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OUR 5 CORE VALUES: CARING—HONESTY—RESPECT—RESPONSIBILITY—FAITH



THIS MONTH'S MUSINGS

- A Minute with Mike
- Program Expansions
- Camp Magic Moments

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QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, IDEAS?

Contact Michael Ohl, Camp Executive at mohl@ymcarockies.org or by phone at 970-887-2648.

WANT TO BE MORE CONNECTED TO CAMP?

Create an online [CCO Alumni Profile](#) and connect with others who went to and/or worked at camp the same year(s) you did!

A MINUTE WITH MIKE

I may be a little biased, but camp is a wonderfully life changing environment. Just thinking back to what it has done for me personally makes me proud to be part of the YMCA camping movement.

The word cloud above represents what campers and parents feel like they got from camp. The more a word is mentioned in the comments, the bigger the word in the cloud. Confidence, independence, and friends stand out pretty big.

With a new year, we often look at things that we can improve on or sometimes change. Imagine if you could change the amount of confidence you have, not only in how you approach problems, but in your decision making. Camp does that for our campers through progressive programs.

Or maybe you wish you could be more independent and go out and learn something new or meet new friends. Camp does that with our basic cabin arrangements and our trained counselors working their

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magic. Why? Because a lot of them were one time campers and want to give back to the campers who are new to CCO. They want to be sure they experience the same magic they did when they were starting off.

To steal from the American Camp Association, camp gives a world of good. Maybe 2017 is the year your child really grows from an experience.

Michael Ohl, Camp Executive

PROGRAM EXPANSIONS

Some changes are happening at CCO. We started in 2012 with the addition of Donadagohvi Fire Circle. Then this summer we enclosed the dumpster, made some upgrades to our bathhouses in West Village, and made some decking improvements to Chief Ouray Lodge. But more is coming!

Starting in summer 2017, we will be unveiling some improved program areas. We will be opening a new Archery Range with a beginners and advanced area. This project was made possible through some special donors and we are thrilled we will be able to offer more archery options to our campers.



The other project we are close to completing is the start of a new climbing complex. The first piece will be a new bouldering rock that will offer beginner, intermediate and advance climbing options.



If you have interest in finding out more about our future projects, please reach out to Michael Ohl at mohl@ymcarockies.org.



Your gift today gives so many deserving children a chance to experience the magic of camp.

[Please support CCO today!](#)

OPERATION: REGISTRATION

[Registration](#) is officially open for all campers, returning and new. Don't miss out, sign up today!

A GLANCE AHEAD...

We have started our registration for summer 2017 and our returning staff interviews. If you know someone interested in working at camp, check out the [positions available](#) and apply early.

USELESS BUT IMPORTANT

The inventor of the Frisbee was cremated and made into a Frisbee after he died.

A MISSION THAT MATTERS

The Mission of the YMCA of the Rockies and Camp Chief Ouray is to put Christian principles into practice through programs, staff, and facilities that build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all.