



# The Ring Lake Carillon

Ring Lake Ranch • Dubois, Wyoming • Spring 2020

*An ecumenical retreat center offering "renewal in sacred wilderness"*



Exterior view of the Den

**Thank you!  
Thank you!  
Thank you!**

*Dear friends,*

**A**s you know, we launched the 50/50 campaign in the summer of 2016 with a number of goals, including update the Ranch cabins and other facilities, build a new meeting space, support the ongoing availability of scholarship funds and the general affordability of the Ranch experience for all guests, and increase the Ranch endowment to ensure the continued operation of Ring Lake Ranch for another 50 years.

As the Board reviewed the progress of the campaign over the last several months, we have concluded that we have met or will soon meet the broad goals of the campaign:

- All of the guest cabins have been renovated with new fixtures, interior finishes, and furniture.



Interior view of the Den

- Plans are underway for the Den, a new multipurpose meeting space to be located across the courtyard from the Dining Hall, with the hopes of completing the building for the 2021 summer season.
- We are able to continue to provide scholarship assistance to our guests and intend to reach out to new groups who might be interested but could likely not afford to attend otherwise.
- The Ranch endowment continues to grow and will provide the means to keep Ring Lake Ranch offering renewal in sacred wilderness for decades to come.

***The successful completion of all of these goals is the direct result of dozens of Ring Lake Ranch supporters.***

The list of people who have given to the campaign spans the Ring Lake Ranch community;

people who helped keep the Ranch open when it was barely more than Maggie's dream have given, as have people who came for just the first time last summer. Our tally of donations includes contributions of just a few dollars and gifts of several hundred thousand. Some donors have given once and others have committed to the Ranch in their estate planning. I have said many times over my tenure that Ring Lake Ranch is more than a retreat

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# Update

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## 50|50 Capital Campaign: Preserve the Experience

Even though the 50|50 Capital Campaign is concluding, we are happy to continue to receive donations for the Ring Lake Ranch Endowment, the Henry Everding Equine Fund, and the Annual Fund. As we look to new fundraising opportunities, please let us know of foundations, other organizations, or individuals who you think might be interested in supporting Ring Lake Ranch by contacting Andy Blackmun at [andy@ringlake.org](mailto:andy@ringlake.org) or call 888.458.5253.

We are pleased to acknowledge the generous pledges and contributions that supporters have made to the 50|50 Capital Campaign:

### Big Whiskey (\$100,000 and over)

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Harry and Ann Wilson

## Volunteers for 2020

We still have room for a few more people for Volunteer week and a few spots open for volunteering during our seminars. If you would like to join us for Volunteer Week or check on available spots during the rest of the season, please contact Andy at [andy@ringlake.org](mailto:andy@ringlake.org) or 888.458.5253.



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Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! from page one center or a guest ranch. It is a loving, supportive community and that community has been remarkable in its generosity over the course of the campaign.

Having met the Ranch's most pressing current needs, the campaign as an official, focused effort is concluding. The 50/50 Campaign demonstrated that the RLR

community is highly responsive to the financial needs of the Ranch and for that, we are all extremely grateful. The Board of Directors realizes, however, that there will be additional needs arising over time. For this reason, we are taking steps to incorporate focused fundraising efforts into the normal ongoing operations of the Ranch and to offer the Ranch community continuing opportunities to provide

financial support. We will keep everyone informed about these opportunities as they develop. I hope you will take a moment to reflect on the great work that the 50/50 campaign has accomplished and look forward to new opportunities to support our mission of 'renewal in sacred wilderness.'

In gratitude,  
Andy Blackmun, Director

## Ring of Friends

Thanks to everyone who gave so generously to support the Annual Fund of Ring Lake Ranch in 2019.

HEF indicates a gift to the Henry Everding Equine Fund, which supports the riding program.

We apologize if any gifts have been missed or attributed in error. Please let us know if any information needs to be corrected.

**Ross Lake Donors**  
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# Ring Lake Ranch

# 2020 Schedule of Programs



### May 24 – May 30: Volunteer Week

Every year, the Ranch relies on volunteers to clean, do major repair and upkeep projects and anything else needed to prepare for guests. Please consider joining us for a week of work, fun, and fellowship!



### Scholarships Available

Scholarship assistance is available, particularly for first-time guests to Ring Lake Ranch. Please contact Andy Blackmun at [andy@ringlake.org](mailto:andy@ringlake.org) for more information or to request our simple scholarship application.

