



Come **learn**, **lead**, & **laugh**
at Rocky Mountain Farmers Union
Cooperative Leadership Camp

June 11-15
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**Completed
Grades
2-6**

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**Completed
Grades
7-12**

WELCOME

We are gearing up for another great summer. You will not want to miss this one!

It's that time of year again - time to **learn, lead, & laugh** at Rocky Mountain Farmers Union Cooperative Leadership Camp

There are many places you can send your child for a great camping experience, yet our smaller size venue and breathtaking mountain setting makes Rocky Mountain Farmers Union Cooperative Leadership Camp a natural choice.

Our camp offers an unique environment where kids have the opportunity to feel good about themselves, discover great friendships to be made with counselors and fellow campers, enjoy accomplishments through new and exciting activities, and embrace their involvement in an atmosphere of mutual respect and caring.

At Camp RMFU we create a place where campers feel part of the camp community and the even larger Farmers Union family! While camp is about having fun, learning new skills, making new friends, growing existing friendships, and spending time in a beautiful natural setting, it also encourages kids to develop life skills and make memories that will last a lifetime.

Our camp staff is passionate about mentoring young people and helping them achieve their very best through a safe, educational, and exciting experience. As camp director, I challenge the staff to heighten the experience for every camper. Great camp memories begin with outstanding and engaging staff!

Feel free to contact me if you have questions or comments. We look forward to seeing you in July!



Jennifer Luitjens Bahr, Camp Director

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WHY

RMFU Cooperative Leadership Camp ?

- We are a smaller-size camp in terms of campers, yet we have at least 15 staff members on site. This allows us to get to know each other quite well and to build our camp community,
- We are committed to the physical, emotional, and mental development of all campers,
- All staff go through an extensive application process including written and verbal interviews, background checks, and reference checks. Staff receive extensive hands-on training in first aid/CPR, child development, behavioral guidance, and emergency procedures,
- An on-site registered nurse is available 24 hours a day. The nurse accompanies campers on all outings and field trips,
- We offer a variety of programs for all campers at all sessions,
- Camp life is a balance between scheduled activities that everyone does together and free time to choose individual activities,
- We are committed to leadership development and learning life skills,
- Our camp is located on 386 acres of Rocky Mountain wonder,
- Camp is fun—we all work to make camp an active, learning experience for everyone!

As a result of the camping experience, your child will:

- Develop leadership and life skills,
- Nurture friendships with fellow campers and staff,
- Be safe and feel free to be themselves,
- Feel like part of the camp community and the Farmers Union family, and
- Have an authentic Rocky Mountain experience,

WHO is RMFU?

Rocky Mountain Farmers Union promotes and protects the interests of family farmers and ranchers in Colorado, New Mexico, and Wyoming. For more than 100 years, RMFU has led the fight to see that agriculture and rural areas have the same access to education, representation, and economic opportunity enjoyed by their fellow citizens in urban America.

RMFU has been at the center of our nation's development of cooperative businesses and instrumental in advancing landmark legislation that protects the rights of family farmers, ranchers, and our rural communities. We commit our service to three areas of focus: legislative, cooperative, and educational solutions.

Rocky Mountain Farmers Union Foundation provides educational and cooperative services to communities in Colorado, New Mexico, and Wyoming. The mission of the foundation is to strengthen rural economies through educational opportunities and grassroots empowerment.

Education is vital to sustaining our way of life, maintaining leadership and service in rural communities, and ensuring that we have a safe secure food supply. Through educational efforts including leadership camps for youth, adult programs and community initiatives, the RMFU Foundation fosters education. We are dedicated to the sustainability of rural families, family agriculture, and rural communities.



WHAT do I Bring to Camp?

- A positive and cooperative attitude
- A sleeping bag and pillow
- Towels, washcloths, soap, shampoo and other toiletry items
- Robe and slippers/flip flops for shower house
- Warm fleece jacket or sweatshirt for cool mountain nights
- Comfortable clothes for everyday wear
- Dress-up outfit for camp banquet
- Appropriate shoes for hiking and playing sports
- Swim wear and sunscreen
- Reusable water bottle with lid
- Camera
- Money for cooperative store and field trips
- Theme night outfits



THEME NIGHTS

Bring an outfit & accessories to match the themes.



Junior Camp—Senior Camp

- **Luau** - Grab your Hawaiian shirts and grass skirts and join us for a luau!
- **In the Land of Disney** - From Mickey Mouse to Mary Poppins, choose your favorite character and join us in the Magical Kingdom of Disney.



WHAT Happy Campers SAY...



RMFU camp was the best thing about my summer. If you asked me what I liked the most, it would be hard to list just one. One memory that really stands out in my mind was looking out over the camp and seeing the A-frame from the top of the mountain at the end of our hike. It was great to see my old friends again and to make new ones. Another interesting activity was "Growing Good Taste." I loved trying all the exotic fruits and vegetables. I hope RMFU camp doesn't change at all, from the awesome counselors and the scavenger hunt to the last dance before we leave.

