Experience the Adventure of a Lifetime »

Summer Camp in the Rocky Mountain Conference is approaching fast! The Youth Department would like to extend an invitation to young people, ages 7-17, to join us for a week of fun, friendship and fellowship at one of our beautiful camps. Whether during a week of camp in the Rocky Mountains at Glacier View Ranch (GVR) or at Mills Spring Ranch (MSR) on Casper Mountain in Wyoming, our young people are sure to have a God-centered experience, creating memories that will last a lifetime.

Nestled among the mountains in Ward, Colorado, the GVR camp facility boasts 600 acres of rugged terrain with breathtaking lakeside views, ample hikes and warm cabins. The MSR facility is located atop Casper Mountain in Wyoming and also features awe-inspiring views, a renowned trail system and rustic cabins.

Beyond the sheer beauty of the physical locations of our camps, our staff cares deeply about creating the best possible experience for each and every camper! Committed to eight weeks of summer camp ministry, each staff member exudes expertise and passion in his or her activity, whether it be instructing a first-time climber, preparing food in the cafeteria or counseling a cabin full of young people. Ultimately, each of us in the youth department and every staff member strive to point people to Jesus.

“God will meet you where you are in order to take you where He wants you to go.”

~Tony Evans
member that we hire wholeheartedly commits to the driving philosophy that we exist to “make it easy for kids to know God” by “committing to create opportunities that allow us to spend quality time with young people.”

At summer camp, the time that we spend with young people primarily occurs as they participate in exciting, nature-based activities. The activities at GVR include indoor and outdoor swimming, canoeing, paddle boarding, horseback riding, primitive skills, team sports, rock climbing, mountain biking, arts and crafts and more! At MSR, campers enjoy the mountain top facility and activities including horseback riding, mountain biking, arts and crafts, team sports, and more!

Please see the following page for camp dates, age categories and prices. Please note this year’s REGISTRATION DEADLINES. Campers may not register beyond the deadline listed for each session and walk ups cannot be accepted. These deadlines are at Glacier View Ranch only and do not apply to Mills Spring Ranch. For more information on the specific camps and/or activities and to register for summer camp, visit: www.rmcyouth.org/camp

Camps sessions fill on a first come, first serve basis and the spots go quickly. Sign up today!

-- Kiefer Dooley

Wyoming Camp Meeting Update » Multiple dates have been announced for the Wyoming Camp Meeting, which require clarification. The 2018 Wyoming Camp Meeting begins Tuesday night July 17 and continues through July 21. Mid-America Ministerial Director, Mic Thurber will be the featured speaker.

Alaysha Harris Joins RMC Communications for Internship » For ten weeks during her summer break from Union College, Alaysha Harris is joining the Rocky Mountain Conference communication team as a 2018 intern. Before joining the RMC office, she commented that her objective is to compare and expand her knowledge of communication and capabilities to help prepare her for the real world.

Alaysha plans to graduate from Union in December 2019.

Upcoming Events

- NE Town Hall, Campion
  - May 19
- Hispanic Public Evangelism
  - May 20
- Pathfinder Fair -- Torrington, WY
  - May 20
- Hispanic Public Evangelism
  - May 20-26
- MHA Graduation
  - May 26, 8:30 p.m.
- Campion Graduation
  - May 27, 10 a.m.
- Memorial Day -- Office Closed
  - May 28
- Hispanic INTEL Class
  - June 1, 2
- NE Colorado Camp Meeting
  - 7 p.m., June 1, 2
- Staff Meeting
  - June 4
- Executive Committee
  - June 5, 9:30 a.m.
- NW Town Hall -- Grand Junction
  - June 9
- Hispanic Prayer Ministry Training
  - June 10-12
- Hispanic Town Hall -- Denver South Hispanic
  - June 16
- GVR Board
  - June 19, 9:30 a.m.
- RMC Property & Trust
  - June 20, 9:30 a.m.
with a B.A. in Communication with an emphasis in Public Relations.

“I believe that working as an intern in the RMC communication office will help me grow in various ways. I am looking to challenge myself so that I may be better equipped for future experiences in the communication field. I am excited to widen my knowledge in journalism and continue to use the talents that God has blessed me with,” said Alaysha.

