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From the Executive Director

By Brad Abbott

*"I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come?
My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth."*

Psalm 121

2020 has been a noteworthy year for the ministry of Sky Ranch. With the Covid-19 pandemic during the spring/summer and the evacuation during the Cameron Peak Fire throughout the fall, we have experienced many new challenges in *"facilitating an encounter with Christ on the mountaintop."* During these uncertain and confusing times, these words from Psalm 121 help to remind me that in times of trouble, we need to put our trust in God who is bigger and stronger than **any** of the challenges we are facing.

Sky Ranch is a ministry that has shaped the faith lives of tens of thousands of youth over the past 57 years. Through fires, floods, evacuations, and bears inhabiting our lodge, this ministry has persevered. This year was no different...although it looked radically different.

Early in spring, the Sky Ranch Board voted unanimously to fund and train the 30 summer staff that we had already hired prior to the pandemic even though we would not be able to host campers up the mountain. While this presented financial challenges, our board believed this was a vital investment in the present and future leadership of our church - equipping and empowering our summer staff to serve. Like the disciples of long ago, they gave up everything and followed. Staff were quarantined on the mountaintop for the summer, providing virtual resources to support our campers and congregations.

As the summer staff left camp after the first week in August, Sky Ranch received a variance from Larimer County to open the

campground and camper cabins to individual family households. Several families registered to escape up to the mountain. After three days of being open, the Cameron Peak Fire broke out and we were immediately evacuated.

Through these adversities, I have been humbled by the outpouring of support for the ministry of Sky Ranch. Alumni staff, campers, congregations, donors, and other ministry partners have all stepped forward to support this ministry. On September 14, after weeks of fire threatening the camp facilities, a special prayer service was organized via Zoom. It was an incredible experience to witness the many generations of staff and campers from across the country that gathered to pray for Sky Ranch and share stories of how this ministry has impacted their lives.

As a result, Sky Ranch has created a new Facebook group (*Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp Memories*) allowing individuals to share pictures and stories with each other. I am reminded that Sky Ranch's setting is a sacred space, but our identity is really in the staff and campers and the gospel message they proclaim in their words and actions regardless of when or where that might be.

People ask how they can help. It's easy – get involved! Pray for us and for all impacted by the fires or the pandemic! When we are finally able to get back to camp, join us! Make a financial gift to sustain this ministry! No camp = no campers = no income, but many of our overhead costs still exist. Over 60% of our income comes from fees collected from our programs. This year we will have lost \$300,000 in revenue from summer programs and another \$100,000 from fall retreats.

This year I have seen how much Sky Ranch means to so many people. Through your support and God's grace, Sky Ranch will still be here impacting lives for generations to come.



Sky Ranch is more than a ministry and an encounter with Christ on the mountaintops. Sky Ranch is a family that not only accepts you, but also welcomes you just as you are. It is a community that shares God's love in the best way possible: by loving you wholeheartedly and unconditionally just as He does.

-Mykala Coe, 2020 Summer Staff

Cameron Peak Fire



The Cameron Peak Fire has developed into the 3rd largest fire in Colorado's history, and its presence has been felt by much more than the Northern Colorado community.

The fire started near Cameron Pass and Chambers Lake, burning thick dry timber in rugged terrain. It was accompanied by hot dry weather with winds picking up to over 60 MPH. This combination allowed the fire to grow with ferocity and speed.

When the fire started over two months ago, on August 13th, the smoke was visible from camp almost immediately. The next day, August 14th, we made the decision to bring our two fall hosts down the mountain and evacuate our campground guests. For almost three weeks the fire grew at a steady pace to

around 24,000 acres in the beginning of September. Then beginning on September 5th, being fueled with beetle kill trees and strong winds from the west, the fire grew to be over 100,000 acres in the next three days. The fire nearly doubled itself two days in a row spreading over 10 miles to the east in one day. The fire also developed into having three "fingers" One going to the South into Rocky Mountain National Park, one to the North toward the Red Feather and Crystal Lakes area, and the third and largest moved along less than a mile north of Sky Ranch.

