

The Ring Lake Carillon

An ecumenical retreat center • "renewal in a sacred wilderness"

Joy by Carl Koch, Director

When Joyce and I return to our Wisconsin home for the winter, friends always ask, "How was your summer at the Ranch?" They are intrigued by what we do and want to be supportive. We respond with words like "great" or "wonderful." But more often now the word that seems most apropos is "joy."

"Joy" fits better, especially when I look at pictures from the summer. There's Jim Fowler (yes, the renowned scholar who offered the world Stages of Faith) riding Moe out on a trail ride. That's a look of joy! Or, study the faces of the folks standing on top of Arrow Mountain. Joy! Consider the children handling their paint brushes during a sharing session. Joy!



Joy has been described as the habit of opening our hearts to, delighting or taking pleasure in the "deep down things" that Gerard Manley Hopkins talked about. And joy flies in the face of so many forces in our culture that encourage cynicism and pessimism. In this land of abundance, a sense of deprivation and emptiness abounds. Indeed, joy is discounted as naïve.

But, why not joy? Martin Buber calls joy "the beating heart of the universe." Can we be said to really live without a joyful heart? Or as a counselor once told a client complaining of burnout: "Honey, you can't be burned out; you were never on fire."

Joy's beating heart is what so many people rediscover at Ring Lake Ranch. Evelyn Underhill says that joy is being "lost in the

Marvelous Truth, confronts us at every turn, in every guise . . .

Denise Levertov

great tide of selfless delight — creation's response to the infinite loving of God." The Ranch offers a "tide" of delight: clear lakes, hummingbirds, high mountains, riding down rocky trails, watching the osprey hunt, and conversations with wise people.

Pondering next summer's programs, it occurred to me that each one will be a great opportunity to be renewed in the practices of joy.

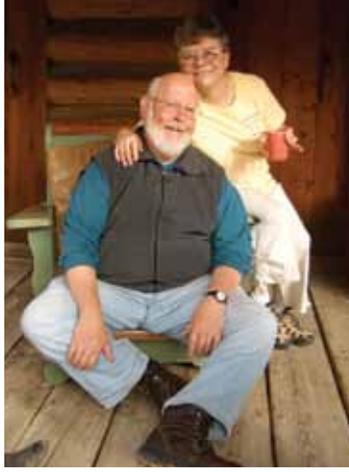
Wonder: Rabbi Joshua Abraham Heschel thought that one source of joy was practicing wonder or what he called "radical amazement." We open the eyes of our heart. In this regard I am particularly drawn to Scott Copeland's session on photographing wilderness. Looking through the lens of a camera is one way of learning anew to pay attention and seeing in new ways. Of course Bill Brown's retreat on Wisdom's Wonder will lead us into radical amazement as experienced in the wisdom texts of the Bible. Kathy Leithner and Suzanne Seatons' Walking on Holy Ground retreat specifically lures us into wonder with the question: What if we were to open our eyes to see and ears to hear "all things in God and God in all things?"

Celebration: Don Saliers' week with us on praying and singing the psalms will be a celebration of "humanity at full stretch" – hope and sorrow, lamentation and ecstasy. What always inspires me with the psalms is that they usually end in celebration because "This is the day the Creator has made, let us rejoice and be glad" (118:24). Amy Erickson will continue the theme of celebrating the beauty of Creation and Creativity with emphasis on the poetry of the Bible, Celtic and contemporary writers.

Learning or Discipline: Learning or being a disciple nourishes joy. We meditate on sacred text and on the revelations found in creation. We discern what is life-giving and what is life-denying. Diana Butler Bass will lead us in an important conversation about Being Spiritual & Religious. We'll explore the big picture of how religion is changing and the dimensions of emerging spirituality as well as what those changes might mean. Terri Schulz and Wayne Shepperd will guide us in an exploration of God's Land of Fire and Ice – the part of creation that is the Ranch. By nourishing our understanding of this land, we can make enlightened choices about our stewardship of creation.