She was born and raised in Denver, Colorado, where she attends Church at Park Hill whenever she comes to her home city. After graduating from high school at Mile High Academy in May, 2015, she then went on to further her education in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Harris mentions, that her college experience was not at all what she had imagined for herself. She switched her major a total of three times, going from marketing, to education, then finally reaching her calling in communications. “The process was challenging, but I believe that I am on the path that God has laid out for me,” said Harris. She is grateful for this opportunity to work as an intern and is eager to grow and learn through the guidance of RMC communication director, Rajmund Dabrowski, and will work also alongside communication assistant, Carol Bolden.

“From our past internships in communication in our conference we have appreciated a two-way benefit. The interns are exposed to how the church works and participate in practicing methods that go beyond their education. The conference gets quality tutoring in the life and culture of the Millennials,” comments Dabrowski.

“Union College always sends us the best and creative students in the past and Alaysha, who comes with great recommendations, follows in their footsteps. We are looking forward to a great summer,” he added.

Alaysha is RMC’s third communication intern since 2015, following other Union College communication students, Katie Morrison and Stefani Leeper.

--RMCNews; photo by Rajmund Dabrowski
Tithes Continue an Upward Course Throughout RMC  

The Rocky Mountain Conference has just received the tithe report through April of this year. According to George Crumley, RMC VP for finance, “Our base tithe which is the tithe that does not include what we call windfalls, which we budget separately, is up 14.57 percent year-to-date. Windfall refers to significant tithe that results from an uncommon event such as the sale of a business. The Rocky Mountain Conference Advance is up by 6.13 percent through April of this year.”

“We are encouraged by the strong giving we are seeing early in the year and want to express our deep appreciation to our church members for their faithfulness to the Lord with their tithes and offerings,” Crumley added.

Crumley also announced that on May 23, the RMC treasury is convening an “Abundant Blessings Committee” aimed at looking at the flow of tithe and the development of ideas to inform and encourage church members regarding tithes and offerings. “Faithfully returned tithe comes with the promised blessings that accrue to each of us when we are faithful with the Lord,” Crumley commented.

The implementation of this committee is the result of a desire expressed at RMC Constituency Session in July 2017 to give greater attention to informing and educating church members on how tithes and offerings are distributed by the Conference. The committee plans to meet later in the year to evaluate the initiatives that have been implemented and determine the direction for the next six months, Crumley said.

“We believe that the potential is great that the results from this committee can become a blessing within our region,” Crumley added.

--RMCNews

Role Players Needed for Active Shooter Prevention Event  

Colorado Volunteer Mobilizer, an organization that works to notify volunteers who are interested in becoming involved in the case of an event regarding an accident, intentional emergency, or a health care disaster, is offering a volunteer opportunity to anyone interested.

Volunteers willing to role play in an active shooter exercise are needed on June 6 and June 20. Cathy Kissner, a member of the VOAD, volunteer organization active in disasters, states the purpose of this drill is to “prepare officials and law enforcement for an active shooter incident.

The event will take place at a Denver Public School.
Specifics on the location will be given to those who RSVP. The affairs will begin at 7:00 am and go until 2:30 pm, when breakfast and lunch will be provided.

The preferred age is 14 years or older, although those who are 12 and 13 years young may be approved through further discussion with Jenn Scott. Children who are 18 years and younger must have a waiver signed by a legal parent or guardian in order to participate.

If you are interested in this opportunity involved, please RVSP to Scott at Jenn.Scott@ccaurora.edu before Monday June 4 and June 18.

--Alaysha Harris

Selfless Respect for Others Awards Presented to 20 Vista Ridge Academy Students » Selfless Respect for Others certificates were received by 20 Vista Ridge Academy students during the first annual SRO Award Luncheon, May 12.

Two students from each grade were selected by their peers for the event and awards were presented by School Resource Officer Jamie Alary and Officer Cara Thoen from the Erie Police Department.

Vista Ridge Academy was one of seven schools in the Town of Erie to participate in this event.