What seemed like inevitable devastation for camp was halted by a winter storm, abnormal for the time of year. This snow accumulated for almost two days, laying 8-14 inches of snow across the whole burn area. This snow stunted the fire's growth and gave the staff and community of Sky Ranch, as well as the Northern Colorado community a literal chance to breath. However, this fire devastated 23 homes in the in the Monument Gulch area, only miles from Sky Ranch, during its devastating three day run. The snow gave firefighters much better odds of controlling this fire, but it did not stop the fire.

On October 9th the fire made it to Sky Ranch property. The southern part of the property is now inside the burn perimeter. Thanks to the hard work of the fire crews there is currently no damage done to buildings at camp, however the forest surrounding us will look different.

Recent strong winds have pushed the fire further east and increasing the total burn area to 203,253 acres.

Over 1,400 fire personnel are hard at work trying to manage the fire while it is still active. As fire lines and other control operations proceed, please keep the firefighters and the communities affected by the fire in your prayers. This fire has taken an emotional, physical, and economical toll on everyone involved. We are grateful for those who have supported Sky Ranch, especially during this summer and fall season, and all of our friends on the mountain.

The following agencies worked directly on structure protection at Sky Ranch
October 10 & 11:

- Larimer County Sheriff's Office Emergency Services
- Larimer County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team hand crew
- Larimer County Sheriff's Office Initial Attack module
- Rist Canyon Volunteer Fire Department
- Wellington Fire Protection District
- Berthoud Fire Protection District
- Loveland Fire and Rescue Authority
- Poudre Fire Authority



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Cameron Peak Burn Stats

as of October 19th, 2020

Origin: 40.609N, -105.879W

Total acres burned: 203,253

Containment: 62%

Personnel involved: 1464

Start Date: August 13th

Duration so far: 67 days

Expected Containment Date: Nov. 8

Estimated Total Cost: \$90.6 Million

From the High School Program Director

By Cole Hemmah

My first day at Sky Ranch in 2015, I knew there was something special about it. Of course, the property and the people who I worked with that summer were unique and special in and of themselves. However, there seemed to be something bigger. The passion from our guest speakers who had been on staff, who sent their children to Sky Ranch for camp, whose children had been on staff, who came to camp when they were young; all spoke about the larger community of Sky Ranch. This Sky Ranch community is one that has shaped me as it has many others throughout the years.

Every summer since my first I have seen the Sky Ranch community grow and change. I have gotten the opportunity to see just how far the hands of Sky Ranch have reached in the world. Connecting with people from across the country and even across the earth does not seem so hard when your connection is camp.

This summer, my first as year-round staff, my understanding of this amazing community has been opened wide. A global pandemic, societal unrest, and a 100k+ acre fire has affected camp in more than one way. It has also affected families, partners, and affiliates of camp in the same manner and some more directly. However, when it seems that 2020 has little to no hope, there is a beautiful silver lining in it all.

The community of Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp has made its presence well known to me and everyone in it. The support that I have seen from staff, campers, and Sky Ranch lovers alike has filled my soul again and again even in the midst of seemingly tragic times. When we are all facing problems down the mountain in our every day, we are still able to come together. The games and laughter, the stories and pain, the memories of people past, that is what makes Sky Ranch. I have been told year after year that the ministry that we do up the mountain is not to stay up the mountain, that we must bring it down where it is needed. Thank you all for fulfilling that mission, because Sky Ranch is very alive in this crazy, beautiful world.

Thank you for the support this year as Program Director, and as one of the many Sky Ranch community members. My cup has been filled over and over with the kind words and prayers from you all.



Look out for our Advent Box!

Since we are unable to host our usual Advent Retreat at camp, this year we are putting out Advent Boxes!

Gather with family or friends to create, laugh, and share in a wide variety of all inclusive activities! It's also a great gift to send to a loved one!

We will only be making 50 boxes. So get one before they are gone!

Here's what you'll get!

