



## WHAT HAPPENED IN 2025?

### JANUARY

- Staff to ELCA Network Extravaganza in Louisville, KY

### FEBRUARY

- Midwest Recruiting Trip
- Annual Meeting

### MARCH

- Tyler attends Wilderness First Responder Course

### APRIL

- Welcomed Missie Bonser
- Farewell and sending of Pr. Bekah and family

### MAY

- Welcomed Angie McDonald
- Summer Staff Arrive/Staff Training
- Memorial Day Work Weekend

### JUNE

- BBQ & Bluegrass Event
- Welcomed Sky High Hope Camp
- First Campers of the Summer!

### JULY

- Inaugural Mountain Movers Week
- 5 Denver Immersion groups
- Jam-packed WEEK 8

### AUGUST

- Staff Closing and Blessing
- Sky Ranch Board Retreat
- Faith Formation Co-op Training

### SEPTEMBER

- Busy Hosted Ministry Month!
- Synod Theological Conference

### OCTOBER

- Behrens/Green Wedding
- Alumni Retreat

### NOVEMBER

- Tyler attends Leadership Training Event
- LOM Grant presentation
- Executive Director transition

### DECEMBER

- Colorado Gives Day!
- Missie named Interim Executive Director

# SKY RANCH LUTHERAN CAMP

## 2025 ANNUAL REPORT

### INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT: MISSIE BONSER

#### WHAT I EXPERIENCED

- The first 2 quarters saw significant staff transition (Office Manager and Youth and Outreach Program Director) and last minute pushes to acquire staff and increase camper numbers, especially midsummer weeks.
- Parents who shared their children with us- many for the first time, many who had heavy emotions about being away from home, in the unknown and who were blessed by our staff and the resources from our Lutheran Outdoor Ministry (LOM) diversity grant.
- Congregational leaders who brought groups our way, from places like Cheyenne, Denver, Madison, Omaha, Salt Lake City, Thousand Oaks, Billings, Farmington, Greeley, Windsor and Longmont. Those partnerships are a blessing as we seek to be collaborative in faith and life formation for the next generation.
- A beloved summer staff that looked a lot like those original followers of Jesus- passionate about their serving, energetic and creative, broken and bickering and weary. The best thing we could model and mentor is that discipleship is all about invitation (we love YOU just as you are) and challenge. We will always push you to grow and forgive, to find your voice and know your boundaries, and love radically- no matter what.
- Two almost completely different boards, from the one that called me in April to the one who called me to a new title, role and challenge at the end of December. Two boards full of faithful, hard working, talented and weary servants who LOVE this ministry. From the small remaining team who has picked up all the pieces these last 8 weeks, to the new board friends who said YES in a murky, complex and exciting new chapter, to those who God is preparing to say YES this spring to round us back out. God is out ahead of this...of that I'm sure.
- A talented, faithful and resilient year-round team of partners. A culture that brings out the best in me as a leader where we can be relational, accountable, eager for self-growth and passionate about the cause. Please celebrate, thank and pray for this crew as they continue to serve so faithfully.
- Loyal partners who showed up for Colorado Gives Day: \$15,000 one time DAY OF gifts, \$9600 in annual recurring gifts through CIRCLE OF RENEWAL campaign plus \$8200 in recurring gifts through Tithely. Congregational partners and year end donor gifts are helping us start 2026 with hope for the future and gratitude for generosity and support across miles and generations.

#### WHAT I'M IMAGINING

- Program-focused leadership: writing our own study, recruiting, presence
- Relational bridge-building with donors, families, congregations
- Listening...hearing the stories and learning the Sky Ranch DNA
- Culture development that is unapologetically Jesus-shaped
- Vision-casting for down the mountain encounters dreamed and led by our team
- Board support, development and vision-casting for exciting next chapters
- Accountability, transparency, faithful and brave stewardship

THANK YOU to those who believed in me to extend invitation one and who kept believing to invite me into this second interim. I'm humbled and honored to serve.

Blessed to be in the MIDDLE of it all with the SKY RANCH community...  
to walk alongside you for these next 8 months and to listen  
for what God is calling us to together.