Officers Alary and Thoen decided on Selfless Respect for Others using the same acronym as School Resource Officer. The purpose of the event is to recognize the students that do good things in and outside of school by showing selfless respect for others in everything that they do.

During the event, Officers Alary and Thoen answered questions from the students who learned what gear the officers wear every day and that it weighs between 30 and 40 pounds. They also had the opportunity to hear dispatchers announce that there were several goats on a road outside of town. And they learned Officer Thoen’s preferred greeting method is a fist bump.

After the students received their certificates, Officer Alary invited the students to see their police cars.

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 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.
“We wanted to reach out and meet a lot of the kids that we don’t get an opportunity to, because often times in our jobs, we’re dealing with criminal things happening in the schools, unfortunately. This was our opportunity to connect with kids and let them know that we’re here for them and open up lines of communication between them and the police department and us,” said Officer Alary.

According to Marsha Bartulec, VRA vice principal, the school plans to participate in the Selfless Respect for Others event next year. The school was privileged to work with the police officer> officer Alary and Thoen also enjoyed working with Vista Ridge Academy this year, Marsha said.

“We love working with Vista Ridge Academy and how open they are to ideas. We saw how effective and amazing the school was with the Anti-Bullying Day. None of the other schools went all out like that. It was amazing to come out to the school,” said Officers Alary and Thoen.

--RMCNews with Marsha Bartulec; photos by Marsha Bartulec

Lighthouse Eighth Graders Experience Jeeping Adventure » When Pastor Bell envisioned a Leadership Program this school year for Lighthouse grades 5-8, he invited Pastor Ed Barnett to share an inspirational message on leadership with our students. At the end of the program, Pastor Barnett mentioned to Pastors Bell and Lopes how neat it is that Lighthouse has five athletic, adventurous, and outstanding gentlemen in eighth grade. It was then that he got the idea to take them jeeping (Pastor Barnett's daring hobby).
On Thursday May 10, the graduating class of young men were honored with a day of adventure. This day not only provided outdoor fun; it showed our graduates how much their leaders love and care for them in a genuine way. "When mentors take the time to interact with youth in innovative and unpretentious ways, it makes a world of difference, leading them to ask questions such as; 'If I matter this much to these leaders, how much do I matter to God? How much do I care about myself? What am I going to do in my life that will honor myself, my family, my school, and my community?"

Additional adult leaders, Pastor Lopes, Fernando Marquez senior (and wife Adrianna and preschooler Miley), stepped-up to join in the adventure, saying “We’re celebrating your accomplishments too. We are proud of you and we support you in your next journey in life.”, Dr. and Mrs. McClure, and Steve Hamilton, conference youth director joined Pastor Barnett to create a caravan of four jeeps.

The day held far more fun, thrill, and scare than one would imagine! Steve unlocked the gate near the church’s youth camp which leads to Miller Jeep Trail. This trail presented tight spots, river fording, cliffs, chasms, boulders and mighty ruts! At times, Fernando’s Rubicon was roped-in to Steve’s Rubicon, and Ralph’s classic 1970s Jeep was “held” onto the side of the cliff by Don and Fernando’s arms, to keep it from tipping down the rock face! Although this may sound insane to hear—all those along say it was safe because of teamwork, and the expertise of Barnett and Hamilton.
Campion Biology Class Visits Moab » The sophomore class of 2020 began the annual Moab trip two weeks ago, where students were given the opportunity to learn more about God's creation.

This biology trip has always been one that many students anticipate. According to past classes, visiting Moab is a memory that stays with them. Hannah, a senior, said, "I had a fun time in Moab since it was a time where I bonded with my classmates."

The sophomores had so much fun rafting in the Colorado River, exploring cliff dwellings, and hiking different trails. Each student had the chance to connect with others through kitchen duty, lab groups, and tent buddies.

Cade, a sophomore, said, "We went around the campfire and talked about what we were grateful for and it felt like my class bonded. It made me realize that friends really do make a difference and that people are important."

Another student, Delanie commented, "I liked the Sabbath hike to the Delicate Arch because we got to clear our minds and enjoy the nature."

