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2025 FALL NEWSLETTER



A MESSAGE FROM LORI BODE

Executive Director

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Escaping to the Mountains, Encountering God

In today's "over-connected" world, the mountains of Sky Ranch is one of God's greatest gifts. It is in creation—where mountains rise, streams flow, and distractions fall away—that God often captures our attention. The mountains provide beauty, perspective, and space to encounter Christ in ways that change lives.

This summer at Sky Ranch, I was reminded again of the power of this sacred place.

Our theme, "Another Way," invited campers to consider what transformation looks like when we live authentically, honor the truths of others, and embrace the changes God calls us into. Away from the noise of daily life, campers experienced freedom: singing around campfires, laughing through skits, sharing highs and lows, leading worship, and praying for one another. Together, they discovered that trying something new—even something a little scary—is easier when you're encouraged by friends and held in God's love.



"God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble."

-Psalm 46:1-



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What makes camp so transformative is not only the setting, but also the people. Our young adult staff poured themselves into mentoring campers—sharing their faith, modeling community, and guiding them through both fun and faith-filled challenges. These leaders embody the next generation of the Church. Some may consider a calling in ministry, while others will live out their faith in different vocations. All of them carry forward the truth that God often gives us “another way” to serve, love, and lead.

Throughout Scripture, the wilderness has always been God’s classroom. Jesus himself used it to shape disciples into bold leaders, calling them to lives of deep commitment and transformation. In the same way, outdoor ministry continues to form people of all ages—teaching courage, strengthening faith, and nurturing the kind of community our world desperately needs.

Sky Ranch is a beautiful and intentional community where God’s presence is known in laughter, prayer, song, and silence. None of this is possible without you—your prayers, your gifts, and your commitment to walk alongside us. Thank you for supporting this ministry of forming faith and changing lives, one camper at a time.

God’s peace,

Lori B. Bode

Lori Bode (she, her, hers),
Executive Director



A message from our Board President - Liz Huffman



I joined the Sky Ranch Board of Directors in May 2020, right as the camp was navigating the challenges of Covid and wildfires. Now entering my sixth year of service, I consider it an honor and privilege to help guide the Board in supporting the mission and goals of Sky Ranch. This ministry has always inspired me—providing a safe and brave space for youth to explore, express, and grow in their faith as they journey toward young adulthood.

I grew up in Fisher, Illinois, and earned my BA in Elementary Education from Wartburg College before moving to Colorado to student teach. What began as a temporary move became permanent after meeting my husband, Keoki. My career started in teaching, but I soon felt called elsewhere. I went on to earn my MSW at the University of Denver and have spent the past 20+ years with Jefferson County Human Services as a social worker, trainer, coach, and supervisor.

Outside of work and camp, my greatest joy is my family. Keoki and I just celebrated our 20th anniversary, and we’re raising two active kids—Abbie, a competitive dancer and high school junior, and George, a middle schooler who plays lacrosse. We love time together at Copper Mountain, skiing, hiking, or just relaxing, and our two rescue dogs, Beau and Harper, are always along for the ride.

Serving Sky Ranch has been one of the most meaningful parts of my journey, and I’m grateful to be part of a community that transforms lives in God’s beautiful creation.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PROGRAM DIRECTORS,

MISSIE BONSER & TYLER STEWARDSON

High School Program Director

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Summer 2025 has come and gone, and what an incredible season it was! First and foremost, a HUGE thank you to all of the groups that joined us up on the mountaintop and brought their kids to experience camp this summer. I am so grateful for the passion and opportunities that our high school programming provides, guiding these young adults in such a transformative time of their lives – to see these kids operate through service, participating in worships, playing games, making and fostering new friendships, and more, brings so much light to our weeks of camp and our outdoor ministry.

Ropes, Rafts, Rockies is back!! This program is the culmination of all the most extreme pieces of high-altitude adventure Sky Ranch has to offer. We had both Saint Michael Lutheran Church out of Omaha, Nebraska and Our Savior's Lutheran Church from Salt Lake City, Utah, come together to participate in this program.