### May 31 – June 6: Amy Mears Fuzz Therapy: Celebrating Fiber Arts

Bring your current project, favorite equipment, and adventuresome spirit for a week exploring the fiber arts together. We will enjoy community conversation about faith and fur and all the Ranch has to offer as we set up our work- and conversation-spaces throughout the wilderness. We will teach and learn with one another according to whatever we bring: crochet, felting, weaving, knitting, spinning with spindles and wheels, and preparing wool. Show and Tell will play an important role in our time together. We'll forage for dyestuffs and see what colors we can create! Field trips to Wyoming Wool Works in Dubois, Pingora Yarn in Lander, and a happy herd of Shetland sheep in Crowheart are daytime options. **Amy Mears** will convene the group and provide a whimsical collection of discussion topics. She is the co-pastor of Glendale Baptist Church in Nashville, TN and teaches preaching for seminaries in the Midwest and South. She spends her spare time kayaking and hiking, spinning and knitting, and doing chemistry experiments in natural dyeing to no ill effect, so far.

### July 12 – 18: Chelsea Yarborough Finding, Owning, and Using Your Voice: A Workshop on Proclaiming

How do we develop our voices and not simply become echoes to all the noise that surrounds us? What does it mean to proclaim as an agent for change, hope, and possibility, whether it be on public platforms or through interpersonal dialogue? Walking through the lives and proclaiming of Sojourner Truth, Nannie Helen Burroughs, and Fannie Lou Hamer, we will talk about what it means to develop our voices and think through strategies for speaking beyond the echo. This workshop will have both a seminar and practicum element as we work through our own sense of voice while learning from some examples that have come before us. **Chelsea Brooke Yarborough** is a Ph.D. candidate at Vanderbilt University in Homiletics and Liturgics. She is an ordained minister, a poet, an enneagram enthusiast, and a lover of leadership development.

### July 19 – Aug 1: History of the Wind River Valley: Two Perspectives

The town of Dubois, WY and the area surrounding Ring Lake Ranch have a rich history that spans centuries and involves a variety of peoples and traditions. This session, co-sponsored by the Dubois Museum, will examine the history of both local native American tribes and the European settlers of Dubois. **Steve Banks** will discuss the history of early fur traders and Dubois Museum staff will present the basic history of the town of Dubois as well as the work of railroad tie hacks. **John Washakie**, great-grandson of Chief Washakie, will talk about the history of the reservation. **Gail Ridgely** will discuss the Sand Creek Massacre which was partially responsible for the relocation of the Northern Arapaho tribe to the Wind River Reservation from Eastern Colorado. **Millie Friday** will talk about her work retrieving the remains of Arapaho children who died at the Carlisle Indian School. We will also offer day trips to view the remains of flumes, dams, and cabins built by the tie hacks, and sheep traps built by the Sheepeater people, the ancestors of the Shoshone tribe. **Registration is full; waitlist only, please**

### Aug. 2 – Aug 8: Wes Granberg- Michaelson Faith as Pilgrimage

What if we walked our way into faith, as a pilgrimage? What if where we walked with our feet was as important as what we believed in our heads in shaping our spiritual journey? What must we leave behind when we are beckoned into unknown paths? In prior centuries, millions of people made pilgrimages to sites they considered holy, such as Jerusalem, Rome, Trondheim, and Santiago de Compostela. **Wes Granberg-Michaelson** has experienced that pilgrimage to Santiago; he's also gathered with 1 million Christians in Nigeria and pilgrims going to the Santuario de Chimayo in New Mexico. Wes served as General Secretary of the Reformed Church in America from 1994-2011. Earlier he was Legislative Assistant for Senator Mark Hatfield and Director of Church and Society for the World Council of Churches. He currently serves as Chair of the Board for Sojourners. He's the author of seven books, most recently *Future Faith: Ten Challenges Re-shaping Christianity in the 21st Century* and the forthcoming *Without Oars: Casting Off into a Life of Pilgrimage*.