Good Memory: Like a vine, joy withers when we are cut off from our roots, from the stories, essential values, blessings, and truths that orient us to what is good. In his biography of C.S. Lewis, George Sayers remarks, "The most important experiences of his whole life were mystical experiences of the presence of God. They arose from seemingly incongruous events,"

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Time to Say Adieu

Dear Friends –

Joyce and I love the Ranch – its mission, the people, the sacred place. These last five years have been filled with blessings too numerous to describe. Joyce and I have readily embraced and greatly enjoyed our lives and ministry at the Ranch.

Nevertheless, after much discernment, Joyce and I have agreed that the summer -- 2011 -- should be our final one as directors. It will be our sixth year as directors, and I will be 66 next June. We want to leave while we still have sufficient energy to do a good job. I have to admit that this last summer I began feeling less get-up-and-go. This job requires lots of it. And, we both want to have other adventures before our lessening energy makes those impossible.

There is no ideal time to make a transition like this. Letting the Board know a year ahead gives them more time to find replacements. [By the way, working with the Board has been one of the many blessings—would that all boards were so capable and supportive.] Many competent people know and love the Ranch. We are confident that the Board will find and invite excellent new leadership. Be assured that we will do everything we can to help make the change as smooth as possible.

So, friends, next September, Joyce and I will be ending our time as directors of the Ranch. Thanks to great staff, Board, volunteers, staff assistants, and you, friends of the Ranch, we can leave gratified, inspired, and challenged. We also plan to be back—God willing—as guests in this sacred place, this blessed community.

Peace and all good,

Carl & Joyce

The Ring Lake Ranch Carillon

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Thank You & The Search Begins

by Terri Schulz, President of the Ranch Board

The Ring Lake Ranch Board would like to thank Carl and Joyce for five great years of service. The Ranch has thrived under their leadership – increased attendance, engaging sessions, and great staff. Together we have placed a conservation easement over the Ranch that will ensure the preservation of this sacred place forever.

We also would like to thank Carl and Joyce for giving us the gift of time. Time to discern the most appropriate leadership structure for the future, time to search for that new leadership, and time for training and passing on the institutional knowledge of Ring Lake Ranch.

And so, we are now beginning our search for the next director of Ring Lake Ranch. Most of you have been to the Ranch and know the importance of its mission, the wonder of the place, and the richness of the experience people have there. Please help by letting folks you think would make good leaders know about the Executive Director position, which is now posted on the Ring Lake Ranch website. We hope to begin interviews around the end of the year. Our goal is to have an overlap of the directors late next summer. As always, we appreciate your prayers and support for Ring Lake Ranch!



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incongruous, that is, until one remembers that the spirit blows where it listeth. Lewis chose the word ‘joy’ to describe these experiences.” One aspect of Dori Baker’s and Joyce Mercer’s Gathering for Mothers, Daughters, and Women-Friends of All Ages will be remembering and sharing sustaining stories. And Marcus Borg will help us reclaim “the richness and fullness of biblical and Christian language” that has been distorted or lost.

“Renewal in sacred wilderness” has been the mission of the Ranch since the beginning. Joy is both a consequence of renewal and the activity of spirit that leads to renewal. We hope that through wonder, celebration, learning, and good memory, each person who comes to the Ranch will rediscover holy joy, “the beating heart of the universe.”

Stumped by Travel?

by Naomi Hoyer, RLR Board

Travel costs, especially airline tickets, have been skyrocketing over the last few years, and occasionally this can make the difference in people's ability to retreat to Ring Lake Ranch. While the majority of people that fly to the Ranch arrive at Jackson Hole, there are alternatives. While some of these airports are farther away, they would allow for additional time to explore the mountain west. When you are booking flights, don't forget to look into Riverton, WY (1.5 hours), Idaho Falls (4 hours), Casper (3.5 hours), Cody (4 hours), Billings (6.5 hours), Salt Lake City (7 hours), or Denver (8 hours). Renting cars from some of these airports may also be less expensive than Jackson.