- Advent tree kit
- Daily Bible verses
- Pay-It-Forward Activity
- Candy Nativity Kit
- Activity Book with Coloring Pages
- Christmas Cookie Recipes
- Family Worship Guide
- Box of Crayons
- Tree Cookie Ornaments
- 20% off Store Coupon

Each all-inclusive kit is priced at
\$60.00

Find the kit and more swag
skyranchco.org

2020 By the Numbers

Total Page Views ▲ 698%

People Reached ▲ 532%

Post Engagement ▲ 438%

This summer gave us the opportunity to try things differently; with our community and camper interactions, social media presence, and virtual engagement. Because of this we saw massive increases in alumni staff and past camper interaction, as well as the Sky Ranch community as a whole. It has been a wonderful time to re-connect with each other and share camp memories.

Thank you to the entire Sky Ranch community for supporting camp, proving that this ministry goes beyond your time on the mountain.

This summer showed us how many have been touched by their experience at Sky Ranch.

From the Youth & Outreach Program Director

By Jeff Fairfax

Summer of 2020 was shaping up to be another awesome summer of ministry. Curriculum was being created, campers were registering, staff hiring was on track, and then our communities started to feel the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. Throughout March, April, and May we continued planning for a traditional summer, knowing though it would likely not be traditional by any sense of the word. As we got closer to summer, the realization of the future ahead became clearer. Staff and camper safety was top priority, so it was decided that we would not welcome campers or guests on-site at camp this summer. The Sky Ranch Board of Directors committed to providing a safe space for our summer staff and honored contracts for those already hired. June arrives and we welcome our 28 staff to camp to embark on a summer of ministry... differently. Our summer of ministry became a four-pronged approach for our summer staff which included our virtual resource series, work projects on-site, community engagement, and young adult ministry.

Virtual Resource Series: Resources were created to support and strengthen faith formation and share camp experiences at home, with congregations, and in communities. We started with our children's sermon series for congregations based on the summer lectionary. We provided sermons based on the Revised Common Lectionary as well as the Narrative Lectionary. Most of the children's sermons were completed prior to staff arriving at camp staff paired up and the videos produced were fun, creative, and faith filled! The second component of our virtual resources was our summer curriculum *Peace Works*, which led us to explore daily themes including Aloha, Ubuntu, Shalom, Agape, and Si Se Puede. Staff worked tirelessly to create Bible studies, worship, environmental education activities, songs, and fun campy activities for a broad range of age groups. Congregations are using the resources as part of their virtual Sunday School programs this fall. Find them at <https://skyranchcolorado.virtual-camp.org/>

Work Projects: We spent some of our time this summer doing projects around camp. (Many of our projects were typical maintenance but a few were projects of opportunity, not having as many people on-site allowed us the opportunity to dig in.) We also had multiple adopt-a-trail groups go and do trail work partnering with the US Forest Service. More on completed projects in the property article.

Community Engagement: One of the biggest challenges of having a summer with no campers or guests was how to stay connected and engaged with individuals and communities down the mountain. Staff spent time this summer writing personal notes to past campers, adult sponsors, donors, and folks in continuing care communities. Some of the staff received letters back from campers and had a pen pal for part of the summer.

Young Adult Ministry: We had 28 young adults who came to camp passionate about being active voices and facilitating an encounter with Christ for those who couldn't come up the mountain this year. With that it was important to make sure the staff themselves were being spiritually and emotionally fed this summer. Many things we did this summer supported and encouraged the faith formation and leadership of our staff. Two that stand out to me; partnering with ELCA Young Adults we used their Abide small group series to spur questions and thoughtful discussion. Second was a book study facilitated by Sarah Weaver, one of our off-site coordinators. The staff choose the book *Dear Church* by Lenny Duncan. Staff gathered every other morning before breakfast on the deck of the lodge to discuss the chapter/s from the previous days.

