitement was in the air as twelve Champion students arrived in Sagunto, Spain after spending most of the past school year saving money, working extra jobs, and completing lengthy applications. Their flight took them into Valencia on the Eastern coast of Spain and then they traveled 30 miles north to the ancient city of Sagunto where they will spend the next six weeks studying Spanish at Escuela Superior de Español de Sagunto (ESDES), an Adventist Colleges Abroad institution.

“You get to be around a lot of Spanish-speaking people and you get to really get into the language,” said Jessica, incoming junior at Champion. “All of the teachers and monitors just speak in Spanish, so without even realizing it, you are being absorbed in the language, and you get all these new words in your brain, even if you don’t really know what they

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all mean. It makes me think, I could really get into this and learn the language!”

Around 70 students from different Adventist universities and a few academies are participating in the summer program, with Campion having the largest group. On the first day, students visited the beach in Sagunto after going through

orientation and taking a Spanish placement test. The town is situated on the Mediterranean Sea where the water is warm and calm and ideal for swimming. “My favorite part about being here so far, is going to the beach and meeting lots of new people,” said Megan.

A typical day includes classes in the morning and as a very modern arts and science district.

Students also toured an ancient castle in Sagunto, parts of which were built during the Roman empire nearly two thousand years ago. “My favorite part of this trip is experiencing a new culture and being exposed to a different side of the world,” concluded Delanie.

Many more adventures for the students in Spain are on the horizon, so watch for highlights on Campion’s Facebook and Instagram pages.

-- Jill Harlow; photo by Nancy Harlow shows students pictured at ancient Roman theater in Sagunto

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REFLECTION

Guilty Go Free* » Not too long ago, I accidentally joined a basketball league.

The details as to how this happened are still sort of murky, but let it suffice to say that I thought I had said “No.” And then

on the first night of the league, there I was in my only pair of shorts and running shoes, wearing a jersey emblazoned with the name of my business. But to be honest, I was totally lost. The rules of the game were (and still are) so unfamiliar to me that I wasn't really sure which basket was mine. I just sort of tried to run around and stay away from the ball, which was a mostly-successful strategy.

But after the whistle had been blown on me for the third or fourth time in my two minutes of glory, the referees, along with my teammates, began to recognize what I already knew to be true: I didn't really belong on the court because I was playing by a completely different set of rules.

Jesus once told a story (recorded in Matthew's Gospel) about a man who owned a vineyard. Long story short, the man hired workers at different points throughout the day but paid them all the same. By today's standards, that may have been grounds for a lawsuit, or at least a nasty post on Facebook. But the vineyard owner's response to the complaint is essentially, "I made a different arrangement with them than I made with you."

I have a feeling that, as I have shown up every week to play basketball, the referees have held me to a slightly different standard than they have for some of the other more seasoned players on the court. Are the rules different for me? I'm not sure. But what I *do* know is that as I have come to know the other players in the league, I have been welcomed into a new community of friends who are excited to see me succeed (one of my opponents even cheered for me last week).

All of this has me thinking about what God said to the children of Israel through the prophet Isaiah:

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts."

—Isaiah 55:8-9 ESV

What if God doesn't apply the same rules to everyone? What if our salvation isn't based on how well we follow the rules?

Pray today for the wisdom to accept that God may be operating outside of your expectations.

--Elia King

*This reflection comes from the *Daily Walk* devotional

(Wednesday, June 28, 2018) and is based on Romans 3:21-31.

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BOOK REVIEW

Chains in China by Bradley Booth » Imprisoned in communist China for refusing to work on Sabbath, Chen experienced the worst kind of filth and a sparse diet that barely kept him alive. The prison’s warden, who called himself a “humanitarian” wanted to break this man whose faith in God only grew stronger under the worst kind of treatment the warden could concoct.

In spite of the sub-human treatment, Chen looked for every opportunity to encourage his fellow prisoners and to tell them about the God he served. Many were touched seeing this man suffer without complaint. His faith in God shone brightly against the backdrop of the filthy cell they shared and the other difficult conditions they endured.

From the marks he made under his sleeping mat each day, Chen knew how long he’d been in “the cage”. Eight months of enduring treatment meant to break him and Chen’s body was wracked with pain. Abdominal cramps doubled him over. His skeletal form rarely left his sleeping mat and he was suffering from excruciating headaches. He knew he was in trouble when he discovered he was bleeding after painfully making his way to the latrine.

His story of God’s faithfulness during this nightmare will encourage you to look past the struggles of everyday life and grasp the grace of God that “was always enough for me in good times and bad,” Chen says.

Now in his eightieth decade, Pastor Chen looks back on his long life through the eyes of the psalmist. “Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly . . . ; but his delight is in the law of the Lord . . . He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither, and whatever he does shall prosper.” Psalm 1:1-3

He continues to preach today in Shanghai, ministering to the sick and dying, offering comfort to invalids and pointing people to Jesus.

-- Carol Bolden

DATES TO REMEMBER

CAMP MEETINGS 20

Cowboy	July 11-15	Silver Jack Reservoir
Wyoming	July 17-21	Mills Spring Ranch
Speaker: Mic Thurber		
Western Slope	August 1-4	Mountaintop Retreat
Speaker: Mike Ryan		

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

Voice of Prophecy » *Discovery Mountain*, the award-winning children's audio adventure series produced by Jean Boonstra and the Voice of Prophecy, just launched its sixth season on June 20. Entitled "Being Neighborly," the season takes its theme from Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan. When a noisy plane crash interrupts Discovery Mountain camp, the aftermath raises the question, "Who is my neighbor?" Listeners will join their favorite characters in learning the answer during this summer of fun, mischief and high-flying drama. Episodes are available for free at discoverymountain.com/listen, on popular podcast platforms like iTunes, iHeartRadio and AudioVerse, and on select radio stations—including 3ABN Radio—throughout North America. New to *Discovery Mountain*? You can catch up on the first five seasons for free!

