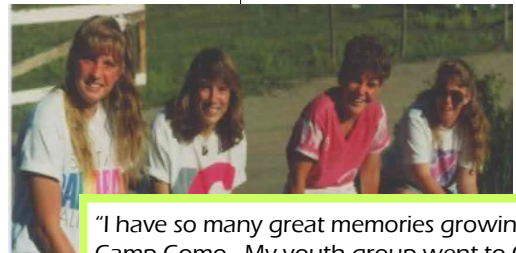




NEWSLETTER



This month's newsletter is dedicated to the testimony of 50 years of ministry at Camp Como. All the quotes are from former campers who are now in full-time ministry. What's your story?



"I have so many great memories growing up at Camp Como. My youth group went to Como every summer. I loved hiking Baldy, sitting around the campfire and even singing for my mail at dinner. I learned how to shoot an arrow and study the Bible. I built a teepee and built relationships that have lasted even to this day. I laughed a lot, sometimes I cried, and through it all, I fell in love with Jesus. I am so grateful my children now get to be a part of the wonderful things that happen at Camp Como. Happy Birthday Como. Thank you."

Johanna Spille
Next Generation Pastor
Southeast Christian Church

HOW CAMP COMO HAS IMPACTED MY LIFE

"My story with Camp Como goes back beyond 50 years to the early and mid 1950's. Camp Como was then known as Colorado Christian Service Camp and met at different locations along the front range. My earliest memories as a student attending camp would have been Allenspark, Ward, Colorado and Red Feather Lakes near Ft. Collins.

It was in the summer between my Junior and Senior year of high school while at camp that I decided to dedicate my life to some kind of full time Christian service. I was not sure at that time where that decision would lead me but I had been challenged to make that decision. I realized later that commitment would make a difference for the rest of my life. After High School I attended Bible College and then entered into full time ministry as a church Pastor. When I experienced times of discouragement in ministry my decision at camp carried me through. I was privileged to lead three different churches for over 50 years and today after five years of retirement am still active in Christian ministry. Knowing how camp helped me I have encouraged as many young people as I can to attend camp and have a similar life changing experience.

God has been using Camp Como for over a half-century to change lives, may this ministry continue for many more years."

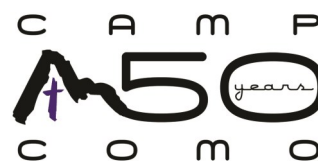
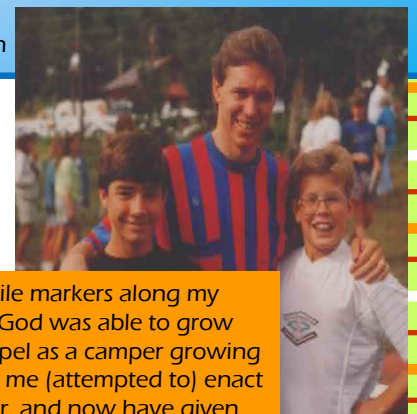
Stan Sack
Colorado Springs, CO

REMEMBER THE 80's?



"I am so excited that because of my time at Camp Como, I now have a job that allows me to take my own kids to the camp that so shaped and molded me! I can't wait to share meals with the kids of Rocky Mountain Christian Church under the red roof of the dining hall, coach them up the rock wall, swing them almost upside down on the turtle swing, walk a little girl to the Lillie Building in the middle of the night while watching out for bears and telling them more about how much Jesus loves them while spending time in one of the most beautiful places God has created."

Anni Koenig
Children's Minister
Rocky Mountain Christian Church



"God has used Camp Como to set mile markers along my path of faith in many unique ways. God was able to grow my passion and wisdom for the Gospel as a camper growing up; He was able to teach me and let me (attempted to) enact Christ-like service as a summer staffer, and now have given me the opportunity to watch and feed the flame that Christ sparks in the hearts of the future generations as a student minister. On the right side of the road as one leaves camp can be seen a now old wooden post, with Proverbs 22:6 etched in the weather beaten and sun faded post, and this is how God has used Camp Como for my walk in faith. 'Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.'"