*God has called us by name, set us on a solid basis, got us established  
and stayed with us to the end, completing what He begun.*

*With God on our side, how can we lose? -Romans 8:29-31 (MSG)*

## OPERATIONS AND PROPERTY DIRECTOR REPORT: JEFF FAIRFAX



**SKY RANCH'S MISSION IS TO FACILITATE  
AN ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST  
ON THE MOUNTAINTOPS.**

### Spring Opening

- Smooth first drive into camp thanks to a mild winter
- Minimal plowing needed following the City of Greeley opening the road
- Quick resolution of a few facility start-up hiccups
- Successful Memorial Day Work Weekend with many projects completed
- Huge thanks to the crew that ran the wood chipper, we cleared tons of fallen debris



### Fall Season Updates

- Three experienced Fall Hosts served this season:
  - Ayden Richmond, Nathan Buegler and Madi Baltrum
- Major Shower House renovation completed:
  - Removed leaking trough drains
  - Installed individual stall drains
  - Added tile and improved waterproofing
  - \$30,000 project fully funded by a generous donor
- Additional fall projects
  - Reapplied epoxy flooring in Christ Lodge
  - Updated lighting in lodge and began updating in cabins
  - Planning downstairs lodge room renovations
  - Planning main-floor lodge bathroom remodel
  - Continued focus on enhancing hospitality

### Summer Highlights

- Welcomed Johny as our Summer Cook (a wonderful late addition!)
- Johny made immediate impact during Environmental Education Week and staff training
- Led menu planning, food ordering, prep, serving, clean-up, and kitchen staff management
- Kitchen team (2-3 rotating staff weekly) worked long days:
  - Breakfast prep starting at 6:30am
  - Dinner clean-up and next-day prep wrapping around 8:00pm
- Strong kitchen leadership allowed for focus on broader camp operations
- Deep gratitude for all summer staff who made faith-filled mountain adventures possible



### Looking Ahead

- Preparing and planning for the 2026 season
- BPC Fireplace work will begin Spring 2026
- We are incredibly thankful for your continued support of this ministry. Because of you, lives are impacted on the mountain every season. We look forward to welcoming you to Sky Ranch soon!

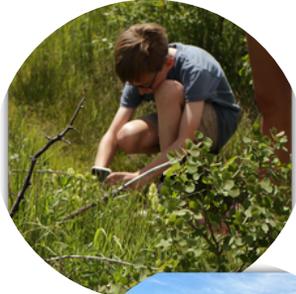
## YOUTH & OUTREACH PROGRAM DIRECTOR (INTERIM) REPORT: MISSIE BONSER, DEACON

### WHAT I EXPERIENCED

- Jumping into the DEEP END on April 1st to zoom meetings with our Traveling Day Camp (TDC) coordinators and the clergy partners, Pastors Katie Emery, Veronica Gould, Will Johnson and Joe Natwick, who gave our summer study, ANOTHER WAY, some gentle and creative edits and came up for almost a week of staff training to mentor our staff and write our theme song!
- Jumping for JOY to redesign and lead staff training with Tyler: welcoming our four coordinators and 16 counselors/support staff. We were small but mighty and each member of our team lived out the theme “Another Way” with all their steps, breaths, hearts and energy- being their most authentic selves, hungry to grow and learn, brave to share wild ideas that look like discipleship in action and changing the rules to be voices for justice and service in the world.
- The huge success of our new ELECTIVE MODEL which allowed our staff to share their passions and gave campers autonomy to choose their own daily adventure, building relationships outside their cabin groups and focusing on new things they wanted to experience (like guitar lessons, fort building, sandcastles and yoga.)
- Big weeks and small weeks, camper number-wise, but each week overflowing in energy, joy and learning to live life “ANOTHER WAY.”
- Off-season retreats that struggled to get traction, causing us to pause and reimagine.

### WHAT I'M DREAMING OF

- SUMMER STAFF recruiting: growing from 22 to 30 summer staff with creative, imaginative leadership roles and combination roles to match gifts and support the transition from two full-time program directors to one.
- Increasing our ONSITE CAMPER NUMBERS BY 30% FOR THE NEXT 3 YEARS. As of Feb 9th we've doubled the number of registrations from this time last year...this spring we're all about continuing that trajectory. Reaching out and inviting new communities to come and see.
- HARMONIZE : our summer theme. Creating it with local ministry partners and living into this word from the Spirit for the times we are living in.
- STAFF TRAINING: tweaks and integrations that will create the most equipped, connected, excited summer team.
- CROSSfit camps: gotta invite me out for coffee to hear more about it.
- Bringing back the Confirmation Immersion week and Staff in Training (SIT) week and program.
- Growth in CAMPER FIRST culture. Empowering campers to be in the spotlight for worship leadership, serving, creating their experiences, connecting in the community.
- DOWN THE MOUNTAIN ministry from September to April.
- MISSIONAL partnerships with Urban Servant Corps (USC), Wholly Kicks and Puerto Rico.



## TRAVELING DAY CAMP PROGRAM

Taking our summer theme ANOTHER WAY, down the mountain to 8 partner congregations, including 2 new to Sky Ranch TDC ministry brought fresh opportunities for our staff to bring our energy, radical hospitality, creativity and experience with worship, study, crafts and games to new communities. We're grateful to those saying YES to another season with us and eager to fill a few open weeks to complete the 2026 summer schedule.