And through our high ropes challenge course, hiking into the Comanche Wilderness, and a special overnight 2-day rafting trip down the Poudre River, the group had an absolute blast and hit the ground running to start off the summer.

Our Denver Immersion program ramped up this season with five different weeks of operation. Church groups from Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Montana started their week down in Denver through volunteer service and urban immersion. Our campers get to experience awesome service opportunities down in Denver through organizations like Wholly Kicks, Metro Caring, EKAR Farms, and more. They meet modern day superheroes like Krista Kilgus, Britta Fisher, and Tyg Taylor, who completely live out their lives and businesses through the lens of helping others in need. Our group's volunteering in the morning is contrasted post-lunch with urban education and tours of Denver's capitol building, the Blair-Caldwell African American Research Library, and the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless. Through our partnership with Urban Servant Corps, this program has blossomed into such a crucial part of our ministry, and we hope to continue to foster all it has to offer.

Other highlights from the summer included Pastor Emily Ebert from Holy Trinity in Thousand Oaks, California bringing a group of young adults for our Leave-a-Trace program, completely refreshing and cleaning up our Beaver Meadows space.

And our Rendezvous campers continually exploring and growing in their faith, leading worships, playing guitar during camp songs, and giving powerful personal messages during evening worship.

As we step into Fall there is a lot more to look forward to! Environmental Education returns – one of my favorite programs – and our upcoming retreat season featuring Coyote Howl, Alumni Retreat, and Winter's Advent Retreat. Your support, prayers, and presence, makes all that we do up at Sky Ranch possible. Thank you for being a part of this vibrant community that makes camp ministry thrive. Looking ahead, we are excited for the new adventures God has in store – and we can't wait to journey with you again soon up on the mountaintops.



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PROGRAM DIRECTORS,

MISSIE BONSER & TYLER STEWARDSON

Youth & Outreach Program Director

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TDC

DAY CAMP NEWS

One of my favorite parts of my role was overseeing our TDC program. We partnered with 8 congregations serving 223 campers with the support of 49 youth helpers and 37 adult volunteers. Most of our summer staff spent 2 weeks off site serving in these communities, bringing camp down the mountain and standing with these congregations to love their communities like Jesus would. We're grateful to Augustana, Nativity, Joy and Holy Shepherd (Denver Metro), Zion/Trinity/King of Glory (Loveland), Lord of the Valley (Grandby) and Faith and Ascension (WY) for welcoming our teams and excited to start reserving weeks for Summer '26 (coming OCT 15.) Contact Missie to dream up possibilities to network in your community and bring a SKY TDC team to support and serve!

SUMMER PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

Check the photos in this newsletter and get on our socials to see the explosion of fun, community and faith in action that was the summer of '25. The pictures share more than words can describe, but it was a joy to lead with Tyler, our 4 coordinators and 16 counselors/support staff. We were small but mighty (**GOAL #1- DOUBLING THE SIZE OF OUR STAFF FOR '26**) 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. They modelled and infused these teachings for their campers all summer long through Living Word time, worships, adventure (like high ropes, rafting, hiking, overnight campouts) and 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) or favorites from past camper years (candles, tie dye, disc golf, and gaga.) We had big weeks and small weeks, but each week overflowed in energy, joy and learning to live life "ANOTHER WAY." (**GOAL #2- INCREASE OUR ONSITE CAMPER NUMBERS BY 30% FOR THE NEXT 3 YEARS.**)

If you are a parent who shared your child with us- THANK YOU! Your trust is a precious gift. If you are a congregational leader who brought a group our way- THANK YOU! Your partnership is a blessing as we seek to be collaborative in faith and life formation for the next generation. If you were on staff this summer-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!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU ALL AROUND!

TO OUR STAFF TRAINING PARTNERS/SUMMER VOLUNTEERS -we couldn't have done it without you!

Nurses: Elaine Beckman, Ann Burkett, Heidi Gamber,
Erin Sprain, Becky Houle, Sarah Bailey

Study and Theme: Pastors Will Johnson, Katie Emery,
Veronica Gould and Joe Natwick.

