



Sky Ranch's mission is to  
Facilitate an Encounter of  
Christ on the Mountaintops.

## WHAT HAPPENED IN 2020?

### January

- \* Brad & Jeff on recruiting trail interviewing staff

### February

- \* High School Program Director interviews

### March

- \* Cole Hemmah begins as High School Program Director

### April

- \* Board makes decision to hire and train staff for summer

### May

- \* Decision is made not to bring campers on site for summer

### June

- \* 2020 Summer Staff arrives at camp

### July

- \* Staff provides virtual resource series. Protocols written to open campground in the fall

### August

- \* Campground opens! Cameron Peak Fire begins. Camp evacuated

### September

- \* Fire grows over 100k acres

### October

- \* Prepare for Run4Camp 5K

### November

- \* Sky Ranch Special Appeal

### December

- \* Cameron Peak Fire 100% Contained

## SKY RANCH LUTHERAN CAMP

# 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

## BRAD ABBOTT - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



2020 was an unforgettable year in the life of Sky Ranch, a year full of surprise and grace. It is a year that will forever be remembered for **COVID** and the **Cameron Peak Fire**. It is a ministry that has shaped the faith lives of tens of thousands over the past 57 years. Through fires, floods, evacuations, and bears inhabiting our lodge, the ministry has persevered. This year was no different... although it looked radically different.

As we were hiring staff for the summer, COVID forced the shut-down of all but essential services. Out of the concern to keep everyone safe, as well as our desire to be financially responsible with the long-term mission of this ministry, the Sky Ranch Board of Directors made the difficult decision to suspend all summer programs for 2020. The Board did approve

the hiring and training of our summer staff, so after being tested for Covid-19 in June, the 2020 Summer Staff were quarantined up at camp for the next six weeks. From camp they provided a variety of resources to support our campers and congregations while helping with trail and facility maintenance at camp.

As the summer staff left, Sky Ranch was granted a variance from Larimer County to open its campground to individual family households. That was the same week the Cameron Peak Fire (the largest in Colorado history) started in the Roosevelt National Forest and we were forced to evacuate the camp on August 14 after only 4 days of campers. We would not set foot on the property again until October 24.

While our main buildings survived the fire when it finally burned through Sky Ranch property, we did lose our High Ropes course plus other outlying structures and worship areas. As we look forward to summer 2021, we will have a great deal to repair, rebuild, and restore. With hazard trees still standing and trees cut down to protect structures, we have a massive clean-up and re-forestation project ahead!

During our 72-day evacuation, the Sky Ranch community united for two zoom prayer services. These worship services, led by local pastors and alums, were a celebration of the years of staff, campers, and volunteers who labored to be faithful stewards of this ministry; building and maintaining not only facilities, but relationships and programs. It was a chance for them to reconnect to this ministry that was so transformative in their own lives. This spurred the creation of a new Facebook group, *Sky Ranch Lutheran Camp Memories*, where alumni continue to share photos and stories.

Through this year's 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.

**Financially**, over 60% of our income comes from fees collected from our programs. This year we lost \$300,000 in revenue from cancelled summer programs and another \$100,000 from fall retreats. But **you** stepped up to ensure the financial stability of this ministry with your extraordinary financial support. Your support included:

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (continued)

Brad Abbott

\$100,000 gift dedicated for the completion of a new maintenance building by an anonymous donor.

\$45,000 raised from 117 participants and donors in the *Run4Camp 5K run, walk, or swim*.

\$218,000 from individual donors and congregations during the November Special Appeal.

\$265,000 from an anonymous donor as a dollar-for-dollar matching gift supporting the *Run4Camp* and the November Special Appeal.

Three gently used vehicles and a travel trailer.

A Charitable Remainder Unitrust (valued at over \$380,000) from Susan Levine who gifted the trust outright. She has designated the monies be used for a new covered pavilion in the center of camp (more about that soon).

Because of your incredible support we began working in the late fall with insurance, loggers, and restoration companies to ensure that camp will be ready for the 2021 summer season. As our campers continue to spend more and more time learning through screen time – both in and out of their classrooms – we know time connecting in person and in nature will be needed more than ever before.