### 2025 TDC Partner Congregations:

*Ascension Lutheran (Cheyenne, WY); Nativity Lutheran (Commerce City, CO); Lord of the Valley Lutheran (Granby, CO); Zion/Trinity/King of Glory Lutheran Churches (Loveland, CO); Holy Shepherd Lutheran (Lakewood, CO) Augustana Lutheran Church (Denver, CO); Joy Lutheran (Parker, CO); Faith Lutheran Church (Lander, WY)*

## HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT: TYLER STEWARDSON

**Sky Ranch's 2025 season** was vibrant and faith-filled, rooted in community and the gift of gathering in God's creation. Across camps, retreats, and environmental education, we remained committed to forming young people in faith and belonging—made possible by the generosity and partnership of our supporters.

High school programs flourished with the return of **"Ropes, Rafts, Rockies,"** welcoming youth from Saint Michael Lutheran Church and Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Participants experienced a two-day rafting expedition with Rocky Mountain Adventures, challenged themselves on the high ropes course, and hiked in the Comanche Peak Wilderness—encountering both adventure and spiritual growth.

**Denver Immersion** program expanded, hosting five congregational groups for urban education and service. Through our partnership with Urban Servant Corps and collaboration with local nonprofits, youth engaged in meaningful service and discovered how faith calls us to be light in communities near and far.

In November, participation in the **Leadership Training Event** at Lutheridge Camp and Conference Center strengthened our commitment to excellence in outdoor ministry and collaboration with peers nationwide.

### Looking ahead to 2026, our focus includes:

- Commitment to those we serve – Listening closely to campers and congregations to ensure our programs, spaces, and communication remain accessible, relevant, and welcoming.
- Deepening Environmental Education – Expanding curriculum, creatively utilizing our property, and strengthening ecological stewardship at 9,200 feet.
- Restoring a clear leadership pipeline – Rebuilding a tangible pathway: Camper → Staff-in-Training → Summer Staff → Leadership Staff.
- Thoughtful program growth – Renewing and reimagining programs needing fresh energy, including High Wilderness Backpacking.

Outdoor ministry is more than programming—it is faith formation, leadership development, and creating spaces where people are known, loved, and challenged. Thank you for being part of this shared work.

**Personal amongst professional** – In November, I was fortunate to attend the Leadership Training Event (LTE) hosted by LOM in North Carolina at Lutheridge Camp and Conference Center. The LTE was deeply beneficial to me both personally and professionally. It was enjoyable to learn and engage thoughtfully with optimal practices towards outdoor ministry, leadership development, and network alongside nationwide peers who are also living and breathing this work – a reminder that we are never tackling this ministry alone. And for that I am very grateful. The relationships formed and ideas exchanged at these events continue to shape how I approach my role at Sky Ranch.



**LEARN MORE: SKYRANCHCOLORADO.ORG**

## SKY RANCH'S BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT: LIZ HUFFMAN

### Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12

2025 was a year of growth and transition for Sky Ranch, and one in which we learned resilience and perseverance. While two full-time staff members made life transitions into new chapters, Sky Ranch had the opportunity to welcome two new staff members, who stepped into their new roles with perfect timing and have added many talents to our already strong and knowledgeable year-round staff. Missie Bonser stepped in as the Youth and Outreach Program Director, and with Tyler Stewardson, provided enlightening and inspiring programming for all of our campers. Angie McDonald, with a long passion and history herself with Sky Ranch, took over the office manager role in May and has provided a wealth of organizational management experience that has allowed for growth and new efficiencies in the office. Jeff Fairfax is a stalwart of our year-round staff and provides stability and quiet guidance through our summer and the rest of the year.

After a successful and inspiring summer, the fall brought yet more change. The departure of our Executive Director was unexpected, and we wish Lori well in the next chapters of her life. Missie Bonser stepped away from primary program director responsibilities and into the Interim Executive Director role, where she has met the new challenges with energy and grace.

As we move into 2026, we are all looking toward the possibilities that change brings. While change, especially when unexpected, can be intimidating and daunting, Romans 12:12 reminds us to be patient and prayerful through this time. While we do not know what the future holds, we can be reassured that God has a plan for Sky Ranch and its ministry. While we patiently wait as the future unfolds, we are hopeful in these possibilities. Staff recruiting has had a strong start, and registrations for summer campers are growing. The staff continue in their planning to create an impactful summer full of experiences that will create lifelong memories.

