

Highlands Report
Ruling Elder – Maria Shupe, Executive Director



Highlands is currently hiring year-round and summer staff in all areas. . . Food Service, Housekeeping, Guest Services and Program. Summer staff must be at least 18 years old. Many positions have onsite housing and meals as well as salary/hour rate pay. Apply online at <https://www.highlandscamp.org/employment>.

Mother’s Day Family Getaway, May 8-9 . . .

Spend Saturday afternoon in Estes or Lyon or Rocky Mountain National Park and then join us at Highlands for a fun-filled family getaway. We will offer families a cookout supper at the campfire, family crafts for kids, and an opportunity for mom to try her hand at fused glass. Accommodations provided in the Retreat Center, and you can pick your time for Mother’s Day Brunch on Sunday morning. Our brunch menu for mom includes made-to-order omelets and a French toast bar. Register online at www.highlandscamp.org.



Financial Update:

- Our first Payroll Protection Act Loan has been fully forgiven.
- We are grateful for the support of many congregations and donors who sustain the ministry of Highlands during these times with limited guest use!
- We are seeing frequent reservations of Horse Lodge and Paint Brush through AirBnB and VRBO. These cabins are great places for families to stay in the mountains, and prepare their own meals.
- In mid-April we begin to see the return of guest groups to Highlands. In May, we will begin to restore full-time positions and part-time staff positions as we prepare for summer and see increased guest usage.

Highlands staff have received our vaccinations. We are grateful for the excellent system Boulder County Public Health has put in place to provide vaccinations for childcare providers.

Highlands is a safe place for people to enjoy the outdoors. Highlands is open for sledding, tubing, snowshoeing and hiking.

Highlands is a safe place for families and individuals to enjoy time in the mountains. Paintbrush and Horse Lodge cabins are also ideal for family groups! These cabins have fully equipped kitchens, allowing your family to enjoy meals on your own. The Retreat Center is also available for pastors, individuals and families. We are seeing consistent weekend reservations for these two cabins.

May 1, 2021

Summer 2021 Family Camp Programs! In the summer of 2021, we look forward to welcoming families to spend time outdoors, in the beauty of God's creation at Highlands. Registration for Family Camp is now open. Register online at www.highlandscamp.org! It's going to be fun!

- 2021 Family Camp Dates**
- 1 June 24 -26 (Thurs-Sat)
 - 2 June 27-29 (Sun-Tues)
 - 3 July 2-5 (Fri-Mon)
 - 4 July 11-13 (Sun-Tues)
 - 5 July 16-18 (Fri-Sun)
 - 6 July 18-21 (Sun-Wed)



Volunteer Director

TBA
Emma Moore
Kevin & Chrissy Starcher & family
Geoff & Annelly Nobel & grandkids
Brian & Mariah Leisher & family
Mark & Debbie Hutton & grandkids



Partnership Day Camp . . . maybe. We have opened applications for Partnership Day Camp, and we have begun conversations about the required safe practices for this program to be possible. We have received four applications. Our goal is to have one team with up to seven weeks of partnership programs. Being able to hire staff is a key deciding factor. Models will be based small groups of children/youth that do not intermingle. Outside space would be utilized as much as possible. Applications are available online at www.highlandscamp.org.

For Guest Groups, we look forward to the return of guest groups to Highlands and continue to make reservations and to share the most current public health guidelines. Boulder County anticipates going to level blue on April 16th and the level clear this summer. Please call Sue, for the most current information on reservations and guidance.

Highlands has been working with Run River Enterprises on an evaluation of our Summer Camp program. Our next steps include conversations with our presbytery partners about how Highlands can support the mission and ministry of each presbytery.

We are grateful to all those who participated in our **Indoor Workday!** Lots of great projects were completed! If you would like to be a part of our **Spring Workday, plan to join us on May 15th at 9:00 a.m.** Please email info@highlandscamp.org. We'll plan lunch . . . and lots of projects!