### Aug. 9 – 15: Donald Schell & Paul Vasile Before Words and Beyond Words

When jazz trumpeter Clark Terry was asked how he made jazz, he'd respond: "Simple – you imitate, assimilate, then innovate." Thus, the core of this session: shared attention, communication in listening, and imitation – not just music-making, but all the improvisations of our emergent humanity. This seminar's playful practice of improvisational song, wordless storytelling, and shared experience-and-reflection noticing and wondering will help us rediscover ourselves as persons-in-community, the image of God that Gregory of Nyssa insists belongs to all of us together in our one humanity. **Donald Schell** is the founder of St. Gregory of Nyssa Church in San Francisco and the founding director of Music that Makes Community, an ecumenical, international project to recover and renew oral tradition practices of congregational song. **Paul Vasile** is a freelance church musician, consultant, and composer committed to building and renewing faith communities through music and liturgy. As the Executive Director of Music that Makes Community, Paul is passionate about sharing leadership practices that sustain faith communities through the practice of paperless (oral/ aural tradition) singing.

### Aug. 16 – 22: Diana Butler Bass & Roger Freet Writing and Reading in the Wilderness

The way that Americans engage words has gone through a revolution in the last decade. We will explore the spiritual practices and practical issues of writing, from shaping ideas and stories to platform development and publishing. Diana and Roger have worked together since 2005, first as writer-and-editor, and then as author-and-agent. They will share from their experience of creating books together, the challenges along the way, and what they have learned about reading and writing in a changing culture of words. **Diana Butler Bass** is an author, speaker, and independent scholar specializing in American religion and culture. Her books include the bestselling books *Grateful, Grounded, Christianity After Religion*, and *A People's History of Christianity*. **Roger Freet** works as a literary agent with Foundry Literary and Media Agency. Before joining Foundry, Roger worked as an Executive Editor at HarperOne, an imprint of Harper Collins Publishers, where he published bestselling authors like James Martin, Paul Stanley, Bart Ehrman, Adam Hamilton, and Stephen Prothero.

### Aug. 23 – 29 Diana Butler Bass & Marianne Borg Practicing Wisdom: A Way of Life for Everyone

Exploding the myths that wisdom is an esoteric gift or spiritual commodity, Diana and Marianne will explore the ways that wisdom guides through all stages of our life, how it can be nurtured and practiced, and what difference it makes in a post-truth culture to individuals and communities. **Diana Butler Bass** is an author, speaker, and independent scholar specializing in American religion and culture. Her books include the bestselling books *Grateful, Grounded, Christianity After Religion*, and *A People's History of Christianity*. **Marianne Borg** is a retired Episcopal priest and the widow of Marcus Borg. She is the Founding Chair of the Marcus J. Borg Foundation. She and Marcus have been part of the Ring Lake Ranch experience for many years, which was a transformative environment and community for them both. **Registration is full; waitlist only, please**

### Aug. 30 – Sept. 5 DeWitt Daggett Horses as Doorway to the Sacred: A Spiritual Practice of Belonging

Humans are a herd species for whom membership means life. This week we will explore the sacred as human belonging in the great web of existence and the RLR horses, a fellow herd species, will be our guides. We will ask horses to mediate a deeply embodied remembering of our participatory membership in an infinitely relational universe, an idea captured by the Hindu and Buddhist images of Indra's Net. Engaging with horses as a spiritual practice will help us understand our greater wholeness/holiness with nature, the universe, and God. **Please note:** The week will be limited to fifteen riding participants with prerequisites of unsupervised comfort on and around horses and the ability to mount up without the aid of a mounting block or human assistance. Non-riding guests are welcome to register and participate in other activities and the evening sessions. **DeWitt Daggett** has been a wrangler at Ring Lake Ranch since 2015. His previous lives include geologist, audio book producer and publisher, and farrier. He holds an MTS from Iliff School of Theology. **Riding participant registration is full but space is available for non-riders**