I remain forever grateful for the unwavering commitment of those who love Sky Ranch and outdoor ministry; it is evident that Sky Ranch has left an indelible mark on many. The outpouring of offers of support and love during our time of transition has been phenomenal. We are excited for what the future holds—rebuilding and building relationships, including our alumni who keep the Sky Ranch spirit alive near and far, exploring new possibilities as we enter the recruitment process for the Executive Director, and exploring new approaches to meet the ever-changing needs of a new generation of campers. Through it all, we remember there is a greater plan, and, through prayerful patience, all will be revealed.

### ALUMNI RETREAT- OCT. 17-19, 2025

Our time together on the mountain brought reconnection, thoughtful updates on Sky Ranch's journey, and a renewed sense of momentum. This year's retreat at Sky Ranch was about more than inspiration—it was about action. Gathering around the campfire reminded us why this place and this community mean so much—stories shared, laughter echoed, and ideas sparked. But we also focused on what's next. A key priority that emerged was intentionally growing and strengthening our alumni network—not just reconnecting, but re-engaging. During the retreat, the group worked together to begin building a comprehensive list of past staff members. Identifying and reconnecting with those who have invested their time and talents in Sky Ranch is a major goal moving forward. We believe their experience, leadership, and heart for the mission are essential to the future of this ministry. Together, we dreamed big, created constructive ideas, and explored meaningful ways to strengthen alumni engagement and deepen our connection to Sky Ranch's mission.

"Thank you to everyone who helped make this retreat such a memorable and inspiring experience. The mountain moved us, the community energized us, and the future looks brighter than ever". - Josh Williams, Secretary

## 2025 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT: BEN CLAYPOOL

	Budget 2026	Actual 2025	Budget 2025	Actual 2024
<b>INCOME</b>				
Church Support	72,000	112,612.47	94,762.00	80,700.57
Individual Support	120,000.00	209,138.49	185,000.00	213,255.62
Grants & Matched Giving	-	7,500.00	120,000.00	29,303.45
Program Ministry	368,080.00	265,895.00	429,665.00	247,875.74
Designated, Interest	-	-	22,000.00	36,746.06
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>560,080.00</b>	<b>595,145.96</b>	<b>841,427.00</b>	<b>607,881.44</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Program Ministry	165,020.00	-	534,767.95	381,650.00
Property & Facility	91,488.00	-	95,088.00	279,500.00
Staff & Benefits	441,343.16	-	162,800.00	319,738.00
Professional	125,113.40	-	80,322.00	10,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>822,964.56</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>872,977.95</b>	<b>990,888.00</b>
<b>GAIN/(LOSS) TOTAL</b>	<b>(262,884.56)</b>	<b>(-)</b>	<b>(31,550.95)</b>	<b>(383,006.56)</b>

2025 was a year of significant change for Sky Ranch. As the organization moves forward into 2026, it is transitioning the financial reporting from internal management to an external company in an effort to expedite and improve the reporting process. A new dedicated account for those who wish to give to dedicated projects with Sky Ranch has been opened along with a new local brokerage account to manage asset based gifts. Additionally, an internal shared cloud drive has been created to process and store financial recordkeeping. This new approach will allow for 2026 financials and a 2025 lookback to be completed as the year progresses. -Ben Claypool, Treasurer

**CAMPERS FROM 44 DIFFERENT CHURCH CONGREGATIONS**

**17 HOSTED MINISTRY GROUPS**

**2 NEW YEAR-ROUND STAFF MEMBERS**

**198 EARLY BIRD CAMPERS**

**217 CAMPERS FROM 13 DIFFERENT STATES**

**1019 GROUP PARTICIPANTS**

**HOSTED MINISTRY RENTALS**

## 2025 SUMMER STAFF - LIVING LIFE "ANOTHER WAY"

### TO OUR BELOVED SUMMER STAFF:

THANK YOU! We pray that your YES transformed you, challenged you, created a safe place to come and be poured into as you poured out week after week.

The work was hard and may have felt fruitless at times but as all of us who have been shaped by our own time serving in a camp community can attest, it's WORTH IT- the experience will continue to be part of your faith and life journey until your final breath. AND you shaped lives in ways that you may never know...you planted seeds, loved campers to new places in their journey and made God smile!



Marquise Aaron	Johnny Fox	Ingrid Marston
Madi Baltrum	Abbie Fuchs	Isabelle Matthies
Grayson Bobb	Emma Gamber	Norah McDonald
Arden Bode	Cayden Hopkins	Jessica Nuttall
Abenet Coltvet	Johny Hyback	Mason Opfer
Zach Cox	Peti Gombacz	Ayden Richmond
Arabella England		Mae Volk
Hiram de Jesus Dominguez		Charlie West

## 2025 GIFTS TO SKY RANCH LUTHERAN CAMP

Sky Ranch is truly a stunning place within God's creation, inviting everyone to experience a community that is intentional, loving, and accepting. We can only offer this meaningful environment thanks to the financial and prayerful support from all of you. Your contributions allow us to keep camper fees affordable, making it possible for children to attend Sky Ranch.