We can't say thank you enough for the continued support through the pandemic and more recently through the Cameron Peak fire. This summer taught us a lot about how to adapt and do ministry differently. I am grateful for our summer staff that committed to a summer knowing they would not see kids and still choose to be a part of Sky Ranch this summer. We are excited about what this summer taught us and how we can use that moving forward!

Check out the Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp Memories Group On Facebook

This is a group where we can all share photos and memories with the Sky Ranch community!

The page is open to alumni staff, campers, and anyone who loves camp.

Advent Videos!

This holiday season we are excited to be working with pastors from Northern Colorado to bring the wonderful sounds of Christmas into your homes. Daily videos will be provided and accessible online, during the advent season, for you and your family to enjoy with the option to remain together at home.

Find them at:

skyranchcolorado.virtual-camp.org

"Sky Ranch is a place of radical hospitality that welcomes me and others into the embrace of God. It is a place we can whistle and dance in the magic of the mountains and the miracles of God."

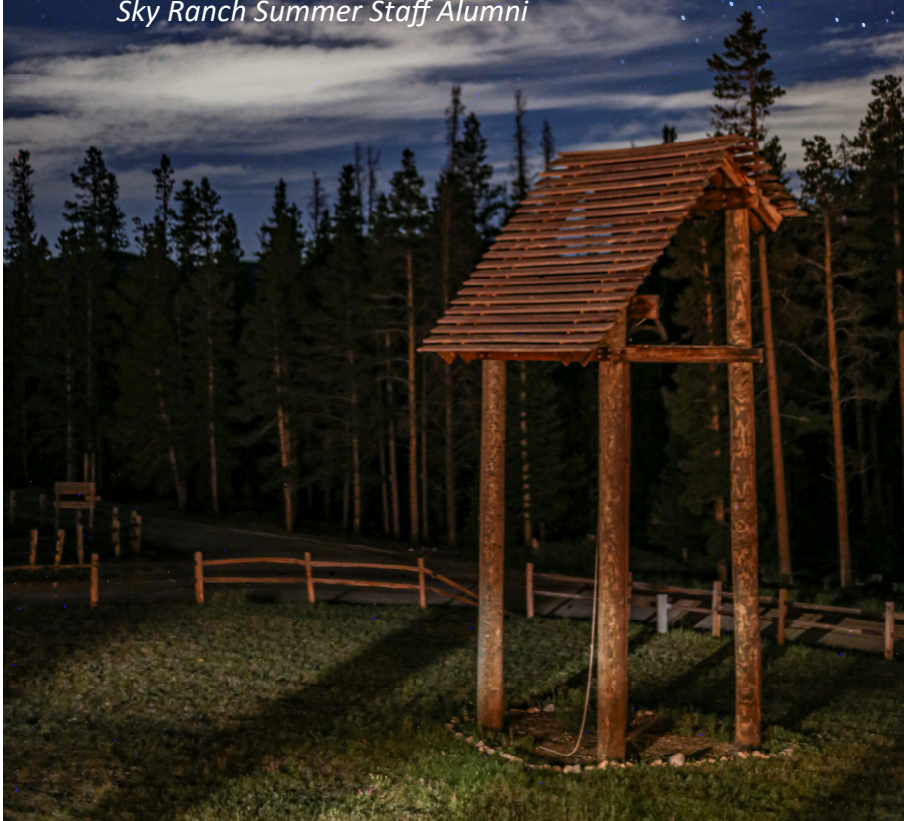
— Kevin Beebe, Sky Ranch Summer Staff Alumni



"Working at camp, there is so much to rejoice about: the friendships formed, the impact and responsibilities we're blessed to have, but I think the coolest thing I can rejoice about is having the opportunity to hang out, talk about God, and to be a role model for our campers. No better job."

- Joe Kiel

Sky Ranch Summer Staff Alumni



Sights of Summer





"Sky Ranch is a home away from home,
a place you can truly be yourself."
-Julia Gromm
Past Camper
2020 First Year Staff



"Sky Ranch is more than just a camp, it is the most accepting and loving Christian community I've ever been a part of. Sky Ranch is a place you can be your authentic self, be loved unconditionally, and truly live into the experience of having a child-like faith."