Lutheran Life: Bishop Meghan Johnston-Aelabouni

Commissioning: Pr. Paul Judson,

Volunteer Staff: Matt Christensen, Freida Mottonen,
Stacey Hanson, Luke McDonald, Katie Pubentz, Anna Brooks,
Megan Bernard, Jace Rasmussen, Aaron Johnson,
Josh Walter, Hazel Walter, Brian and Debbie Gunther

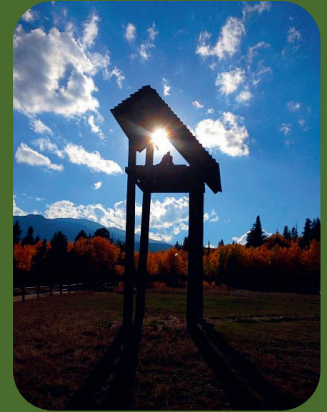
SIT: Ellie Maki

Staff Travel: Oliger and Miles Families, Josh Williams

Environmental Education Fall Events 2025:

Flagstaff Environmental Education – September 10 – 12

Gilcrest Environmental Education – October 8 – 10



CAMP COVENANTS

A long time ago, before ink and paper were common, a village would gather each spring to make promises for the year ahead. The elders would lead the community to the center of the village. There, in the dirt, they would draw a large circle. Inside it, each person would step forward and speak aloud one thing that they promised to bring to the community – patience, accountability, honesty, laughter, forgiveness. There were no punishments if somebody messed up. But there was a deep understanding: when you step into the circle, you're saying, "I will try, and I trust you to try, too." One year, before stepping into the circle, a young boy hesitated. "What if I break my promise?" he asked. An old and wise woman of the village knelt to console him. She smiled and replied, "You will. And that's why we do this together. The circle isn't made of perfection— it is made of intention. A covenant is not about focusing on never messing up. It's about saying, 'I care enough to keep coming back, showing up, and to keep trying my best.'" And so, the young boy stepped into the circle.

A covenant isn't a contract. It's not about rules or punishment upon unmet expectations. It's a shared promise – to show up, to try, to forgive, and to grow – together. At Sky Ranch, we enter into a covenant each and every week with each other not because we'll do it all right, but because we believe our community is worth the effort. We support, encourage, and uplift our strengths and our failures. It is our commitment to everyone who joins us on the mountaintop.

An excerpt from a devotional made for the first
night of Denver Immersion programming.
Written by Tyler Stewardson



MEET OUR NEW STAFF MISSIE BONSER & ANGIE MCDONALD



Missie Bonser – Youth & Outreach Program Director

It's never lost on me, the beautiful, complex, unexpected way the Spirit breaks into our lives. On March 5/Ash Wednesday I sat in the congregation I had served for 28 years. Following 3 years of absence and various levels of welcome from that community, one of my soul sisters in ministry (now the lead pastor there) had just marked my forehead with an ash cross and the reminder "you are dust." Seated beside me were some lifelong friends, Dave and Nellie Jarvis (Director @ RTLC) and Pr. Paul Hadland. I had to leave the minute worship was done, to run home for a zoom call with Lori—for what purpose, I was unsure. As I tried to duck quietly out the door Paul followed me and said, "whatever's going on, I'd like to pray over you." He did. And it set my heart in a place to receive what was truly a life changing invitation that night to come on board as the Interim Youth and Outreach Program Director.

I truly didn't need time to pray or think...I took the time...but I could hardly contain my "YES." I had been searching for the next RIGHT place that God had for me for the last 3 years- an emergency/midterm interim @ Lutherock in NC, a 6 month stint doing development @ The Exodus Road, various call opportunities across the country that never yielded a solid next partner or team, and a long term EL PE substitute gig (daily reminder of how much I love play, children and joy.) And then Lori called on behalf of the Executive Board and invited me onto this fabulous team-complete with comradery, work ethic, faithfulness, fun, transparency, loyalty and vision- ALL the things I'd been craving since my congregational ministry call started fracturing in 2018. So the YES to the first 6 months was a no brainer, and I'm actively praying (and invite YOU to join me) that the next YES will become clear and that the pieces to make this a long-term reality for the Bonser household will all come together.