If you plan to drive and would be interested in carpooling, let Carl Koch, Director, know. He can try to connect you with other guests coming from your area.



Staff Assistants

Unpaid junior staff – teenagers under 18 – were mainstays of the Ranch for many years. They did everything from wrangle horses to clean toilets, dig ditches to make beds. For a few years, the practice of having junior staff went into hibernation. We decided to resurrect the tradition, changing the title to staff assistants, which perhaps better describes what these young people do.

During the 2010 season, we were blessed with the help of four staff assistants: Jeremy Boissevain (16) from Esmont, VA, Lindsay Edmondson (15) of Levittown, PA, Nikki Aitken (14) of Signal Hill, CA, and Graham Opie (15) of Arlington, MA.

Staff assistants may come for a couple of weeks or longer, depending on Ranch needs and their schedules. Ideally they have been guests at the Ranch at least once, but selection is done on a case by case basis. They are expected to work between 20-30 hours per week and receive a small scholarship.

Anyone wishing to apply as a staff assistant should contact Carl Koch, Director, at carl@ringlake.org or 888.458.5253.

“Maggie” by Jim Fowler

James W. Fowler is Emeritus Professor at Candler School of Theology of Emory University and the author of *Stages of Faith*, the most influential work on faith development that has gone through dozens of editions since its publication in 1981. Jim was a presenter at the Ranch many times, and he and his family returned as guests in 2010. This poem that he wrote at the time of Ranch founder Maggie Kahin's death speaks about the joy she wanted for all who came here.

My main memories of Maggie
Are from behind
Where she looked, rode, led
Like Theodore Roosevelt
Making Rough Riders
Out of city folk
And composing a theology of Creation
From immersion
In the wilderness
She chose and loved.

From the front
She read Psalms:
“What happened, Sea, to make you
run away?
And you, O Jordan, why did you stop
flowing?
You mountains, why did you skip like
goats?
You hills, why did you jump around like
lambs?
Tremble, earth, at the Lord's coming,
At the presence of the God of Jacob,
Who changes rocks into pools of water
And solid cliffs into flowing springs.”

In her Exodus from the East
She must have seen the rivers stop.
The mountains must have skipped
And the hills surely jumped around
Like lambs.

And Maggie's calling took form
Amidst vision and hard, courageous
work.
She (with others) made a place
Where rocks could come
And be changed to pools of water
Where solid cliffs could become
Flowing springs
Where the river's flow could pause
And hearts, heavy as mountains
And burdened as hills,
Could skip and jump around,
And find the “dearest freshness
Deep down things.”

Spirit's continuosness at Ring Lake,
From petroglyph to Present,
Is not bereft but richened.
Between us, around us, encouraging us
And calling us to the truly important
will be Maggie—
Released and freed in a new Exodus
Inviting folk to break through limits,
Beckoning, nerving, empowering,
loving
The timid, the frozen, the burdened,
The tired, toward the
High reaches, the Wind-River reaches
Where body and soul, like the
mountains
Skip and dance, becoming living water.
Thanks be to God!

February 9, 1984

Thanks to 2010 Volunteers & Invitation for 2011

During this past season, the Ranch was blessed by the good services of the following volunteers for Volunteer Week and during the rest of the summer: David Petersen & Sarah Meyers, Dick & Marge McIntosh, Cathy & John Monson, Eric & Betsy Azariah, Ted & Renette Laase, Jim Lowrey, Naomi & Nick Hoyer, Mike Morris, Liz & Kevin Sellstrom, Tina Anderson, Bob & Diann Anderson, Dennis & Mary Jo Erickson, Jean & Bill Wolfe, Jean Schwein, Mark Gracey, Stephen Caine, Caroline & Madeline Hauptert, Willis Moore & Joan Williams, Beth McArthur, Dennis & Melanie Kohler, Andy Reitz & Becky Brown, Dwight Haberman, Lesley Stugelmayer, John Maule, and Dave & Janice Cramp.