Preschool Son Inspires Mom to Pray » The young mother sat in silent desperation, quickly sorting through all possible solutions. There were none!
And the clock was ticking. She had just delivered her son to Little Lambs Learning Center (LLLC), a preschool facility in Grand Junction, for the day. Returning to her vehicle and turning the key, she was met with a troubling silence. Nothing. Not even a rumble from the motor. And she was due at work in a few minutes. What to do? Sitting there thinking, she remembered what her son had recently said, something he had learned at preschool, where dedicated Christian teachers guide and teach the children each day. "Mom," he said, "I can talk to Jesus anytime I need Him. I can just stop everything and pray right then and get an answer! Just anytime, Mom!"

Despite the newness of it, Mom prayed "right then", and then tried the car again, turning the key. The engine started up right away. She was surprised to be able to drive to her destination and to schedule a vehicle checkup under much improved circumstances.

This mother shared her story with her child’s LLLC teacher, Rachel Marquez, and gave permission for the story to be shared.

LLLC is a mission to children and their families, associated with the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Grand Junction. If you want to get to know us better, check out this internet address in your browser: https://bit.ly/2rKCJpz

The Grand Junction Church, with close to 150 active members, has raised $1.2 million toward the building of the newly-completed LLLC facility and continues to work toward funding the last $200,000 Any extra funds coming in above that will go directly to the $1.7 million still owed for the overall campus.

Precious children and young families are reached and blessed each day through this wonderful nonprofit Seventh-day Adventist organization and its neighboring school and church.

-- Sylvia Barton; photo by Paul Sturges

BOOK REVIEW

Make Your Voice Heard in Heaven, How to Pray with Power, by Barry C. Black, Chaplain of the United States
When Barry Black was asked to deliver the keynote address at the 2017 National Prayer Breakfast, he was stunned. Former keynote speakers had, after all, included the likes of Reverend Billy Graham and Mother Teresa. Even as he said he’d be “delighted to serve in any way,” he was already whispering a prayer for help. “Lord, I surely do need you. And I need you now.”

US Senate chaplain Barry Black’s powerful 2017 National Prayer Breakfast address received loud cheers and brought thousands of attendees to their feet. “Prayer that will be heard in heaven,” he told them, “is about God’s kingdom, God’s glory, God’s power, not our own,” he said. “We must start [our prayers] by calling upon God—the one who holds the ultimate power.”

During the three months he had to prepare, he began to “sleep, eat, think, walk, and talk about prayer.” His book grew out of this experience of preparation. In fifteen chapters, Black shares his “observations and advice about how to pray with power and make your voice heard in heaven.”

Having come from the inner city, Black knew what he was talking about. As a child, at his mother’s insistence, he began to memorize Scripture which kindled in him a desire to know the Author of the book which held these verses that were guiding his life. With little education, yet with boundless foresight, his mother inoculated Black and his siblings against the many negative influences and lurking pitfalls of the “hood” where he was born and raised.

On that July day in 2003, when Black offered his first prayer as official Senate chaplain, his knees were no longer shaking as they had been the first time he offered prayer as guest chaplain. In his prayer, he spoke of the inescapable laws of sowing and reaping. “In our work, we may plant and water, but God gives the increase,” he asserts.

“With the assistance of the Holy Spirit, I daily attempt to remind our lawmakers of God’s providential power over the course of the nation—and the nations” Black explains in the book’s first chapter, “Pray With Assistance.”

In the chapter, “Pray With Fervency,” Black asks a college professor what surprises he had encountered in his lifetime. His answer was that students from great backgrounds sometimes don’t succeed as well as some who come from challenging and impoverished environments. As Black explores this phenomenon, he concludes that the
discrepancy is the result of earnest effort (or lack of it). This truth also bears out in prayer. Since we are accountable to God for our efforts, we must pray in earnest because “the earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.”

Many nuggets of wisdom are liberally sprinkled throughout Black’s book, making its reading an excavation of sorts. The reader will find chapters on praying with submission, with intimacy, with effectiveness and praying when God is silent. If you want to learn how to pray prayers that God will hear, Chaplain Barry C. Black’s book is a must-read.