-Marie Hynek
Sky Ranch Summer Staff Alumni

Stories from the Summer

By Maddy Reed, Staff—2018,2019,2020

For myself and the 24 other young adults living up the mountain this summer, it didn't always make sense to be at Sky Ranch. Without our campers, much of the training and programming we had worked so hard on seemed purposeless. With the world in turmoil and our home communities under strain, it didn't make sense that we got to leave and find a place of refuge. This year feels like a global heart break, and it doesn't make sense.

The grief that accompanied us to camp was a challenge. We had to learn a new way to do Sky Ranch, a new way to connect with campers, and to be in community with each other. But just as the heartbreak made our summer more challenging, it made our relationships more intentional and inspired us to pour love into our virtual resources. I'm learning the world breaks your heart for a reason, because what matters more than heart break is the path you walk finding the pieces. Second Corinthians 1:5 says, "For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too" and though the world is (frankly) terrifying right now, the knowledge of the abundant comfort of Christ is more resilient than any pandemic or wildfire, and it will continue to heal our hearts. Though we came up the mountain with uncertainty, the time of peace it provided was truly what we needed.

It's easy to come to Sky Ranch every summer because the community feels so worthy of our hearts, and our love. What's difficult is continuing to search for the same thing down the mountain. I believe leaning into the discomfort of the world is how we discern our gifts. Trusting God to provide a path for healing amidst this pain and uncertainty is the ultimate faith. I cannot thank the Sky Ranch community enough for giving my co-workers and I the opportunity to find new pieces of ourselves this summer. To create such a unique community together was an incredible blessing. At the very least, we got to do a lot of fantastic hiking. But at the very most, this was God equipping us for civilization with rested hearts and joyful spirits.

By Michael Novotny Staff—2019,2020

Whenever I go into a new summer at camp, I always try to enter with an open mind and an open heart. The difference between summers is completely unique, with new people, experiences, and challenges. Then I met the summer of 2020. This was a totally new challenge for me especially, finding my purpose without campers.

That constant feeling of seeing people become the best version of who they are, that's what camp is all about. The constant smiles and tears were ever present. Knowing there was that support behind us made it even better. I'm eternally grateful for this experience. Camp is ingrained into who I am. There are definite pieces of who I am and what I've done that I can tie back to what I've brought back down the mountain.

What I like about camp is it constantly pushes me out of my comfort zone, while always being my comfort place. That is what made this summer the way it was. That no matter what, if I wasn't ready to be in a video, or unsure about a work project, being at camp immediately made it better. Seeing God move through this community as it was built through the different talents, passions, and personalities of staff is something I'll remember forever. Being able to truly and honestly tell people back home I really lived in the mountains for a summer is something I can never lose. If I were alone, it would have been miserable. But as camp constantly reminds us, it's not the place, it's the people that make Sky Ranch what it is.



**First Ever
Online
BBQ &
Bluegrass!**

**Thank you to our
Office Manager
Ally Mertz and
Office Assistant
Josh Schairer**

For working so hard to
make Online BBQ &
Bluegrass a total success.
Between donations and
the online auction we
were able to raise over
\$8,000

From the Board of Directors

By Liz Huffman

Servant leadership has been an integral part of my family's culture for generations and instilled in me from a very young age. Growing up in a home where my parents were foster parents, volunteered in our church and local community, and worked in helping professions, my sister and I learned the importance of quietly giving back to our communities by watching our parents. Servant Leadership was also probably what drew me to Wartburg College, where there is a strong focus on cultivating leadership through service.

When the opportunity was presented to me to join the Sky Ranch Board of Directors this past spring, I did not hesitate to accept, nor did I question joining the board in the middle of a pandemic. The opportunity to give back to the camp that has provided so many kids with a safe place to express themselves and their faith was something I could not turn down. I am able to see the joy that the experience at camp provides my own kids, and I wanted a part in helping other kids have a similar experience. At camp, they feel safe, they feel loved, and they feel peace, when they may not feel that other places.