A small sample of their accomplishments includes: the refinished exterior of Cabin 8, new concrete steps for the Living Room, a new porch on Hermitage, more refinished signs, rebuilt chairs on the Kitchen porch, rehabbed trails – especially Darryl's, additional lighting in the Dining Room, cleaning and more cleaning, fixed fences and gates, a great new canoe rack, and so on.

Volunteers during the sessions help in a million ways – always making a contribution to the smooth running of the Ranch. For all your invaluable assistance, thank you. Please return again.

We will be having Volunteer Week again in 2011 from May 29 – June 4 or join us when you have time during the summer. To discuss volunteering, contact Joyce at joyce@ringlake.org or phone 888.458.5253 toll free.

Ring Lake Ranch



June 5-11

Scott Copeland Photographing Wyoming's Wild Life

Nestled in the Wind River Mountains, the Ranch offers you the chance to photograph sorrel horses and petroglyphs, big-horn rams and stunning alpine landscapes. Come explore the surrounding area through your camera's lens by day, and explore basic digital image workflow in the evening. Participants need their own camera equipment and a rudimentary knowledge of basic photographic concepts. The emphasis will be on digital photography, but film photographers are welcome. Join us to see the world in new ways.

Scott Copeland has been photographing for almost 25 years. He specializes in nature and wildlife photography, especially in Wyoming. Scott's award-winning photos have appeared in numerous publications. His work can be seen on his website (www.threedoglight.com) and at two galleries in Lander, WY.



June 19-25

Dori Baker & Joyce Mercer Spa for the Girlfriend Soul: A Gathering for Mothers, Daughters, and Women- Friends of All Ages

Dori and Joyce want to create a space—a kind of “spa”—where mothers, daughters, and women-friends can discover their deep spiritual connections, where mind and spirit can be renewed, and where they're challenged to ask: Who is God calling me to be? What are my gifts and how am I to use them? How do I support other girls and women as they become their best selves?

Joyce Ann Mercer lives in Alexandria, VA, with daughter Sarah, sons Andrew and Micah, and husband Larry Golemon. She is ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA), teaches at Virginia Theological Seminary, and writes on many topics including the spiritual lives of women and girls. **Dori Baker** lives in rural Virginia with daughters Erin (15) and Olivia (11), and husband Lincoln Baker. Ordained in the United Methodist Church, Dori writes and teaches about spiritual practices that are reviving the church and frequently leads retreats based on her book *Doing Girlfriend Theology: God-Talk with Young Women*.



July 17-23

Diana Butler Bass Being Spiritual & Religious: From Cultural Mantra to Lived Reality

Every recent survey shows that conventional religion is in serious decline; at the same time, people express high levels of enthusiasm for spirituality. What do these trends really mean? Can we learn from the spiritual longings in our culture? Over the week, we'll explore the big picture of how religion is changing and the dimensions of emerging spirituality as well as what those changes might mean to our own journeys, faith communities, and politics. **Diana Butler Bass** specializes in American religion and culture and is author of seven books including *A People's History of Christianity: the Other Side of the Story*. Her best-selling *Christianity for the Rest of Us* was named as one of the best religion books of the year by *Publishers Weekly* and *Christian Century* and won the Book of the Year Award from the Academy of Parish Clergy. She regularly comments on religion and culture in the media including *Time*, *Newsweek*, *The Washington Post*, CNN, FOX, and PBS. She and her family live in Alexandria, Virginia.



July 24-30

Don Saliers Praying and Singing the Psalms: Humanity at Full Stretch

The psalms have been sung and prayed for well over 2000 years. We will explore, by singing and commentary, the range of human emotions before God found in the Psalter. The ecstatic and the lamentable, the hope and the sorrow, the awe and the instructional, the anger and the contemplative—all these are there and waiting on us once again. **Don Saliers** was William R. Cannon Distinguished Professor of Theology and Worship at Candler School of Theology at Emory University. Having retired, he continues to lecture widely and conduct workshops internationally. Don has authored many books, including *A Song to Sing, A Life to Live: Reflections on Music as Spiritual Practice* – co-authored with daughter Emily Saliers, *Worship and Spirituality*, and *Music and Theology*.