I am also thankful to Sky Ranch's full-time staff and board, who gave selflessly of their time, talents, and energy throughout this challenging year. It is a privilege to serve alongside them in ministry. Their creativity and willingness to adapt to changing regulations was remarkable. The full-time staff rallied to provide advent activity kits for families in place of our Family Advent Retreat at camp. With help from Leo Salazar, Sky Ranch combined with congregations of Fort Collins, Loveland, and CSU Campus Ministry to provide a daily Advent Devotional Series featuring the *Great Songs of Christmas*.

Finally, I want to **Thank You!** Because of you, we can say goodbye to 2020 with feelings of gratefulness and joy. Through your support and God's grace, Sky Ranch will still be here impacting lives for generations to come.



## CAMERON PEAK FIRE UPDATE

As friends and supporters of Sky Ranch you know we experienced a significant fire event this fall in and around the Sky Ranch area. The Cameron Peak Fire developed into the largest wildfire in Colorado's history at 208,913 acres. The fire started on August 13, 2020 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. Smoke was visible from camp almost immediately and the next day, August 14, the decision was made to bring our two fall hosts down the mountain and evacuate our campground guests. For the next 81 days we relied on daily updates from Cameron Peak Fire officials and the Larimer County Sheriffs Office to know the status of camp. The fire made a couple significant runs including a 10-mile single day run that ran less than a mile behind the main lodge. We were told that it was only a matter of when, not if the fire impacted the Sky Ranch property. We were briefly allowed in on October 24 to turn water off and check buildings, our access lasted only a couple hours before we were told to leave due to increased fire activity. Sky Ranch was impacted by the fire, but crews did an outstanding job of pushing the fire around camp. All buildings remain intact and undamaged, we did lose our Soudance Worship Area, sauna, platform tents at beaver meadows, high ropes course, and every building has some extent of smoke and soot contamination. As of January 12, the fire was declared controlled which by Forest Service terminology means extinguished!

Sky Ranch has actively been working since mid November to begin the clean-up and rebuilding process at camp. This process started with our insurance company and continues through to the Board of Directors establishing three task forces made up of Sky Ranch year-round staff and board members. The first taskforce is focusing on plans and assessment to rebuild, including high ropes, worship areas, etc. Our goal is to have the high ropes course rebuilt and ready for summer 2021. Second task force is working with a restoration company to mitigate and clean all buildings to eliminate the smoke and soot contamination. The last taskforce is working to respond to the damage to the property itself. Between fire burned trees and continued beetle kill we have many hazard trees that need to come down. A logger has been contracted to begin this work. Complimentary to removing trees is our commitment to replant and help stabilize the soil and forest. We have placed an order for 600 saplings of various species to be replanted this summer. We have two work weekends planned for this Spring, look for more information on those on our website.

The Cameron Peak Fire took an emotional, physical, and economical toll on everyone involved. We are grateful for those who have supported Sky Ranch this year and all our friends on the mountain. We are excited to push ahead and have camp ready for this summer!

## FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Eric Schrank

In the understatement of the year, 2020 had its challenges. At Sky Ranch we endured, we flexed, and we grew. We grew in our knowledge of pandemics, forest fires, racism, and faith. What I will remember most about 2020 is how the Sky Ranch community came together, the memories shared and the re-engagement of many generations of campers, counselors, directors, and supporters.

In my 2019 annual report I listed out the various accomplishments of our staff, board, and camp. For 2020, I want to acknowledge the people that were instrumental in steering Sky Ranch through 2020:



**Staff:** Ally Mertz, Cole Hemmah and Jeff Fairfax put in extra hours, quarantined, hired staff, developed programs, created online events and much more. Their flexibility, hard work, and leadership kept Sky Ranch alive for all of us. Thank you!!!

Brad Abbott, our camp director, cannot be thanked enough for his efforts this year. First, he helped inform and guide us in our response to the pandemic, then he educated us on forest fires and directed our energies towards the firefighting community and what they were going through. He put in countless hours securing PPP and SBA loans to keep the camp solvent, while working with donors to ensure Sky Ranch's future. Thank you Brad! I miss your Cameron Peak Fire updates!