### Comanche Peak (Above \$1,000)

Rod & Jane Arndt - Fort Collins, CO  
 Rob & Kristen Baltrum - Longmont, CO  
 David & Karen Barber - Loveland, CO  
 Louis & Kathy Barber - Siren, WI  
 Bob & Elaine Beckman - Fraser, CO  
 Pastor David & Leanne Beety - Vergas, MN  
 Fred & Carolyn Benco - Honolulu, HI  
 Thomas & Susan Bendorf - Owatonna, MN  
 Robert Berg - Conifer, CO  
 Nathan & Elizabeth Blom - Parker, CO  
 Rebekah Call - Stillwater, MN  
 James Coffin - Cheyenne, WY  
 Charles & Marthann Dahlen - Loveland, CO  
 Lou Ann DeLozier - Fort Collins, CO  
 Jay & Pam Fairfax- Cape Coral, FL  
 Carl Guthals - Aurora, CO  
 Ben & Kim Haugestuen - Fort Collins, CO  
 Vicki Johnson- Loveland, CO  
 Marcus & Elizabeth Kochis - Colorado Springs, CO  
 Severt & Mary Kvamme - Arvada, CO  
 Cheryl Matthews - Omaha, NE  
 Hunter & Janet McDaniel - Boulder, CO  
 Rusty & Kim McDaniel - Fort Collins, CO  
 Tad & Angela McDonald - Wellington, CO  
 Joe & Becca Natwick - Severance, CO  
 RC & Kay Reiman - Cheyenne, WY  
 Garth Rogers - Fort Collins, CO  
 Barnet & Barbara Schranck - Lakewood, CO  
 Eric & Julie Schranck - Parker, CO  
 Newton & Ann Seitzinger - Fort Collins, CO  
 Scott & Ruth Sprain - Loveland, CO

For those who may struggle to pay the fee, your generosity provides the opportunity for a child to enjoy a week of camp. Sky Ranch remains committed to partnering with parents, congregations, and individuals to ensure that no child is turned away from camp due to financial barriers.

Denise & Gary Stewardson - North Logan, UT  
 Darlene & Rueben Swanson Foundation  
 Christine & Isaac Taylor - Brandon, MS  
 Michael & Brigette Weier - Sandy, UT  
 Mike & Margaret Williams - Highlands Ranch, CO  
 Greg Zwicke - Fort Collins, CO

### Crown Point Donors (\$500-\$999)

Lori & Bo Bode - Wellington, CO  
 Joel Buck-Gengler - Longmont, CO  
 Nancy & Fred Dorth - Longmont, CO  
 Bryce Wilkinson Foundation - Westminster, CO  
 Bruce & Janet Harshberger - Loveland, CO  
 Mark & Shontelle Hegge - Louisville, CO  
 Paul & Nancy Judson - Longmont, CO  
 Greg Langehaug - Roseville, CA  
 William & Linda McCann - Loveland, CO  
 Duane Menken - Fort Morgan, CO  
 Kevin Meyer - Buckeye, AZ  
 Gerald & Delores Mueller - Aurora, CO  
 John & Stephanie Nelson - Bloomington, MN  
 Rhett Osborne - Fort Collins, CO  
 Ed & Doreen Painz - Brighton, CO  
 Jon & Wendy Sawyer - Fort Collins, CO  
 Danalee Simon - Salt Lake City, UT  
 Andy & Erin Sprain - Fort Collins, CO  
 Tim & Mary Verner - Parkville, MO  
 Cristin Westbrook - Kissimmee, FL



## FRIENDS OF THE MOUNTAIN - GIFTS IN 2025 (CONTINUED)

### Signal Mountain Donors (\$250-\$499)

Daniel Baxter - Victor, ID  
 Daniel Chell - New York, NY  
 Milfred Christensen - Lincoln, NE  
 Mykala Coe- Madison, WI  
 Jeff & Madeline Fairfax - Wellington, CO  
 Heidi Gamber - Longmont, CO  
 Stacie Hanson - Denver, CO  
 Krista Harris - Aurora, CO  
 Nathaniel Judisch - Royersford, PA  
 Craig Larson - Littleton, CO  
 Eric Olsen - Fort Collins, CO  
 Tom & Beth Olson - Omaha, NE  
 Jeffrey Partridge - Rapid City, SD  
 David Patrick - Snellville, GA  
 Randy & Tracy Pfeiff - Eaton, CO  
 Rick & Lindsay Reiten - Greeley, CO  
 Steve & Suzanne Rye - West Lafayette, IN  
 Darwin Schwartz - Greeley, CO  
 Heather Strayer - Green Bay, WI  
 Hope Wolf - Fort Collins, CO