--Carol Bolden

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**Cowboy, Wyoming**

- July 11-15
- July 17-21

**Speaker:** Clifford Goldstein

- Silver Jack Reservoir
- Mills Spring Ranch

**Western Slope**

- August 1-4

**Speaker:** Mike Ryan

- Mountaintop Retreat

**Hispanic**

- Aug 31-Sept 3

**Glacier View Ranch**
SABBATH SERVICES AT YELLOWSTONE

Rocky Mountain Pastors will be at Yellowstone National Park beginning 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

Campion Academy » Campion's Student Association (SA) Picnic and Pops Concert will be held May 20 at North Lake Park at Lake Loveland.

Edwin Gallagher Memorial Service » A memorial service for Edwin Gallagher will take place at 3 p.m., June 2 at Denver South Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Ed Gallagher held many positions in the Colorado,Wyoming and Eastern Slope Seventh-day Adventist churches, schools, and hospitals.

Gallagher passed away in New Zealand in December 2017. Denver South Church is located at 2675 South Downing Street, Denver CO 80210.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
H.O.P.E. Prayer Summit » Featuring James Black from NAD Prayer Ministries, this prayer summit will be held September 7-9 at Glacier View Ranch.

Annual RMC Women's Retreat » Heather-Dawn Small, GC Women's Ministry Director will speak at the annual retreat September 28-30 at Glacier View Ranch.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Voice of Prophecy Openings » Full-Time Bible School Department Assistant. This full-time staff member will operate the Discover Distributor Student Record System, manage Discover Bible School records, answer telephones and perform general departmental office duties.

Part-Time Bible School Department Assistant. Primary tasks will include grading correspondence Bible lessons, answering phone calls and general secretarial duties.

Rocky Mountain Conference » The Rocky Mountain Conference has an immediate opening for a part-time Maintenance Coordinator. The Maintenance Coordinator will plan, direct and control the overall maintenance of the facility’s physical plant. This position must perform or oversee electrical, plumbing, carpentry, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, refrigeration and other technical tasks. For information regarding duties, qualifications and how to apply, please visit our website at: http://www.rmcsda.org/hr-maintenance-coordinator

The Rocky Mountain Conference has an immediate opening for a Field Representative in its Planned Giving and Trust Services department. In this position, the employee will visit and fulfill requests for assistance in estate planning, including information gathering and execution of documents. For information about duties/responsibilities, qualifications and how to apply, please visit the job posting on our website at http://www.rmcsda.org/hr-field-representative-trust-services.

HMS Richards Elementary » Located on the campus of Campion Academy, HMS Richards Elementary School is looking for a part-time preschool teacher for the upcoming school year, 2018-2019. 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.

Glacier View Ranch » GVR has several positions to fill for summer camp, June 3 - July 31 in housekeeping and
laundry. These are temporary, full-time positions. Qualified applicants will have either completed high school or be at least 18 by the time camp begins. If you know of responsible, interested individuals, please have them contact our summer camp director, Kiefer Dooley, at 870-688-8508 or kieferd@rmcsda.org. Information is also available on our website at http://rmcyouth.org/

Delta School » The Delta school is seeking a K – 8 teacher for the 2018-19 school year. To apply, go to the union website: http://adventisteducation.org/employment/opportunities?category=4 or contact the Rocky Mountain Conference education department.

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 school: http://www.gdsysd.com/Home/IndexEnglish.

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

Student Literature Evangelist Coordinator » Joe Martin has announced that he will be retiring this June. "We're sorry Joe is retiring," said Ed Barnett, RMC president. "He has big shoes to fill and we are looking for someone to fill them. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact our office at 303-282-3635 and ask for Human Resources.

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NewsNuggets Archive Now Online » The NewsNuggets archive is now online, and can be found at https://www-rmcsda-org.netadvent.org/newsnuggets-
FROM THE EDITOR

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.

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,
Share the NewsNuggets with your congregation » Add a note to your church bulletin or newsletter with the following URL: [www.bit.ly/RMCnews](http://www.bit.ly/RMCnews)

Members can follow the link to sign up for weekly news and to keep up-to-date on what's happening around the Rocky Mountain Conference.

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