### Board of Directors:

I also want to acknowledge the Board of Directors. Over the past few years, the board met 4-5 times a year for 2-3 hours at a time, and a weekend retreat, more than enough time to complete the work of setting the direction of the camp. Starting in February 2020, our executive team has met at least twice a month and at times weekly to discuss the impacts of the pandemic, the Cameron Peak Fire, and our financial situation. I would like to personally thank them their many hours of work this year: Mike Weier, Kim Kelty, Lindsay Reiten, Robert Reiman and Katie Emery. You all have been a pleasure to work with, I have enjoyed getting to know you, and I look forward to all our meetings!

If it were not for our treasurer's, Robert Reiman, dedication, we would not be in the same financial position we are in now. He put together multiple budget scenarios, multiple times, and spent hours working with Brad to apply for PPP and SBA loans. Thank you!

The full board has met monthly to approve ever changing budgets, policy for the 2020 summer season and much more. I cannot thank them enough for their commitment, passion, and discernment this year. They have made hard decisions easy, and sometimes an easy decision hard.... They seriously, thoughtfully, and prayerfully considered every action the camp needed to take, and I could not be more humbled to work with such a talented, caring group of people.



### The work continues:

You should know Sky Ranch continues to focus on our commitment to facilitating an encounter with Christ on the mountain tops. During this summer's Black Lives Matter movement, our summer staff asked the board to consider if the camp really was open and welcoming to all. The board could have given an excuse of having other important matters to attend to, or simply said we affirmed we are welcome to all, instead the board created a task force to explore what **actions** we could take to address this question.

We engaged with two pastors Barbara Berry-Bailey and Richard Giarnzero, to lead Courageous Conversations for the task force, along with staff and board members who wanted to participate. The Urban Servant Corp was considering the same topic and asked to join us in these conversations. Not only have we engaged in Courageous Conversations around difficult topics, we are getting to know and build relationships with the Urban Servant Corp board and their directors. We meet twice a month, September 2020 through February 2021. To me, these courageous conversations and readings will be one of my treasured memories of 2020. Sometimes, we need to be reminded of what is really important, how we treat and love others. Sky Ranch continues the work of ensuring all can have an encounter with Christ on the mountain tops.



## YOUTH & OUTREACH PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Jeff Fairfax



2020 was a year to not be forgotten in the life of Sky Ranch. I get the question a lot from colleagues throughout the Lutheran Outdoor Ministry network, *what was your summer like? What did you and your summer staff do all summer?* It was a summer of prioritizing safety of campers and staff, pivoting from what we know to the unknown. Our board committed to hiring, training, and providing a safe space for our 28 summer staff well before a decision regarding camp was made was the start of something unique this summer. So how did we spend the summer? Our summer of ministry became a four-pronged approach:

**Virtual Resource Series:** Resources were created to support and strengthen faith formation and share camp experiences in

communities. We provided sermons based on the revised common lectionary as well as the narrative lectionary. 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. Staff worked to create Bible studies, worship, environmental education activities, songs, and fun campy activities for all age groups. Our series of videos can be found at <https://skyranchcolorado.virtual-camp.org/>

**Work Projects:** We spent time this summer doing projects at 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.

**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.

**Young Adult Ministry:** It was important to make sure the staff themselves were being spiritually and emotionally fed this summer. Two that stand out; 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 year taught us a lot about how to adapt and do ministry differently. We are excited about what this year taught us and how we can use that moving forward!

## PROPERTY UPDATE

During our summer we were gifted with an abundance of God's love, an amazing staff, and loads of time! We were able to clean and declutter camp, multiple times. Even though there were less than 30 people at camp all summer, we were able to build up a good amount of garbage from our decluttering excursions. The next time you go to camp you may also notice more artwork throughout camp, including lining our paths. Our staff wanted campers to come back to a bright and colorful Sky Ranch since they weren't able to in 2020. We were also gifted with the hands of David Fluck and his daughter Ember (who spent her first summer on staff this year) who built a new recycling shed behind the Lodge.