### Mummy Pass Donors (\$100-249)

Dennis & Barbara Ahlman - Littleton, CO  
 Rebecca Albright - Palmer Lake, CO  
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 Kevin Beebe - Mount Vernon, WA  
 Beverly Berardinelli - Albuquerque, NM  
 Darlene Borgmann - Longmont, CO  
 John & Julie Brenny- Bloomington, MN  
 Wayne & Nita Kay Carlson- Lindsborg, KS  
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 Rev Milbern Goetz - Greeley, CO  
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 Eleanor & Delmar Haughey - Fort Collins, CO  
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 Jay & Kim Hohensee - Broomfield, CO  
 Liz Huffman - Lakewood, CO  
 Dave & Nellie Jarvis - Colorado Springs, CO  
 Ingrid Johnson  
 Steve Johnson - Cottage Grove, MN  
 Mayme Benson-Johnson - Cottage Grove, MN  
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 Robert Kuehner - Broomfield, CO  
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 William & Kathryn Reents - Loveland, CO  
 Sharon Rogers - Fort Collins, CO  
 Angela Ruehle - Racine, WI  
 Mark Sather - Huffman, TX  
 Jeff Stahla - Loveland, CO  
 Bob & Nena Steger  
 Marleen Swanson - Denver, CO  
 Catherine Thompson - Laporte, CO  
 Alan & Carolyn Wiechmann - Parker, CO  
 Greg & Kelly Winter - Greeley, CO  
 Laura Wouters - Los Alamos, NM  
 Phyllis Zimmerman - Loveland, CO

**REV FRANK H  
 REISINGER III  
 SEMINARY STAFF  
 ENDOWMENT  
 FUND**

Cheryl  
 Reisinger  
 Matthews  
 - Omaha, NE

## PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

These organizations provided our campers and staff places, access, and opportunities to facilitate our mission up and down the mountain. Thank you to all who were involved with our mission to love all of God's people.

**Urban Servant  
 Corps**  
 Denver, CO

**Rocky Mountain  
 Adventures**  
 Fort Collins, CO

**City of Greeley**  
 Water Department

**Augustana  
 Lutheran Church**  
 Denver, CO

**Trinity Lutheran  
 Church**  
 Fort Collins, CO

**Zion Lutheran  
 Church**  
 Loveland, CO

**LuMin @ CSU**  
 Fort Collins, CO

**Bethel Lutheran  
 Church**  
 Windsor, CO

**Jerusalem Road**  
 Fort Collins, CO

## 2025 LOM DIVERSITY GRANT UPDATE

Over the years, Sky Ranch has recognized the importance of enhancing the camp experience for neurodiverse youth. The Lutheran Outdoor Ministry (LOM) Diversity grant allowed us to take meaningful steps forward in supporting all of our campers. The 2025 summer was our first opportunity to use funds from the grant to help campers who are neurodiverse feel safe, supported, and comfortable as they participated in activities alongside their cabinmates. Grant funds were used to provide sensory headphones, a variety of handheld fidgets, sensory boards, weighted lap bags and differentiated seating options in cabins and gathering spaces. These additions helped create calming, flexible environments where every camper could thrive and enjoy camp. We look forward to continue this important work. We are grateful for this opportunity and extend our sincere thanks to LOM for their generous support.

**Reconciling Works  
 Reconciling in Christ  
 Partner**



Sky Ranch  
 Lutheran Camp

(Fort Collins, CO)

## FRIENDS OF THE MOUNTAIN - GIFTS IN 2025 (CONTINUED)

Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp has thrived for over sixty years, thanks to the generous gifts of time, talent, and resources from its supporters. In 2025, those who donate up to \$99 will be acknowledged as "Friends of Sky Ranch." Your support is genuinely valued – thank you for helping to make camp a reality!

