

Cathedral Ridge Report 2023

You are Invited!

Join us at Cathedral Ridge for both a mountain-top sanctuary and a stimulating wilderness environment in which lives are transformed in relationship with God and one another. Cathedral Ridge is a gathering place, bringing together communities and programs that stimulate discovery and collaboration. We aim to provide innovative, creative, and transformative Christian formation for all ages.

Cathedral Ridge is ready to welcome you wherever you are on your journey. We will provide a wonderful place of outrageous hospitality so you can let all the distractions of life fall to the ground and experience the love of God! Whether you are coming to a retreat, a family camp, a youth camp, or anything else we are here to serve you as Jesus served putting your needs first so you can experience this love of God as you encounter the Holy Spirit in this beautiful place. We hope to see you soon at Cathedral Ridge!

The Cathedral Ridge Board

The Board met in May and gave thanks to the Rev. Vicki Hesse & the Rev. Leah McCullough, our past Vicars and Co-executive Directors, for their leadership and care during the retreat season this past year. The board was then introduced to the Rev. John Hill, who started his ministry as Vicar and Executive Director on May 1st. The goal was to prepare for and have a successful summer family and youth camp and to hire staff for both the summer and year-round. The Board then met in August and started with the vision report that was done before and used the goals as our starting point. In the end the goals that emerged as priorities were: developing and expanding family camp, CIT leadership training for high school students, continued abound retreats and add pastoral care church leaders, and continuing facilities development-

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Brian Bennett	President	Savior	Our Savior. C.S. 2010
Nancy Jones	Treasurer	St. Michael the Archangel, C.S.	2019
Jim Wolfe	Secretary	Good Shepherd, Centennial	2020
Bob Bach	Member	St. John's Cathedral, Denver	2022
Rev. Melissa Adzima	Member	St. Stephen's, Longmont	2020
Rev. Krista Dias	Member	St. Lukes, Ft. Collins	2019
Rt Rev. Kym Lucas	Member	The Episcopal Church in Colorado	2019
Erica Pomerenk	Member	St. Thomas, Denver	2015
Deborah Smith	Member	St. Peter's, Basalt	2021
Jay Swope	Member	St. John's Cathedral, Denver	2010

Retreats

We have had wonderful retreats in the spring and fall and we are almost completely full until Mid-November. Every Retreat we have hosted this year has already been booked for next year. Our staff has done an amazing job serving the guests. Bryn and Beth our Directors of Food Service served incredible food, Ryki, our director of camp operations, made sure the groups needs were met before and during their retreat and Linda, our Deacon, hosted the groups well and shared her love and knowledge of creation. Brian, our director of facilities has worked hard to get our facility ready for all camps and retreats. We all pitched in wherever the need was to make sure the experience of the guests was excellent.

We will continue outrageous hospitality as our staff changes in the coming year. Beth has taken on Bryn's role as Director of Food Service, Ryki will move from hosting to Director of Camp Operations while overseeing hospitality, Brian will be meeting the needs of the groups by providing facility support. There have been new people brought on to help in each of these areas. We are looking to expand our activity offerings for both retreats and summer camp with the possibility of offsite horseback rides, fishing, kayaking, and whitewater rafting. We will continue to offer both low and high ropes as well as archery. We will be training new staff in ropes and archery. We are now booking for spring and fall of 2024.

Youth and Family Camp

We had an amazing summer serving children, youth, and families! God has been moving in their lives as they experienced the love of God in Jesus through the Holy Spirit. We saw families grow closer to one another and to the Lord. We saw children and youth have fun, laugh, and share while making new friends and growing in their relationships with each other and with God.

Elizabeth Cervasio did an amazing job putting together the summer staff and setting up program leaders and chaplains for the youth camps. She also set up the staff training and made sure all the staff were up to date on all the requirements from the state. She took care of all the program needs for each camp by working with each of the leadership teams. Thank you, Elizabeth, for all your hard work this year! Deacon Linda Brown did an incredible job as well preparing family camps with chaplains and leaders. She also hosted many retreats and led the care of creation family camp as well as many of the creation care in each of the camps. Thank you, Linda!

The summer staff did a great job this summer caring for the families and the children and youth at camp. The program leaders and chaplains were excellent and brought a wonderful program for each session.

We are looking forward to sharing videos, pictures, brochures, and an updated website with the current families that enjoyed their time so they can promote the camp to their friends. The best marketing is word of mouth marketing with the help of on-line tools. We will also be hitting the road this fall, winter and spring going to regions and churches building relationships to promote

Betsy Brandt: Girls Counselor

Nurse: Christy Bess

2023 Summer Program

Staff Training:	June 10 th -14 th
Pride Family Camp:	June 15-18
Care of Creation Family Camp:	June 22-25
Adventure Family Camp:	June 29-July 2
Pilgrimage Camp (3 rd -5 th grade)	July 9-14
Connection Camp (6 th -8 th grade)	July 16-21
Season Camp (9 th -12 th grade)	July 23-28
Latino Family Camp	September 1 st -4 th

2024 Cathedral Ridge Summer Camp Dates

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May 26-June 2 nd	Summer Staff Training
June 5 th -8 th	Sr. High Leadership Camp
June 13 th -16 th	Pride Family Camp
June 20 th -23 rd	Care of Creation Family Camp
June 27 th -30 th	Multi-Cultural Family Camp
July 7 th -12 th	3 rd through 5 th Grade Youth Camp
July 14 th -19 th	6 th through 8 th Grade Youth Camp
July 21-26 th	High School Youth Camp
July 26 th -28 th	Holy Comforter Parish Family Camp
August 1 st -4 th	St. John's Cathedral Parish Family Camp
August 8 th -11 th	St. John's Boulder Parish Family Camp
August 15 th -18	Open Family Camp

August 21st-25th Needle Point Retreat

August 30th-Sept 2nd Latino Family Camp

Facilities

Our new facilities director, Brian Carpenter, jumped right into the camp when he started on July 8th. The facilities have had several deferred maintenance needs that will be addressed over time. Some of these issues we can put into our budget but some we will need to seek additional funding.

We are developing a 5-year plan to add to and update our current facility. To make the camp financially viable we need to have room for at least 100 to 120 people in our youth camp, family camp and at our retreats. The Lodge needs to be updated, a new lodge building added, three flexible cabins that can be used for youth, families, or adults built and the current youth cabins repurposed. We are looking to add a multi-purpose covered pavilion, a playground, and a hardscaped seating area outside Lupine Lodge as well. We have a committee of the board beginning to work on this process to develop a plan for 2024.