Korben Koenig
Youth Minister
Gateway Christian Church



5•50 PLAN

One aspect of our Year of Jubilee will be to eliminate all of the debt that the camp has. This year-long effort is called the, "5•50 Plan" and the debt is \$600,000. This is no small task for us, but we are confident that God will bless our efforts through people like you. Here's how you can help: Please pray about what level God wants you to give over this next year and let us know by filling out the Donation Remittance form. We are asking you to give towards one of these five categories in 2014 to help eliminate our debt. Will you help?

| Individual Donors Needed | | |
|--------------------------|---------|----------|
| No. of Participants | Amount | Total |
| 50 | \$5,000 | \$250,00 |
| 50 | \$1,000 | \$50,000 |
| 50 | \$500 | \$25,000 |
| 50 | \$250 | \$12,500 |
| 50 | \$50 | \$2,500 |



"It has been such an honor to not only attend Camp Como as a camper but then also take groups there as a Student Pastor. I've seen many lives transformed through the ministry of the camp and I believe there will be a ton more people in heaven because of the influence of the staff, faculty, and others have had in the lives of young and old alike."

Dustin Fisher
Youth Minister
Pikes Peak Christian Church



1990'S

"Colorado Christian Service Camp has been a part of our life for 47 years. When we came to Julesburg in 1967 we went to camp. I have had the privilege of being a Junior Camp Dean for 20 years, teaching for many different weeks of camp. Enjoyed many Men's Round ups, Young at Heart, and other gatherings at Camp. Southeast had Retreats, and Family Days at the camp grounds.

I can remember climbing up to Little Baldy, Tubing down the mountain in the winter, going to the Como Grave yard, Cooking in the Kitchen, attending some great Worship services, lining in front of the dining hall, children fainting in line from lack of oxygen, Baptizing in Mountain Stream and the old Tank, going and painting and cleaning to prepare for the opening of camp, traveling to camp meetings at different churches in Colorado, and on and on.



Most of all I remember young people coming to Jesus as Lord and Savior, and now seeing many of them in ministry and working in the life of the church. Camp Como has made a difference in the lives of many people and the kingdom."

Russ McCracken
Founding Pastor
Southeast Christian Church

Recognize anyone in this month's Newsletter?
If so, please let us know!



"The reason I am in ministry today is because of Camp Como! From the time I was old enough to participate I never missed attending summer camp at Como. Every year it was a "mountain top" experience for my spiritual life and laid a great foundation for the week I attended camp following my sophomore year in High School. That week of camp changed the direction of my life when God clearly tapped me on the shoulder and pointed me in the direction of full-time Christian ministry. I am so thankful for the ministry of Camp Como because it not only helped prepare me for serving the church but became the place where I was called into ministry."

Bryan Myers
Senior Minister
Academy Christian Church

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50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION REGISTRATION

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Lodging Request (circle one): Tent Cabin RV/Camper (size: _____)

Number of people attending: _____

Church Name: _____

Meals (circle those you will be attending):

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-------|--------|
| Friday, June 27 th | ----- | ----- | Supper |
| Saturday, June 28 th | Breakfast | Lunch | Supper |
| Sunday, June 29 th | Breakfast | Lunch | ----- |

Please return to: Camp Como, P.O. Box 36, Como, CO 80440 or
camp@campcomo.com. Thank you!

"That year we were all challenged by Tom Lawson to love Christ above all others. That was a turning point for me in terms of commitment. I knew a line had been drawn in the sand and I knew which side I wanted to be on. Later I committed my life to full time Christian Service at Camp Como. Since then our six children have all attended camp at Como and their lives have also been impacted. Some are still attending and being changed for Christ. Camp Como is a beautiful place and God has used the Camp to do some beautiful things in my life. Thank you Camp Como and thank you to all the people who have given and served for 50 years so the camp can impact young lives."

Raymond Matteson
Minister of Education and Involvement
Lamar Christian Church