Being part of the board during a pandemic and during what has become a terrifying wildfire season has presented many unique challenges, to say the least. I firmly believe that all things happen for a reason and in the right time, and I firmly believe that God has presented this opportunity to me for a reason. While it is often easy to focus on the negatives, I prefer to focus on opportunities in those challenges. Being a new member of the Sky Ranch Board of Directors is an opportunity to serve my community during a time of unprecedented change. And brings me back to my roots of servant leadership.

By Eric Schranck

Fall is normally a time for Sky Ranch to slow down, at least a little. Summer is over: campers are back in school, counselors are back in school, or off to their next adventure and Sky Ranch has moved on to fall retreats. All is good.... Ahh, but this is 2020 so of course fall is totally different and unexpected.

For me the fall of 2020 has been a huge reminder of just how much Sky Ranch means to everyone who encounters it. Between the recent online worship services, the new Facebook page for Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp Memories and conversations with our community, I've been reminded of the special place Sky Ranch is for all of us.

As some of you may know, I encountered Sky Ranch at a critical time in my life. The summer of 1990 changed my life and over the years Sky Ranch has been a special place for our family. I knew we were not the only ones out there impacted by the camp. But... when I see the pictures, read and hear the stories, I can't help but be moved by just how many people found God, their best friends, spouses... themselves. I am reminded how special this place is for so many.

I am serving on the Sky Ranch Board of Directors to do my part to help ensure Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp will be around for future generations to experience what we experienced. Yes, this year has had some challenges. But for me, this year has also been a reminder of how fragile things can be and yet how strong our connection and commitment to Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp is.

The good news is that we all have lots opportunities to engage with Sky Ranch and in our own ways contribute to Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp being here for future generations and I for one can't wait for my granddaughter, due at the beginning of 2021, to have an encounter with Christ on the mountain tops too!

We were fortunate enough to continue our traditional Barbeque and Bluegrass event, and of course this year it looked a little different than in the past! We were presented with a problem many people have been facing since March—how do we celebrate together? This meant a crash course in video meetings and choreography, audio and video editing, and connecting with everyone involved.

We were blessed to have Jerusalem Road joining us again, and for committing to the challenge of playing over video-call. We would like to give a huge thank you to everyone who donated items for our online auction!

**Thank you to everyone involved for making the first
Online BBQ & Bluegrass a hit!**

You can check out the video at:

<https://e.givesmart.com/events/hs3/>

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****Online****

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You can now order Sky Ranch merchandise
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in the camp store while at home.

2020 Gear on Sale Now!

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Your Gift Makes a Difference!

Why Give?

Camp Strengthens the Church. It is vital to keep youth 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. It also draws local youth to the community congregation. The result is a closer identification and a greater commitment to the church on the part of the youth.

We have witnessed this firsthand for 57 years at Sky Ranch! A camper becomes a counselor and a counselor becomes a pastor, youth director or a leader in their congregation. 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! **Your Gift Gives Opportunity; Your Gift Builds Faith; Your Gift Grows Faithful Leaders!**

Leave-A-Legacy Gift! You can touch the lives of generations to come by including Sky Ranch in your will, trust, life insurance policy or other estate plan. **The first step in this process is to develop a will. 80% of givers give through bequests, but alarmingly only 30% of people have a will when they pass away.** A will helps to provide for your loved ones, allows you the opportunity to give a percentage of your remaining estate to Sky Ranch and/or your favorite charity while safeguarding against probate costs.

As a partner with the ELCA Foundation, Sky Ranch has access to the services of an ELCA Gift Planner. The planning services are at no charge to you when you plan to give to an ELCA ministry. Your legacy gift through your estate plan will influence future generations, allowing us to provide opportunities for people of all ages to be drawn closer to Christ, the church and each other through this century and beyond.

At some point in our lives we think about the gifts we will leave when we depart. We think about the people we love, the places that influenced us, the organizations we feel offer hope for the future. I invite you to join the Leave-A-Legacy Society – a growing group of individuals who have included Sky Ranch in their will or estate plans.