### Friends of Sky Ranch (\$1 - \$99)

Tom & Kimberlee Bennett - Holyoke, CO	Kristin Jordheim - Denver, CO
Rick & Sandra Bilstad - Loveland, CO	Joseph & Debra Mahlberg - Loveland, CO
Emily Bishop - Cleveland, OH	John McCaughey - Loveland, CO
Leslie Bogema - Nora Springs, IA	Dan Miller - Strasburg, CO
Dan Bollman - Commerce City, CO	Jannine Mohr - Loveland, CO
Howard & Missie Bonser - Palmer Lake, CO	Dori Palcovich - Crystal River, FL
Werner & Suzanne Boos- Littleton, CO	Jonathan Palomaki - East Moline, IL
Doug Carriker - Wilmington, NC	Rick Reiten - Greeley, CO
Michael Conle - Loveland, CO	Lucille Rossbach - Washington Terrace, UT
Cindy Cunningham	Ann Schneider - Wallingford, CT
Kelly Eargle - Arvada, CO	Carrie Singer - Denver, CO
Jon & Brenda Fosse - Fort Collins, CO	Richard Thompson - Highlands Ranch, CO
Jordan Green - Highlands Ranch, CO	Cynthia Tiger - Loveland, CO
Kimberly & David Guinn - Arvada, CO	Marnay Von Bernuth - Fort Collins, CO
Brad & Mary Hall - Longmont, CO	David & Ingrid Waggoner
Herb & Vicki Hergott - Berthoud, CO	Richard Ward - Loveland, CO
David Hormann - Aiea, HI	Joshua Williams - Chicago, IL
Phyllis Hormann - Aiea, HI	DeeAnn Wilson - Loveland, CO
Jonathan Smela - Loveland, CO	

## BBQ & BLUEGRASS FUNDRAISING EVENT

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for our BBQ and Bluegrass Fundraiser. It was a true gift to gather in such a joyful spirit of fellowship and generosity. Your support reaches far beyond one evening. Because of you, our ministry continues to create sacred spaces where all can encounter Christ on the mountaintops—providing scholarships for children to experience camp, equipping caring young adults to serve our campers, and maintaining safe, welcoming places for all who come. We are deeply grateful for your partnership in lifting hearts and shining Christ's light on the mountaintops.

**We apologize for any errors or omissions in our giving categories. If you notice any discrepancies or prefer to be listed in a certain way, please notify the camp office at 970-493-5258 or [info@SkyRanchColorado.org](mailto:info@SkyRanchColorado.org)**

## COLORADO GIVES DAY

We are thrilled to share that Sky Ranch had \$15,000 one time, day of gifts \$9,600 in annual recurring gifts through the Circle of Renewal campaign. This is a testament to the power of community, and we are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed, spread the word, and supported us throughout the campaign. Thank you for helping us make a difference!

**SAVE THE DATE: Colorado Gives Day in 2026 is on Tuesday, December 8th.**

Rebecca Albright	Kelly Eargle	Tad & Angie McDonald
Caitlin Barrett	Jeff & Madeline Fairfax	John Nelson
Dave & Leanne Beety	David & Kathryn Gies	Eric Olsen
Beverly Berardinelli	Jordan Green	Keith Padgett
Lori Bode	Kimberly Guinn	Randy Pfeiff
Daniel Bollman	Mary Hall	Lon Robideaux
Missie Bonser	Stacie Hanson	Angela Ruehle
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Monica & Matthew Christenson	Ingrid Johnson	Jonathan Smela
Ben Claypool	Kristin Jordheim	Erin Sprain
Nancy & Fred Dorth	Nathaniel Judisch	Nena Steger
Lisa Dunworth	Mary Kvamme	Christine Taylor



Laura Van Arsdale  
Tim Verner  
David Waggoner  
Ally Williams  
Josh Williams  
Michael Williams  
Greg Winter  
Gregory Zwicke  
Foundation Bryce Wilkinson

## 2025 VOLUNTEERS

We truly appreciate the commitment and enthusiasm of our volunteers at Sky Ranch! Their hard work and commitment are essential in ensuring the camp runs smoothly and effectively. From helping with summer preparations to supporting operations during busy seasons, our volunteers are vital in creating a welcoming and safe atmosphere for everyone. Whether it's during the April Work Weekend, Memorial Day Work Weekend, Staff Training, October Work Weekend, or other projects throughout the year, our volunteers consistently go the extra mile to support the camp and its mission. Their selfless efforts contribute to unforgettable experiences and joyful moments for everyone who visits Sky Ranch. A heartfelt thank you to all our amazing volunteers for your steadfast support and positive influence on our community!

## THRIVENT CHOICE

In the past 14 years, Sky Ranch has received over \$334,000 in Thrivent Choice Dollars. Your contributions through Thrivent Choice are actively bringing generosity to life.

Kimberly Andrew  
Ronald Beckman  
Sonja Chestnut  
Nancy Dorth  
Steven Eulberg  
David Gies  
Jean Gifford  
Glenn Grandy

Patricia Grandy  
Bruce Harshberger  
Nathaniel Judisch  
Brian Kittelson  
Jane Lahman  
Linda Mac Neil  
John Markle  
Gerald Mueller

Joel Pancoast  
Sonja Pancoast  
David Patrick  
Donald Prickett  
Gordon Sandquist  
Herbert Simonds  
Douglas Smith  
Carl Sorensen

Ruth Sprain  
Scott Sprain  
Mary Staby  
Michael Steinle  
Lisa Sweeney  
Caroline Tietjen  
Theodore Tietjen  
Gregory Winter

## GIFT IN KIND DONATION

Sky Ranch expresses deep gratitude to those who donated time, skills, and supplies for enhancements over the past year. Contributions included facility upgrades, site maintenance, and medical supplies. The dedication of the Sky Ranch family significantly enriches the ministry. Thank you for your exceptional support!