Perhaps the most drastic changes to the property came by way of the Cameron Peak Fire! Most of the facilities at camp were protected with a lot of help from the fire crews in our area. The fire did however, manage to burn three of the seven structural poles of our high ropes course and completely destroyed the sauna, several platforms for tents, and the Sundance Worship Area. Even with these losses we are tremendously thankful to the fire crews for doing what they did, we most certainly would not have been as fortunate as we have been.

We believe that the values learned on our high ropes course at Sky Ranch has directly lead to some of the most meaningful bonds through the week. When a group is able to trust and support each other during this exercise, they are able to apply these same teamwork skills throughout the week and hopefully throughout their lives! That is why we are excited to announce that this spring we will be replacing out high ropes course with an all new course with more to offer for everyone! We are excited for you to see the new course when you come through the gates, and to see how it can help form our community in the summers to come!

Along with this rebirth of our high ropes course will come the rebirth of our other affected areas of camp. The Sundance Worship Area is a vital part of our campers worship experience, where we join together every morning of the week. Reworking the area and replacing the seating will be an important project to get done before our programming begins this summer. The platform tents at Beaver Meadows have been a place where backpackers and service groups have come together at the end of their week offsite to celebrate their week. These are a few of the projects at camp we have the opportunity to address in the coming years.

## HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Cole Hemmah



This summer was a strange summer, for obvious reasons. We knew that camp was going to be different, shortly after I started in March that became apparent. By April we were wondering if camp was going to happen, and when May finally came we knew that this summer was going to be far from anything we had expected it to be. But there will always be the same spirit at Sky Ranch; ingenuity along with a lot of positivity brought us through a roller coaster of a summer. Even when faced with the fact that there would be no campers this year, our staff all pulled together to create fun and useful tools for congregations that can continue to be used! We also found the value of manual labor this summer, both on and off site.

Sky Ranch has a strong connection to the surrounding mountains and the trails that traverse them. Included in this has been a tradition of participating in the Adopt-a-Trail Program through the National Forest Service. Through the years you can find Sky Ranch listed as a proud partner in doing trail maintenance on Signal Mountain, and Beaver Creek Trails, as well as many other trails in the area! Taking care of the environment we have been blessed to call home has been a part of Sky Ranch since the beginning.

This year was a great opportunity to make a major impact on the **Signal Mountain, Comanche Lake, and Beaver Creek!** We had a staff full of young, ambitious, and adventurous staff. And best of all we had them in abundance, so off they went! Both trail crews headed out from camp with bags packed, all holding a different tool for the trail. Saws, shovels, rakes, pretty much anything that is made of metal and awkward to carry is what you need to carry out proper trail work. Perhaps the most important tool to bring is a good attitude! These groups worked hard on the trail for four days and three nights on their journey up each trail, and not without their own challenges along the way. Just like any proper backpacking trip there has to be hurdles to jump over, and in this case trees. Both crews were able to remove a combined number of 36 trees from blocking the trails! Remember, this work is done **WITHOUT** any help from electric or gas powered tools. That means all those trees had to be hand sawn!

Working as a team is a key element to the success of camp and the growth of a community. On trail that is no different, and when your goal is to literally work together on the trail then it is key to be a cohesive team. Luckily we were blessed to have a great staff this summer, who were able to clean and maintain both trails from Sky Ranch to Comanche Lake and the entire Signal Mountain Trail. They did valuable work for Sky Ranch and for the thousands who enjoy these trails every year.

At the end of the week we were happy to see smiles on the faces of our Adopt-a-Trail crews; and we were more than happy to great them with open arms, as soon as they were done showering!

With the help of all of our staff we were able to do trail work on all these trails plus trails leading to the CSU mountain campus, Fish Creek, Beaver Falls, and our very own Nature and Prayer Trails. This summer was a great opportunity for us to seize, and we were fortunate enough to have an amazing staff with exactly what it took to do so.

But this is not a fairy-tale ending, the course of the Cameron Peak Fire engulfed the trail going to Comanche Lake, and certainly affected the Signal Mountain Trail. Though the hours they put in were very real, the trails they left so pristine will need a lot more work in the coming years.