If you wanna know more about me you can find it on my bio on the website, or call me up and we'll go get coffee, get to know one another and share the dreams we have for Sky Ranch face-to-face.





Angie McDonald – Office Manager

Hello Sky Ranch community! My name is Angie McDonald and I feel incredibly fortunate to have come full circle and return to a place that has shaped so much of my life—Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp. After a great career in education, I’m beginning a new chapter by stepping into the role of Office Manager. My journey with Sky Ranch began back in 1993 when I worked on kitchen staff and then high wilderness. After college, I joined the Urban Servant Corps, where I helped develop the Urban Plunge week as part of the Four Winds Program—another rewarding experience deeply tied to the mission of Sky Ranch. Over the years, I’ve worn many hats here, including backpack guide, year-round staff member, and Board member.

This camp isn’t just part of my resume—it’s part of my heart. I met my husband, Tad, there while we were both counselors, and our children have grown up surrounded by this community; first as campers and now 2 of them, Luke and Norah, as counselors themselves. Sky Ranch has had a profound impact on my faith journey and has played a central role in shaping the faith of my family. I’m excited to support the incredible year-round team and contribute to the mission of Sky Ranch in any way I can. I look forward to reconnecting with old friends and meeting new faces as we continue to build this amazing community together.



1998 on the front porch of the lodge

“This camp isn’t just part of my resume—it’s part of my heart.”



NOV 1 – 2

COYOTE HOWL, our epic MS (and THIS year HS are welcome too!) youth retreat has been moved to the start of NOV featuring unforgettable Halloween experiences for your youth group (trunk or treat in cabin village, costume/dance party in the pav) AND awesome, engaging content on embracing your true self and developing "reformer" muscles to be a voice and force for transformation and change in our world. PLUS... all the activities that make camp, camp! Link to more information and to register: <https://www.skyranchcolorado.org/coyote-howl-retreat>

COYOTE HOWL- FALL YOUTH RETREAT ADVENT RETREAT DECEMBER 5-7

ADVENT FEST, Dec 5-7 is the capstone to our retreat season. Bring your family and friends, or come as an individual and join the gathered community. The snowy mountain landscape, festive crafts, and inspirational worship, carols and treats around a crackling fire, all await you! This is the perfect way to set your intention and focus for the Advent season and welcome Emmanuel without the hustle and bustle that so often accompanies this time of year. Link to more information and to register:



WE'RE HIRING!

• Counselors • Guides •
Leadership Staff • Summer
Cooks • Maintenance Staff •
Specialists



As you're settling into your fall routine, please consider the young adults in your life who might benefit from spending a summer in this beautiful community. There are plenty of opportunities for summer jobs, but a summer at camp is so much more than that—it's truly an experience that will shape lives for many years to come!



A MESSAGE FROM JEFF FAIRFAX

Operations and Property Director

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The first drive into camp in the Spring is always exciting! This year due to a mild winter that drive was very easy, following the City of Greeley in with almost no need to plow. After a pretty smooth opening with only a few start up hiccups we were up and running for the season! Memorial Day Work Weekend was awesome with lots of projects accomplished. Big thanks to our crew that ran the chipper, we got so much cleaned up around camp. Our summer staff came together nicely and with a wonderful late addition we welcomed Johny to our team as our summer cook. Johny jumped right in to orienting himself to our facilities and our commitment to well balanced meals and radical hospitality. Johny made an immediate impact during our spring environmental education week and subsequent weeks of staff training. Johny collaborated on menu planning and food ordering, managed food prep, serving, clean-up, and staff management. Our summer cook is a key member of our summer leadership team. Alongside two to three summer staff rotating through working in the kitchen each week our summer cook and team put in the hours.

Breakfast prep usually starts around 6:30am, with a break after lunch, then dinner clean-up, and next day's prep completed around 8:00pm.

My roles and responsibilities during summer have me all over camp during the day and also up and down the mountain frequently. I don't always get to be as present with the staff working in my areas that week as I would like. Having exceptional leadership and staff support in one area allows me to focus time and energy where we don't have the same level of support. Our summer staff are the reason we can have faith filled fun adventures in the mountains and I am especially grateful for

Johny's work this summer and the summer staff who spent time in the kitchen.