Montrose Church » A musical program by Don and Donna Mohl will be held Sabbath, **July 7** at 7:30 p.m. This husband and wife team plays a mix of mountain and folk gospel with traditional hymns and new gospel on old-time biblical instruments like bowed psaltery, zither mandolin and dulcimer. CDs and DVDs will be available after the program. For those who wish to contribute, a free-will offering will be taken. All Western Slope churches are urged to attend the program.

New Freedom to Love: Truth About Love and Porn »

Note the following facts: There are 68 million internet search queries for pornography each day.

- The top five porn sites in the world have a combined 17.73 *billion* visits per month (that's 738,750,000 per hour, 12,312,500 per minute, or 205,208 per second).
- 77% of Christian men ages 18-30 view porn at least monthly.
- 30% of pastors report they have visited a pornography site within the last 30 days.

- The average age of exposure to porn in the U.S. is 11 years old and dropping

Pornography use has become rampant across nearly all demographics. It doesn't stop at the church doors, and it doesn't stop at the doors of the family home. Silence and shame on this topic are no longer an option.

New Freedom to Love is a live, 5-part, church-sponsored seminar that opens the subject of pornography up for frank discussion. It provides an educational, holistic look at how pornography affects us bio-chemically, emotionally, and spiritually.

July 21 at 2:00 p.m., Erik Stenbakken, Local NFTL producer and speaker

July 21 at 4:00 p.m., Mike Tucker, Faith for Today and Mad About Marriage speaker

July 22 at 1:00 p.m., Bernie Anderson, pastor, speaker, and coach

July 22 at 3:00 p.m., Dr. Celeste Holbrook, Christian sexologist and speaker

July 22 at 6:00 p.m., Troy Beans, Speaker and Coach

Everyone ages 10 and up is encouraged to reserve a free seat at <http://newfreedomtolove.eventbrite.com>

Celebrating Life in Recovery » is a 14-week program with a biblical approach to guide adults to recovery from addictions of many kinds. Held Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., **June 28 through September 27** at Lakewood Fellowship, 8001 W 23rd Avenue, Lakewood.

The gospel principles are integrated with health principles to recover our physical, mental, and spiritual health through God's power. Topics include recovering from drugs and alcohol, controlling anger, finding forgiveness in the unexpected death of children, adultery, and other areas of common struggle. Invite a friend. For more information, contact Tenisha at 970-485-9876.

If you would like to meet Cheri Peters in person, who started "Celebrating Life in Recovery", she will be speaking at **7 p.m. Friday, June 22** at Denver West Church; **11 a.m. Sabbath, June 23** at the Golden Church; and **3 p.m. Sabbath, June 23** at Lakewood Fellowship Church. Cheri will be presenting a new topic at each church, so don't miss out.

Prayer Summit » Please join us for our "Open It!" Prayer Summit at Glacier View Ranch held **September 7-9** with guest speaker James L. Black, Sr., NAD prayer ministries director. View the brochure here: www.rmcsda.org/prayer.

Registration is online and opens July 8. Questions?
Email deeannb@rmcsda.org or text/call 303-243-1172.

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.

Book Release » Robert Blankenship, member of Chapel Haven Church recently published a book through AuthorHouse, entitled *Dinosaur Obstruction*. The book is available at <https://www.authorhouse.com/Bookstore/BookDetail.aspx?BookId=SKU-001179817>. It tells his personal journey to belief in a seven-day creation.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

La Vida Mission » Have you always wanted to be a missionary? The Navajo Nation is a mission field in your back yard. We are needing a husband/wife team for the boys' dorm for this coming year. This position will include other jobs, of course, such as teaching, maintenance, cook’s helper, janitorial, or grounds keeper, etc. If you can come over to the Navajo Nation and help us, please send me an email asap: steve@lavidamission.org.

Intermountain Adventist Academy »

Accountant/Administrative Assistant. This is a full time job, and the candidate must have excellent communication skills and prior experience, managing accounting systems. Candidate must also be able to perform basic office managing duties. Salary will be determined by candidate's education and experience. Contact Joel Reyes at jojenbe@gmail.com for more details and job description.

Voice of Prophecy Openings » The Voice of Prophecy is hiring! This evangelism-focused ministry is looking for two people to join the Bible School team. Although both full-time positions are similar, the first requires a minimum of a bachelor’s degree in religion or theology, while the second requires the minimum of an associate’s degree. Both the **Bible School & Evangelism Assistant Director** and the **Bible School & Evangelism Bible Worker** will provide training, consultation, support and promotion for the Voice of Prophecy *Discover Bible Schools* and *Discovery Centers*.

Learn more and apply at vop.com/jobs.

HMS Richards Elementary » Located on the campus of Champion Academy, HMS Richards Elementary School is looking for a **part-time preschool teacher** for the upcoming school year, 2018-19. To qualify, you must have teaching certification or a director's license. If you are interested, send your resume to hmsrichardselementary@gmail.com or call 970-667-2427.

Vista Ridge Academy » Vista Ridge Academy is seeking a **part-time aide** for our Early Childhood Education program. Candidates must meet state requirements for an Early Childhood preschool teacher. For more information or to find qualifications, contact our Early Childhood Education Director, Sandy Hepp, at shepp@vistaridge.org (303.828.4944).

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

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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:

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- 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.
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--Editor

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