If you have been thinking about your estate plans and would like to know more about giving option that can benefit both your family and Sky Ranch,
Please contact Brad Abbott, Executive Director.
970-493-5258.

Sky Ranch's 2020 Run4Camp 5K!

Fundraiser—in partnership with LOM

This November 1st, strap on your boots, runners, skates, flippers, or anything else you need for the

2020 Sky Ranch 5K!

We are very excited to announce that we have **over 100 participants registered for the 5K!** Our participants come from across the country, representing every age group to help raise money for Sky Ranch. They will run, hike, bike, paddle, crawl their way to the finish line!

How can you help now? You can sponsor any Sky Ranch 5K participant and camp keeps receives all sponsored gifts!

Want to make more of an impact? It's easy! All sponsored donations will be matched by an anonymous donor!



Sponsor a participant at

<https://lomnetwork.wufoo.com/forms/q192ep0t1bdxt0l/>



Thank you to our Fall Hosts!



Thank you to Anna Luber (left) and Sarah Weaver (right) for committing to stay at camp and host our guests this fall

Unfortunately due to the Cameron Peak Fire, we were forced to cancel our fall programs and Sarah and Anna's time was cut short this fall; but before they left they were able to help get the campground ready for the fall, and worked in the Fort Collins office to help with operations down the mountain.

Anna is living in Dubuque and Sarah is currently working at Rainbow Trail Lutheran Camp in their Program Assistant Internship Program.

Huge thank you to our Board of Directors

for the guidance and time they have given to support camp and the ministry done up and down the mountain. The dedication to camp shown by the board is a testimony on how much this group believes in the ministry being done by the staff of Sky Ranch.

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Special welcome to our new board members

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Lutheran Church of the Master
Lakewood

Pr. Courtney Steitz

Holy Shepherd
Lakewood

Brian Jaster

Bethany
Cherry Hills Village

Fall Property Update

Before the summer started, we were able to bring David Fluck and his daughter Ember, who spent her first summer on staff this year. They were able to do various jobs to prepare for our summer at camp. They were able to complete the most substantial improvement on-site by adding a recycling shed behind the garbage shed. This will help Sky Ranch with our goal of minimizing the waste we contribute to landfills. Our summer staff was also blessed with an abundance of time to work on and off-site while they were up the mountain. The trails, campground, and interior of staff housing all got some much-needed attention. The Backpack Center got a new coat of paint in areas that were starting to look rougher than usual. Our staff were also able to take their time on adopt-a-trail trips, redefining and clearing the Beaver Creek and Signal Mountain trails. Even though this summer did not offer the usual gift of campers and guests, it did give us the time to clean up some things that have been ignored and of course do A LOT of daily cleaning.

**Special Thanks to
Jordan
Green!**



For being our involuntary resident photographer this summer. Her attention to detail and knowledge behind the camera were greatly appreciated this summer.

Most of the photos in this newsletters were provided by Jordan.



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2021 Summer Program Schedule

Early Registration Discount ends April 15th 2021

Group Trips available June 13-August 13
To book your groups trip, contact one of our program directors

June 13-18

Homesteaders
Mountaineers
Youth Go! (2 weeks)

June 20-25

Confirmation week
Homesteaders
Mountaineers

June 27-July 2

Homesteaders
Mountaineers
SIT (Staff-in-Training)
Rendezvous

July 4-9

Family Camp

July 11-16

Round-Up
Homesteaders
Mountaineers
Rendezvous
Individual Backpacking

July 18-23

Round-Up
Homesteaders
Mountaineers
Rendezvous

July 25-30

Round- Up
Homesteaders
Mountaineers
Rendezvous

August 1-6

Round - Up
Homesteaders
Mountaineers
Individual Backpacking

2021 Summer Registrations Opens
November 30th!
Group Holds Open Beginning November 15th
For more information visit www.skyranchcolorado.org