Looking ahead to winter and the offseason there are a couple areas we will focus on. Each year Sky Ranch is issued a burn permit from Larimer County. We try to get into camp after the shutdown and burn slash piles. It has been many years since the conditions were right for this but we are hopeful to be able to burn this offseason. The offseason will be spent planning and preparing for the 2026 season. There is excitement with Angie joining us and lots of new ideas and process improvements already being launched. Thankful for the continued support of our ministry and look forward to welcoming you on the mountain soon!

Lodge floor- reapply epoxy



Shower house repair



OFF SEASON WORK

THANK YOU FALL HOSTS!

MADI, NATHAN & AYDEN

As we planned and prepared for our Fall season it was busy! There are three wonderful Fall Hosts working alongside me this season.

Ayden, Nathan, and Madi are seasoned alumni staff who bring experience, radical hospitality, joy, and laughter to our groups whom we welcome on the mountain this fall.

MADI just graduated from CLU with a BA in Psychology. Madi loves working with children and traveling. She is taking time this fall for self-reflection and seeing where she is being called next.

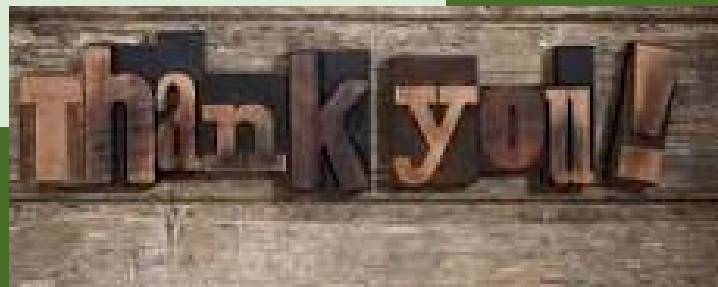
AYDEN just graduated from CLU with a BS in Criminology & Criminal Justice and a BA in Psychology. Ayden is hoping to continue working with youth and hopes to find a position in a non-profit working with young adults here or abroad.

NATHAN just finished a year of service in Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) in Senegal and is up the mountain as a fall host discerning what comes next.

Jeff Fairfax, Operation and Property Director

One of the hiccups mentioned earlier during startup was an issue with the shower house trough drains leaking. These drains have leaked for years and been repaired often. Soon after summer we began the process of removing the trough drains, filling in holes in the floor, adding new drains for each stall, tile work, and additional water proofing. This project totaled \$30k; we were blessed to have a donor step up and cover the entirety of the project. Other projects happening this fall include stripping and reapplying epoxy on the Christ Lodge floor, updated lighting in lodge and cabins, beginning to renovate the downstairs lodge rooms, main floor lodge bathroom remodel planning, and really focusing on hospitality improvements.

GRATEFUL FOR THIS TEAM!



SKY RANCH'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A huge thank you to our amazing Board of Directors for all the time, energy, and heart you pour into Sky Ranch. Your support helps make this camp a place where lives are changed, faith is deepened, and community is built and we're so grateful to have you on the journey with us!



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Thank you to our out-going board members!

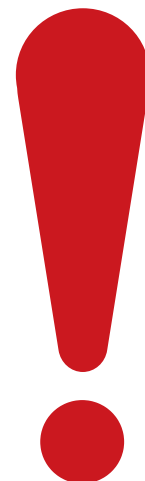
Pr. Joe Natwick- 3 years served
RC Reiman- 16 years served (12 as Treasurer!)
Reuben Jackson- 6 years served
Pr. Katie Emery- 6 years served
Stacie Hanson- 6 years served



There are **5 Open Positions.**

Please reach out to
Lori Bode if you are
interested

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QUICK PEEK AT PROGRAM OFFERINGS- 2026

CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS!

Lower Elementary

Join us for the LE half-week program, perfect for first-time campers! Experience 3 nights of adventure on the mountain with games, crafts, team-building challenges, and Living Word time. Campers will also lead a worship service for families and staff on Wednesday before pickup!