July 31-August 6

Terri Schulz & **Wayne Shepperd** Exploring God's Land of Fire & Ice

The Wind River Range in Wyoming is a diverse environment, from badlands, through sagebrush shrub-lands into forests and up to alpine. This type of landscape has called to people for thousands of years. We will explore and learn about this region by examining the vegetation and the natural disturbance processes such as fire, insect outbreaks, and human influences that have shaped this ecosystem over time. Participants will gain an understanding of how all of these factors influence what we see on this landscape today and what our responsibilities are to be good stewards of the land for the future. **Terri Schulz** is an ecologist with The Nature Conservancy of Colorado as well as president of the Ring Lake Ranch Board of Directors. **Wayne D. Shepperd, Ph.D.** is a retired Forest Service Research Scientist and currently an instructor in the Department of Forest and Rangeland Stewardship at Colorado State University.

2011 Schedule of Programs



August 7-13
William Brown
Wisdom's Wonder:
The Biblical Theatre of Awe

We have often lost wonder when we should be lost in wonder. The wisdom literature of the Bible is devoted to nurturing our sense of wonder -- awe over God's glorious presence in creation. We will journey through Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastes to find new ways to exercise our God-given capacity to wonder. **Bill Brown** is a professor of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA. His specialties include wisdom literature, the prophets, and creation theology. He is author of among other books *The Seven Pillars of Creation*—his latest work, *Seeing the Psalms, The Ethos of the Cosmos, and Ecclesiastes*. We welcome Bill back to the Ranch as a presenter after a couple of years' absence.



August 14-20
Amy Erickson
Creation & Creativity

How does our experience and perception of God's creativity inform our own sense of creativity? Surrounded by the radical, natural beauty of Ring Lake Ranch, we will engage poetic expressions of creation from the Hebrew Bible, the ancient Near East, Celtic traditions, and the contemporary world. We'll discuss together how the poetry we read enables us to re-imagine God's place, as well as our own, in the world. We'll also experiment with writing our own poetry inspired by our conversations and experiences in the Wind River Mountains. **Amy Erickson** is Assistant Professor of Hebrew Bible at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado. Her teaching and scholarship focuses on metaphor and poetry in the Hebrew Bible, particularly in the Psalms and the book of Job.



August 21-27
Kathy Leithner & Suzanne Seaton
Walking on Holy Gound:
Pilgrimage and Discovery

What if we were to open our eyes to see and ears to hear "all things in God and God in all things"--concrete sidewalk and wooded trail, waiting room and windswept shore, prison cell and aisles of the grocery store--all holy ground? What if we were to sense purpose and providence in plenty and emptiness? We'll approach this exploration through deep listening, reflection, music, poetry, conversation, photography, contemplative hiking and riding. **Suzanne Seaton** is a United Methodist clergywoman, spiritual director and retreat leader for the past 20 years, on the faculty of the Pastoral Leadership Program at Seattle University and retreat leader for the Two Year Academy for Spiritual Formation sponsored by the Upper Room. She is co-author of *Pilgrimage of the Soul: Thresholds to the Mystery*. **Kathy Leithner** is a United Methodist pastor serving in Oklahoma, with experience in a diverse variety of settings as well as the superintendency, a retreat leader for the Oklahoma five-day Academies for Spiritual Formation, and author of the column *Running Streams*.



