



Program Paths 2008 High School Summer Camp

Program Paths provide an opportunity for high school campers to gain in-depth, practical knowledge in one of the essential elements of our summer camp program; develop and practice God given talent and leadership skills; engage their faith in God in Jesus; and share the Good News. Participants will spend 2 hours each day with professionals in their fields, in addition to fully participating in all the other activity, program, and worship components of camp. This is a unique opportunity for teens to go deeper and grow greater in their faith formation.

Packs & Pics – Photography

Leader: Neil Riley

The key to great photography is the ability to tell a story. Spend some time during the fun of summer camp learning to see your story, the story of others, and God's story through the lens of a camera. By traveling this path you will learn the basics of photography: using and taking care of your digital camera, capturing the shot that best tells the story you want to tell, basic editing, and ways to share your photos with others in a way that impacts them to experience the heart of your work. Learn how to take great pictures of people, landscapes, nature, and more. No experience is necessary – all you need is you and your camera!

Supplies

- a camera (digital). You do not need an expensive camera to take great shots. While it would be great if you have or borrowed a D-SLR (Digital Single Lens Reflex – the kind that you can change lenses) camera, you will need a basic digital camera that has the following features: at least 3 megapixels, macro setting, ability to zoom, a flash, and a self-timer.
- Extra batteries and/or a charger (you do not want to run out of battery life just when the great shot opportunity appears!)
- A couple memory cards (you'll be taking plenty of pics)
- A camera case (to protect your camera while hiking around)
- A basic camera cleaning kit in a case (rather inexpensive item that you can get at a local camera shop)
- Your imagination!
- Optional items: a tripod for your camera, zoom lenses (for D-SLRs), polarizing lens filter, UV lens filter, a remote shutter release cable

Ropes & Rocks – Rock Climbing

Leader: CSU Pueblo Experiential Learning Center Facilitators

Rock climbing is a rewarding recreational experience that provides opportunities to gain leadership skills and self-competence through trainings and positions of responsibility.

The purpose of this program path is to have fun, learn how to be safe, and experience “challenge by choice” that helps us navigate our lives in Christian faith. Participants will learn through experiential education the physical and psychological demands of climbing and rappelling; proper spotting techniques; movement on rock (i.e. types of holds, maintaining balance, three points of contact, resting, etc.); rope ties and their uses; proper fit, care, and inspection of helmets, sit harnesses, and chest harnesses; appropriate verbal commands; and the mechanics of belaying. No experience is necessary and our professional facilitators provide all the supplies and training necessary to fulfill our purpose. This Program Path is limited to 8 participants.

Supplies:

- shoes that are closed at the toe and secured at the heel
- long, good fitting pants that allow flexible movement
- Optional: rock climbing shoes, your own climbing gear to be approved by the facilitators.

Harness & Horse – Horsemanship

Leader: Jerry Robbe

Artists and equestrians throughout the years have talked about the special bonds that form between a horse and its rider. The mutual care that they show each other stirs the soul and opens up avenues to experience God’s love in creation in wonderful ways. This path will lead you to a knowledge of horse care, proper riding techniques, the ability to teach others and lead a ride of your own, and hopefully to a soul-stirring experience of your own. We provide helmets and all the horse supplies, and no previous horse experience is necessary. However, we do ask you to fill out a questionnaire so that we can best match you with your horse. This Program Path is limited to 6 participants.

Supplies:

- Long pants that you can get dirty
- Closed toe shoes or boots
- A desire to learn and a respect for animal welfare
- Optional: leather work gloves, riding clothes, personal riding helmet.

Props & Performance – Drama

Leader: Erica Hein

Show God manifest on the stage! Dramatic performance illuminates the tragedies and comedies of our lives in fun, creative, and meaningful ways. The words on a page come alive with the engagement and expression of the actor. Travelers of this path will select and develop scripts that reflect wild journeys of faith, and learn the art and practice of drama. Lessons include script selection and editing, stage set-up and management, acting essentials, and directing. This is a wonderful leadership opportunity for teens with a dramatic flair and a desire to engage and present the Christian story in creative ways. No experience necessary.