Upper Elementary

UE combines fun, friendship and growth in discipleship through Living Word, worship, devotions and our new Elective format (described in Missie's program highlights.) Campers gain confidence, learn to live their faith, and form strong friendships while supported by dedicated counselors in our cozy cabins.

Middle School

Get ready for a week of fun with our MS programs! Our younger youth get the same daily opportunities as UE but they also can experience our high ropes course, camping out under the stars, or rafting (MT MOVERS ONLY) - all while building discipleship muscles, confidence and joy in who they are and lifelong friendships.

High School

HS campers can choose from several exciting options to make their summer unforgettable. One option is a week-long backpacking trek to Rendezvous, which includes whitewater rafting and immersive wilderness experiences. Other choices include Mountain Movers a stay in cabins at Sky Ranch, offering classic camp fun and meaningful connections or service trips in Denver or up the mountain!

Confirmation

We're thrilled to be reawakening our Confirmation Camp Program for 2026- June 21 to 26. This summer's curriculum will be an immersive journey into the OT as part of a 3-year cycle to bolster the experience back at home. Congregational groups sign up together, for the best of both worlds- community faith formation in the morning and all the awesome activities and experiences of a typical camp week in the afternoon. Congregational leaders, contact Missie directly for more conversation or to get signed up today!

Young Adults (ages 18-30)

You're NEVER too old to go to camp! Are you looking for the magic of camp but struggling to find the time? Our Young Adult week will get you back on the mountain! Experience the thrill of hiking rugged trails and rafting the Poudre river, all while making a real impact through meaningful service learning projects. It's the perfect mix of adrenaline, purpose, and connection with others your age. Come challenge yourself, grow, and have the time of your life!

2026 SUMMER PROGRAMS SCHEDULE

*** based on
grade completed
by Spring 2026

Dates	Elementary	Middle School	High School
June 14-19	Lower Elementary (1-3 grade) Upper Elementary (3-5 grades)	Middle School (6-8 grade)	Ropes, Rafts & Rockies! (9-12 grade)
June 21-26 *Young Adult Sampler		Confirmation Camp (Varied Grades)	SIT: Staff-in-Training (completed 11-12 grade)
June 28-July 3	Family Camp Week:		
July 5-10		Mountain Movers Week: Middle and High School Youth Week Individual High Wilderness Backpacking (9-12 grade)	
July 12-17	Upper Elementary (3-5 grade)	Middle School (6-8 grade)	Rendezvous (9-12 grade)
July 19-24	Upper Elementary (3-5 grade)	Middle School (6-8 grade)	Rendezvous (9-12 grade)
July 26-31	Lower Elementary (1-3 grade) Upper Elementary (3-5 grade)	Middle School (6-8 grade)	Rendezvous (9-12 grade)

High School Programs open for group registrations weekly throughout the summer include High Wilderness Backpacking Trips, Four Winds Service Learning Experiences, and High School Rendezvous programs.

***Young Adult Sampler-MUST have completed HS and be 18-30 years old**

WHY GIVE?

3 EASY REASONS – WE'VE SEEN IT WORK FOR OVER 60 YEARS!



CAMP CHANGES LIVES!

Sky Ranch welcomes ALL to have a mountaintop experience. Our faithful, caring young adults mentor and love campers of all ages and help them realize they are a beloved child of God. Campers learn to let go of inhibitions and be their authentic selves. They are challenged to try things for the first time, and experience life giving skills such as independence, problem solving and living a life serving others. Camp also fosters building a personal relationship with God. And for some, camp is a place that meets basic needs like a warm bed to sleep in and 3 meals a day. And speaking of those faithful young adults, camp builds future leaders for a better world!



CAMP STRENGTHENS THE CHURCH

It is important to encourage youth to find community in the church. As the largest leadership development program in the ELCA, training for camp staffs opens an avenue of service in the church to young adults.

CAMPERS BECOME CHURCH LEADERS

A camper becomes a counselor and a counselor becomes a pastor, youth director or a leader in their congregation. Or they become a leader of service and giving through their vocation. At a time when young adults are quickly disappearing from the pews in our congregations or have left altogether; we have the gift of their presence in abundance at camp. We know it through experience, we read it in the statistics and we believe it without a doubt! Sky Ranch makes a difference to our youth and ultimately to our church and the future of our world!



