



Camp Colorado continues to color the lives of campers

Senior High, Stephanie Guyer

Forty campers pummeled each other with colored powders in Camp Colorado’s first color fight at this year’s senior high camp.

Campers continued the camp traditions of hiking to Devil’s Head, a trip down to the river, mission impossible, campfire, singing, service projects, and movie night out in front of the lodge.

“The campers always love campfire and large group. That is when they feel closest to God,” Guyer said.

Junior High, LeAnn Harnist & Genelle Bunte

Fifteen junior high campers enjoyed Camp Colorado traditions like playing a late-night game of sardines, participating in foot washing and communion during closing campfire, and of course, a moonlit serenade. Furthermore, Camp Colorado’s greatest tradition, the unity of its campers, was alive and well at junior high camp.

“The group seemed to become close over the course of the week and were supportive and caring toward one another,” LeAnn Harnist, co-director said.



Senior high campers show off their true colors after surviving Camp Colorado’s first color fight.

Junior Camp, Cyndi Kinnamon

Thirty-five campers forged friendships and learned about the love of God at junior camp this year.

“Above all, we just had a great time getting to know each other and learning how to keep God present in our lives at home,” said Cyndi Kinnamon, director.

Pre-Junior Camp was directed by Cyndi Delaney and Scott Crist

Junior Camp



Junior High Camp



Senior High Camp



Workcamp Report

Over Memorial Day weekend, Camp Colorado held its annual Workcamp. Forty people from across the Western Plains District participated. During this weekend, the deck on the side of the rec hall was completed. Additionally, workers focused on several season startup tasks, including planting flowers, cleaning the facilities from top to bottom, and upgrading the well water system.

Completed Projects

- Boys Bathroom stall dividers
- Rec Hall Deck and stairs
- Improved trash collection and removal equipment and processes.

Future Plans

- Basketball court/concrete slab (below volleyball court as proposed site)
- Planning for Manager Cabin remodel and window replacement
- Planning/Budgeting additional water well – installation of new pump on existing well
- Vehicle storage shed in RV Lot (Fall 2019)
- Lodge Roof
- Systematically update existing structures
- Work to providing estimates for upcoming project items
- Develop ongoing plan for vehicle replacement
- Continued removal of unused resources on the grounds

Project List for Next Year

- Concrete road drainage channels
- Perimeter fencing replace or repair
- Road Repairs
- Refurbish the volleyball court
- Manager Cabin front door

Renter's Corner: The Soden Family

In 1972 the Sodens had their first family reunion at Camp Colorado. At that first reunion, there were 27 family members present. On Labor Day, the Sodens held their 48th "Camp," and there could be 98 family members from Colorado, Nebraska, Texas, Ohio, North Carolina, Idaho, Arizona, California and Minnesota.

Camp Colorado has always been important to the Soden family. Lester Soden, the family's patriarch, helped build the camp, including driving the Cat to cut the roads. And Vera Soden, matriarch, also helped Camp Colorado in its early stages, including cooking for the crews and campers. Lester and Vera had eight children, and all eight children attended Camp Colorado growing up.

The Sodens have many traditions ranging from homecooked meals to tournaments in horseshoes, volleyball, and Soden Ping Pong. Soden Ping Pong allows several family members to play at once and winning the Soden Ping Pong tourney has become a point of pride for family members, which is why the family donated the ping pong table last year.

Whether sitting around the campfire and sharing family history or taking a walk to Dinosaur Rock, the Soden family savors their time at Camp Colorado. And the Sodens and other families like them are part of the reason the camp still thrives today!

Soden Family Campfire



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