Bob & Elaine Beckman  
Jeff & Madeline Fairfax  
Aaron & Nicole Johnson

## GIFT MATCHING

Matching gift programs can bring a significant contribution to our ministry. Inquire about becoming a matched giver; it may only involve submitting a form, yet it greatly benefits our ministry.

Tom & Susan Bendorf—Owatonna, MN  
Carol Barlett



## VOLUNTEER NURSES

Our summer truly could not function without the time and passion that our volunteer nurses give to us each week. **THANK YOU** for your willingness to keep us healthy up and down the mountain during our work and play! You mean the world to our ministry.

- Sarah Bailey
- Elaine Beckman
- Heidi Gamber x2
- Becky Houle
- Erin Sprain

Special Thank you to Dr. Margaret Lesage for being Sky Ranch's consulting physician.

**WE ARE IN SEARCH OF VOLUNTEER NURSES FOR THE UPCOMING SUMMER. IF YOU KNOW ANY REGISTERED NURSES WHO WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SERVING, PLEASE HAVE THEM REACH OUT TO THE FORT COLLINS OFFICE. (970) 493-5258**

## CONGREGATIONAL BENEVOLENCE

Abiding Hope - Littleton, CO  
All Saints Lutheran Church - Brush, CO  
Atonement Lutheran Church - Boulder, CO  
Atonement Lutheran Church - Lakewood, CO  
Bethel Lutheran Church - Windsor, CO  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church - Brush, CO  
Bethlehem Lutheran Church - Longmont, CO  
Christ the Servant Lutheran Church - Louisville, CO  
Cross of Christ Lutheran Church - Broomfield, CO  
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church - Denver, CO

First Evangelical Lutheran Church - Longmont, CO  
Holy Shepherd Lutheran Church - Lakewood, CO  
Joy Lutheran Church - Parker, CO  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church - Greeley, CO  
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - Fort Collins, CO  
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church - Holladay, UT  
Pisgah Lutheran Church - Lexington, SC  
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran - Fort Collins, CO  
Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church - Fort Collins, CO  
Trinity Lutheran Church - Fort Collins, CO  
Zion Lutheran Church - Loveland, CO

## IN MEMORY OF AND IN HONOR OF GIFTS

Thank you for choosing Sky Ranch as a way to celebrate and remember your loved ones. Every memorial gift received this year has helped support our mission and continue the legacy of those remembered. Your generosity ensures that their impact lives on, and we are deeply grateful for your thoughtful contribution.

### **Tim Barber**

Scott & Ruth Sprain  
Marnay Von Bernuth  
Mr & Mrs. Michael Conley  
Cindy Cunningham  
Richard & Sandra Bilstad  
John & Rhonda McCaughey  
William & Linda McCann  
Brenda & Jonathan Fosse  
Richard & Carol Ward

Cynthia Tiger  
Joseph & Debra Mahlberg  
Jannine Mohr  
DeeAnn Wilson  
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Marthann & Chuck Dahlen  
Fred Benco & Carolyn Ishikawa  
David Hormann  
Phyllis Hormann  
Dori Palcovich  
Louis & Kathy Barber

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**WE'RE HIRING!**  
SKY RANCH IS HIRING FOR OUR  
2026 SUMMER STAFF!  
[SKYRANCHCOLORADO.ORG/EMPLOYMENT](http://SKYRANCHCOLORADO.ORG/EMPLOYMENT)



**REGISTRATION IS  
OPEN FOR 2026!**  
[SKYRANCHCOLORADO.ORG/SUMMER-CAMPS](http://SKYRANCHCOLORADO.ORG/SUMMER-CAMPS)



**VOLUNTEERS!**  
**WORK WEEKENDS**  
MAY 22-25, 2026 Memorial Day Work Weekend  
OCTOBER 16-18, 2026 Camp Shutdown  
Register on our website at: [skyranchcolorado.org/work-weekends](http://skyranchcolorado.org/work-weekends)



**CAMP SUNDAYS!**  
**BRING A LITTLE CAMP TO YOUR  
CHURCH!**  
Call (970) 493-5258 to schedule a Sunday



**MAKE AN IMPACT!**

Join us in our mission to make a  
difference on the mountaintops!  
**GIVE S'MORE LOVE** →



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