YOUR GIFT GIVES OPPORTUNITY

YOUR GIFT BUILDS FAITH

YOUR GIFT GROWS FAITH LEADERS

Donors make a difference!

Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp exists because of the generous gifts of time, talents and treasures of six decades of camp friends. From all of us, Thank You!

Did you know...

- We hope to serve between 60–100 campers and staff in summer programs onsite each week, and another 500–600 youth in summer Day Camp programs in communities around the region, 150 plus youth in our fall retreats, 950 participants in other program and hosted ministry retreats and over 150 volunteers. That's A LOT of lives impacted!
- Sky Ranch manages over 117 acres of land including maintaining and caring for 25 buildings and retreat facilities.
- Sky Ranch is in great need of renovating our main Christ Lodge, replacing main water lines, replacing the fireplace/structural wall of the Backpack Center, and building housing for our year-round staff.
- Sky Ranch has faced significant increases in insurance costs.
- Camper fees cover only 62% of what it really cost to go to camp. Each year campers receive more than \$100,000 in financial assistance to come to camp!

How can we do this? Two words: We Can't. Not without your help!

Your gifts toward the "Friends of the Mountain" giving club truly bless the lives of thousands of campers each year. If you haven't made your gift to Sky Ranch yet this year, consider doing it now. Those who commit to annual giving, whether on a monthly, quarterly or once a year basis, make the greatest impact for sustaining the mission of our ministry.

Thanks for giving the gift of Camp!

Online Giving:

www.skyranchcolorado.org/donate

Leave-A-Legacy Gift:

Include Sky Ranch in your will or trust or estate plan

Mail a check:

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Gifts of Stock Appreciated Assets

Thrivent Choice:

Designate your Choice
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QUESTIONS?

Contact Lori Bode if you
would like more information.
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EXCITING EVENTS UPCOMING

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Oct. 17-Oct. 19, 2025

Alumni Gathering



Nov. 1-Nov. 2, 2025

**Coyote Howl-
YOUTH RETREAT**



Nov. 1 - Dec. 9, 2025

**Colorado Gives
Fundraising Event**



Dec. 5-7, 2025

**Advent Retreat
Weekend**



May 22 - 25, 2026

**Memorial Day Work
Weekend**



May 24, 2026

Staff Training Begins!



June 28- July 3, 2026

FAMILY CAMP!!



WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US!



WISH LIST

Site & Facilities: (Contact Jeff for more information)

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- Dependable Minivan or small SUV for Day Camp and Staff Travel
- Gator Utility Vehicle
- Skid Steer or Tractor (backhoe capability a plus)
- 8' Lifetime White Rectangle Plastic Tables
- Laminate flooring for camper cabins (roughly 300 sq ft.)
- Spot X Satellite Messenger
- Bow Saws
- Shovels & Rakes
- Hummingbird Feeders
- Commercial Chef Knives
- Sturdy Vacuum Cleaner (preferably bagless)
- Stackable Washers and Dryers
- 1 Double Size Mattress
- 1 Twin Mattress

Program: (Missie & Tyler)

- Frisbee Golf Discs
- Guitars
- Guitar strings
- Crayons & Markers
- Scissors
- Construction Paper
- 18 x 24 Poster Paper (pks of 50 or 100)
- Garden Supplies (seeds, starters, potting soil, wildflower seed)
- GPS (contact Tyler for more info)
- 5 or 6 person camping tents
- Bear Vault BV500 (backpacking bear canisters)
- Outdoor Tarps for backpacking
- Handheld Radios (\$400 each)

Building our camper library - any and all children/youth books.

Brand new or gently used.

Office & Admin: (Angie and Lori)

- Airline Miles for Staff Travel
- Postage Stamps
- Copy Paper
- Marker/Highlighters
- Wall sized Post It Notes
- Laminator <https://a.co/d/eU09KIR>

Recruiting:

- iPads for Recruiting - <https://a.co/d/0zhrOeS>
- Gas Cards
- Hotel Points

AMAZON WISH LIST



Some of these items and more can be found on our Amazon wish list.

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