August 28-September 3
Marcus Borg
Speaking Christian:
Reclaiming Christian Language

Much of Christianity's basic vocabulary is poorly understood today, impoverished and often distorted. The richness and fullness of biblical and Christian language needs to be reclaimed -- what is at stake is what it means to be Christian. **Marcus Borg** is Canon Theologian at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland, OR. He was Hunder Chair of Religion and Culture in the Philosophy Department at Oregon State University until his retirement in 2007. He is the author of eighteen books, including the best-sellers *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*; *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time*, and *The Heart of Christianity*. His newest books are *Jesus: Uncovering the Life, Teachings and Relevance of a Religious Revolutionary* (2006), a *New York Times* Best-Seller; *Conversations with Scripture: Mark* (2009), and three books co-authored with John Dominic Crossan, *The Last Week* (2006), *The First Christmas* (2007), and *The First Paul* (2009). His latest book is a novel, *Putting Away Childish Things*, published in 2010.



September 3-9
Fred Webb
Faith-Fellowship –
Flyfishing

Though not a regular seminar session, guests are welcome to register with **Fred Webb** for the 13th year of this program at Ring Lake Ranch. (540) 962-1300

For more details
check our website:
www.ringlake.org



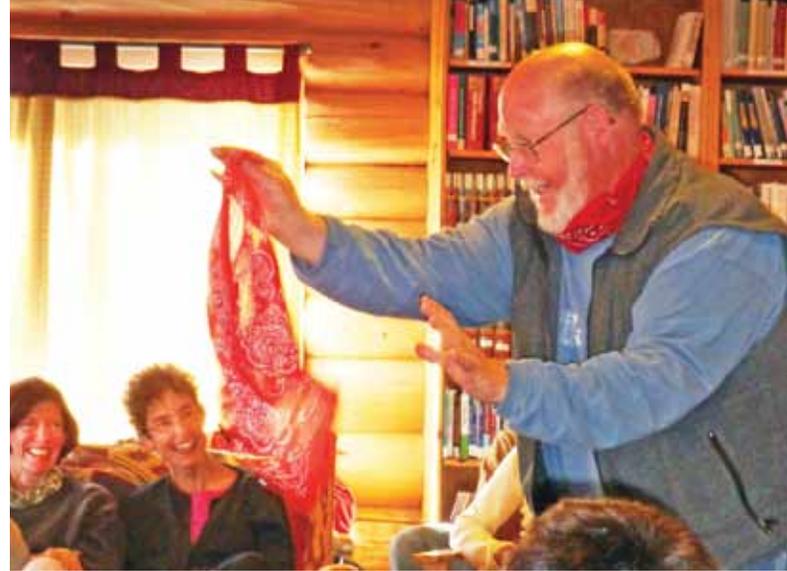
Your Ongoing Help by Nathan Bachtell, Ranch Board

Ring Lake Ranch would like to thank those who donated time, resources and prayers over the past year. As you might expect, running a ranch in the Wyoming wilderness requires dedicated and knowledgeable staff, investments in durable equipment, and resources to respond to unpredictable situations 24/7, 365 days a year.

On the other hand, the Board of Directors and Ranch management continue to do their best every year to keep costs down but still provide a safe and enjoyable experience for both guests and staff. This invariably leaves us with a budget deficit at year's end. We have been fortunate ever year to find a way to bridge this gap with financial and resource donations from our dedicated Ranch community.

This year will be no different. We ask once again, if you are able, to please continue to include Ring Lake Ranch in your annual giving. We simply cannot continue Maggie's mission without your continual generosity year after year.

Thank you once again to those who gave what they could during 2010. Have a wonderful holiday season, and we hope to see you all on the trails next summer!



Remembering Emmie Mears Webb (2001-2010)

Emmie and Amy, her mother, had been guests at the Ranch during the summer of 2009. On Ash Wednesday, 2010, Emmie died in an automobile accident while returning from church services. In honor of Emmie and her love for animals, particularly the Ranch's horses, the Mears-Webb family asked for friends to contribute to the Henry Everding Equine Endowment. They did so most generously, and the Ranch is most grateful. Here is the list of donors:

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Last summer the Mears-Webb Family spent two weeks at the Ranch. During their stay Joyce, Associate Director, lead the dedication of Emmie's Trail Course that tests a rider's skill controlling a horse through various obstacles. Guests, especially young people, enjoyed the course all summer.