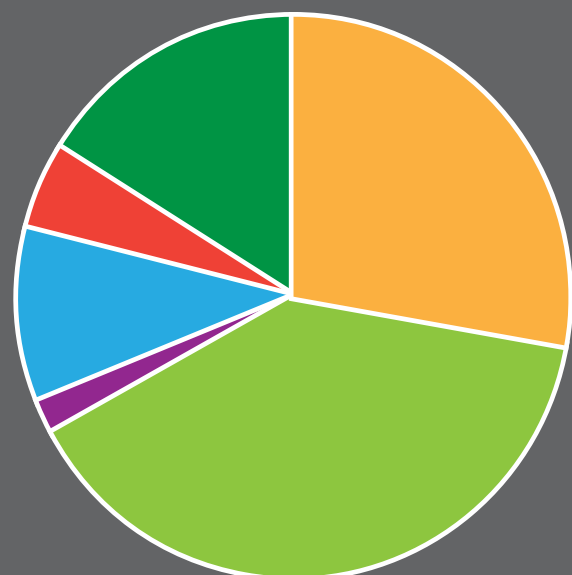




## Rides to the Ranch!

We are happy to pick up guests from the Jackson Hole or Riverton airports by prior arrangement. **PLEASE SELECT YOUR FLIGHT TO ARRIVE PRIOR TO 3:00 P.M.** Airport transport fees for the summer: \$80 per person one way, maximum \$160 one way per family or group registered together. We want to make getting to the Ranch as convenient as possible, so please let us know your flight schedule well in advance.

During the 2019 Season Ring Lake Ranch housed 447 guests and volunteers or 3,486 nightly rooms booked throughout the season, including 230 youth and children. Our seminars had 208 guests, 84 of whom were new to Ring Lake Ranch.



### Income

	28%	\$125,000.00	Seminar Programming
	39%	\$171,000.00	Youth Retreat Programming
	2%	\$7,000.00	Other Groups and Private Retreats
	10%	\$43,000.00	Donations and Grants
	5%	\$23,000.00	Other Income
	16%	\$70,000.00	Income from Endowment
	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$439,000.00</b>	<b>Total Income</b>



### Expense

	13%	\$59,000.00	Employee Taxes & Benefits
	16%	\$69,000.00	Riding Program
	30%	\$133,000.00	Administration
	29%	\$128,000.00	Facilities
	11%	\$50,000.00	Summer Program
	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$439,000.00</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>

# 2020 Registration

## 2020 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 Andy Blackmun at [andy@ringlake.org](mailto:andy@ringlake.org) or 888-458-5253 toll free

## ADULT FEES FOR 6 DAY SESSIONS

Basic cabin with shared bath.....\$998

Basic lodging with private bath ..... \$1149

Large Family cabin with private bath.....\$1200

## YOUTH FEES FOR 6 DAY SESSIONS

Youth (ages 13 – 17) ..... \$765

Child (ages 12 and under)..... no charge

## ADULT FEES FOR 2 CONSECUTIVE SESSIONS

Basic lodging with shared bath ..... \$ 1765

Basic lodging with private bath ..... \$ 2060

Large Family cabin with private bath.....\$ 2089

## YOUTH FEES FOR 2 CONSECUTIVE SESSIONS

Youth (ages 13 – 17) ..... \$ 1320

Child (ages 12 and under)..... no charge

All fees exclude sales & lodging taxes. Contact Amanda at [amanda@ringlake.org](mailto:amanda@ringlake.org) or 307-455-2663 to inquire about daily and off-season rates. To guarantee a private room, contact Amanda 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 \$270/adult and \$160/youth for 6 day sessions or \$470/adult and \$270/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.

**•Please note:** For 2 week sessions we will be charging a \$100/adult fee to cover meals and staff expenses for the weekend stay

Number of Registrants:

\_\_\_\_\_ Adults @ rate \$\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Youth (13-17) \$\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Children(12 & under) no charge

TOTAL (without taxes) \$\_\_\_\_\_

Deposit Amount \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Scholarship Donation** \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please consider a donation to the scholarship fund for a guest who may not otherwise be able to attend. Thank you.

## 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 Family/private bath

Cabin #

Roommate preference (registering separately)

King Bed?

Twin 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?

(\$80 per person/trip or \$160/family/trip)

No

Yes Jackson/Riverton

**How did you hear about Ring Lake Ranch?**

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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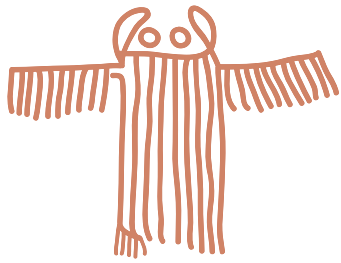
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*Where you are going  
and the place you stay  
come to the same thing.*

*What you long for  
and what you’ve left behind  
are as useless as your name.*

*Just one time, walk out  
into the field and look  
at that towering oak ••  
an acorn still beating at its heart.*

↔ *Peter Levitt* ↔

For more information about our programs and the Ranch  
community, please visit our website: [www.ringlake.org](http://www.ringlake.org)