## 2020 FINANCIAL REPORT

	Budget 2021	Actual 2020	Budget 2020	Actual 2019	Actual 2018
<b>INCOME</b>					
Church Support	55,200	92,848	55,200	58,539	53,763
Individual Support	229,000	1,212,933	169,000	208,905	210,769
Grants & Matching Gifts	61,000	95,596	51,000	147,757	38,046
Program	375,250	0	393,000	384,241	339,791
Other	23,000	51,850	23,000	21,468	43,552
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>743,450</b>	<b>1,453,226</b>	<b>691,200</b>	<b>820,910</b>	<b>685,921</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Program Ministry	321,903	178,148	320,818	263,673	307,915
Property & Facility	128,530	95,354	84,959	114,254	96,854
Administrative	299,182	285,957	284,680	280,663	264,010
Other	10,000	10,579	10,000	13,164	10,939
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>759,615</b>	<b>570,038</b>	<b>700,457</b>	<b>671,754</b>	<b>679,718</b>
<b>GAIN/LOSS TOTAL</b>	<b>(16,165)</b>	<b>883,188</b>	<b>-9,257</b>	<b>149,156</b>	<b>6,203</b>

## CAMP BY THE NUMBERS

**6** Total Campers (evacuated)    
**9.5+** Hours of VR Videos    
**438** New Social Media Followers    
**197** New Donors!    
**6,740** Vimeo Views

During this year of social distancing we were able to connect with more friends, new and old, of camp than ever before! We saw gifts coming in from people who's connection to camp goes almost back to the beginning of Sky Ranch. Thank you for showing such generous support to this place we love during a year of many trials. This will ensure a bright future for Sky Ranch and all of the wonderful children of God who will come in the future.

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Number of Individuals Who Donated!

## 2020 SUMMER STAFF

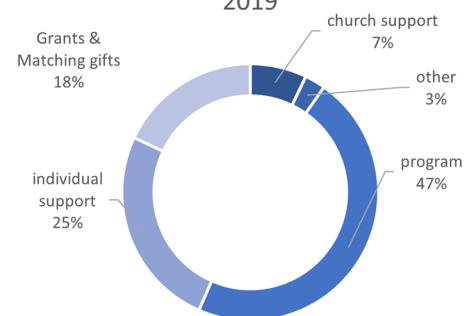
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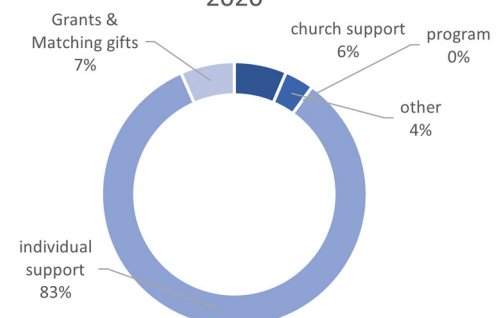
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Huge thank you to our 2020 Summer Staff; who were willing to spend their summer isolated in the mountains learning more about themselves and their faith, all while building resources and leadership skills to share with others. Staff training at outdoor ministry sites across the country is the largest leadership development program in the ELCA.

WHERE OUR MONEY CAME FROM  
2019



WHERE OUR MONEY CAME FROM  
2020



## FRIENDS OF THE MOUNTAIN - GIFTS IN 2020

Camper fees (\$425 in 2020) cover only a portion of what it actually cost to go to camp. How can we do this? Two words: We Can't. Not without your help! In a typical year our **"Friends of the Mountain"** giving club helps to subsidize **every** camper to the tune of over \$145,000 each year! "Friends of the Mountain" is the organization of people who give leadership support to the Annual Fund through their gifts of \$100 or more during the course of a year. These gifts help us to keep fees within the reach of most people, give camperships to those who need them, and help us assure the financial stability of the ministry at Sky Ranch. **"Thank You" to these individuals for their incredible support during this challenging year!**

### Comanche Peak (Above \$1000)

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## VOLUNTEER NURSES

*Thank you to our nurses who were willing to volunteer at Sky Ranch during this uncertain summer! And thank you for all you've done to keep us healthy up and down the mountain!*

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Special Thank you to  
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**WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEER NURSES FOR THE COMING SUMMER. IF YOU KNOW ANY RN THAT WOULD BE INTERESTED TO SERVE, HAVE THEM CONTACT THE FORT COLLINS OFFICE.**

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