Ranch Wish List

Along with on-going need for financial support, Ring Lake Ranch has need for the items below. If you have access to any of these items in good condition, please think of us. Or you may designate your cash contribution towards their purchase.

An energy-efficient upright freezer – A washing machine – Food processor for the kitchen – Adirondack chairs for cabin porches – Comfortable indoor chairs for the cabins

2011 Registration

2011 RATES

All rates are per person and based on double/multiple occupancy
Includes lodging * meals * seminars * horseback riding * guided hiking * boating. No charge for children 12 & under.

Scholarships are available: Contact – Carl Koch at mailing address below or carl@ringlake.org

ADULT FEES FOR 6 DAY SESSIONS

Basic lodging with shared bath \$730
Basic lodging with private bath..... \$820
Larger cabin with private bath..... \$885
Kitchenette cabin..... \$990

YOUTH FEES FOR 6 DAY SESSIONS

Youth (ages 13 – 17)..... \$560
Child (ages 12 and under)no charge

ADULT FEES FOR 2 CONSECUTIVE SESSIONS

Basic lodging with shared bath\$ 1290
Basic lodging with private bath.....\$ 1440
Larger cabin with private bath.....\$ 1545
Kitchenette cabin..... \$ 1740

YOUTH FEES FOR 2 CONSECUTIVE SESSIONS

Youth (ages 13 – 17)..... \$ 970
Child (ages 12 and under)no charge

All fees exclude sales & lodging taxes. Daily and off-season rates are available upon request.

To reserve a private room, contact Carl or Joyce about additional fee & availability.

Receive a 10% discount on your session fees by bringing someone new to the Ranch with you. Please indicate on your registration form who the new guest is. When they register, we'll record the discount. Thank you for spreading the word about Ring Lake Ranch.

Deposit:

To hold your reservations, we request a deposit of \$245/adult and \$135/youth for 6 day sessions or \$430/adult and \$185/youth for two sessions. The deposit is refundable (less a 20% handling charge) up to 60 days in advance of the session for which you have registered. After that time, the deposit is refundable (less 20%) only if we can rebook your space in the session.

No. of Registrants:

_____ Adults @ rate _____
_____ Youth (13-17) _____
_____ Children(12 & under) no charge

TOTAL (without taxes) _____

Deposit Amount _____

Session

Dates _____

Registrant Name(s) _____

Names & ages of children (if applicable) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone () _____ Work Phone () _____

Cell () _____ Email _____

Accommodation preference:

- Basic/shared bath Basic/private bath
 Large/private bath Kitchenette Cabin A

Roommate preference (registering separately)

- One bed? Two beds?

Is walking over steep or rough terrain difficult for you?

- Yes No

Any other physical limitations? _____

Dietary restrictions/food allergies: _____

Will you need transportation from the airport?

(see spring Carillon or website for charges)

- No Yes Jackson/Riverton

Signature _____

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Come join us at Ring Lake Ranch for “renewal in a sacred wilderness.”



See the complete listing of our outstanding programs for 2011 on pages 4 & 5. From discovering new wonders through the lens of a camera to women sharing stories of support and challenge, from singing and praying the psalms to exploring God’s land of fire and ice (the Ranch), from immersion in Wisdom to delving into creation and creativity, 2011 will be a summer filled with inspiration, challenge, community, and refreshment at Ring Lake Ranch.

For more information about our programs and the Ranch community, please visit our website: www.ringlake.org.

Some 2010 guests summed up their experience . . .

“What’s best about the Ranch? The time with God – while riding, hiking, or just being in this beautiful country. Being in the company of people who value spirituality and openness, love and kindness. I highly recommend the Ranch.” D.C.

“I loved the freedom to wander. It is a beautiful place, and there is something for everyone.” K.R.

“Thank you for an amazing week! This experience exceeded all my expectations and then some.” J.S.

“I’d recommend the Ranch because it offers contemplative space that is active and communal. Plenty of activities, but also open space to rest and renew.” A.O.

“It rocks.” M.W. (8 years)