-Kelci

My experience at Camp RMFU was way better than I hoped it would be. I met new friends and some very friendly counselors that always care. I really enjoyed my stay at RMFU and you will too! -Shilo

Shilo loves going to summer camp at RMFU. On the way home from camp, she is already planning what she wants to take and which counselors KP group she wants to be in at the next camp. -Diane, Shilo's mom



Farmers Union Camp is an incredibly unique camp experience. I have spent time at a variety of summer camps as both a camper and staffer over the years. RMFU camp stands out in my memory as one of a kind. In no other camp have I witnessed such incredible bonding and growth of both individuals and the group as a whole. This camp is rich with history, traditions, legendary songs, and long told stories, with each of them protected by so many deeply impacted generations. Stepping into this culture makes for an incredibly authentic and heartfelt experience. In addition, RMFU camps are smaller than some of the up and coming sports or adventure camps. However in my experience, this is precisely what makes it so special. Relationships are deeper, experiences are more personal, and the quality of the environment leads to a safe and supportive place where young adults and children can truly feel open to learn, grow, take risks, try new things, be goofy and have fun. I cannot recommend this camp enough. It will always be a part of the best memories from my adolescence, and it is certainly an experience every kiddo should have.

-Samantha Schuller, Camper/Staff 2000-2017

This is who we are! For more than 75+ years, young people have been developing self-confidence, leadership, and cooperative skills by attending Rocky Mountain Farmers Union Cooperative Leadership Camps in Bailey, Colorado. We have a proven track record. We enable kids to be themselves, make lasting friendships, and learn useful life skills in a fun environment.

We have the best staff! Experienced staff lead our campers in exciting and new challenges. A full-time nurse is always at hand and accompanies campers on all hikes and outings. A fully-staffed kitchen prepares scrumptious meals that even the pickiest eaters will enjoy. All staff have undergone extensive reference and background checks.

A full selection of activities that everyone can enjoy! Just a few of the activities we offer are hiking, cooperative games, field trips, singing, craft-making, dancing, team building activities, theme nights, and leadership workshops. There is something for everyone!

Everyone deserves a camp experience! Camp scholarships are available for families who have a financial need. Contact the RMFU office for more details on scholarship guidelines and availability. Also, family friendly payment options are available. Contact Jennifer Luitjens Bahr at 303-283-3550 for more information.

You need your rest to be at your best! Sleeping accommodations are in staff-supervised dormitory-style bunkhouses. We maintain separate bunkhouses for boys and girls. Bring a sleeping bag and pillow.

A camper incentive? Campers who register (registration, medical, payment) by the early bird deadline of April 30, 2018 will save \$10 on their registration fee.

Campers can receive \$5 off registration for each new camper they recruit. To receive the discount the camper and the their recruit(s) must submit their completed registration and medical form by the May 21 deadline.

A returning camper will receive one KP-Free pass for each recruitment. The pass can be used during camp to skip one KP duty such as serving meals, washing dishes, hall clean-up, and other tasks.

DETAILS

Licensed by:



COLORADO
Office of Early Childhood
Department of Human Services

Learn more at www.coloradoofficeofearlychildhood.com

- While at camp, you can receive calls and/or make calls to your parents and family. Campers are allowed to bring personal cell phones, but may only be used during free time. Cell phones are to remain in the bunk area during sessions and organized activities.
- During camp you can contact Camp Director Jennifer Luitjens Bahr at the following phone numbers:

Camp Phone Number

303.816.1595

Camp Director's Cell

303.638.6745

- There is no mail service at camp. If you would like to mail a letter or package to a camper, please contact Jennifer Luitjens Bahr to make arrangements.
- Under Colorado law, each child attending camp must have a completed registration, and a medical form including immunizations.
- The health history form and immunization record must be signed by a doctor. Forms that are not completed in their entirety will be returned for completion. Enrollment is not complete until all forms are submitted and reviewed by the education director.

In compliance with the Minimum Rules and Regulations for Children's Camps, you are notified that in case of complaints, child abuse or other problems, you may contact:

Park County Social Services

Susie Walton, Director

59865 US Highway 285

Bailey, CO, 80421

303.816.5939

(after hours: 719.836.4121, ext. 5)

Susie.walton@state.co.us

Completed registration, medical forms, and payment are due by May 21, 2018.
After this date, all registrations will be charged a **late fee of \$30.00.**

Transportation Schedule

All pick-ups and drop-offs will be at the same time and place for each camp. Please note that the pick-up/drop-off times listed are when the bus will leave from that location. Please arrive at your bus stop 10 minutes prior to stated time.

TO CAMP		RETURN
Monday, June 11	Junior Camp (Grades 2-6)	Friday, June 15
Monday, June 18	Senior Camp (Grades 7-12)	Friday, June 22
8:00 AM Leave	Holyoke --Bus Barn, E. Hwy. 6	Arrive 6:50 PM
8:30 AM	Haxtun --Supers Grocery Store, Hwy. 6	6:30 PM
9:10 AM	Sterling --Ramada Inn, Exit 125	5:50 PM
9:50 AM	Brush --Loves Truck Stop, Exit 89	5:10 PM
10:25 AM	Wiggins --Rest Stop, south side of I-76	4:30 PM
11:05 AM	Hudson --Loves Truck Stop, Exit 31	3:50 PM
12:15 PM	Denver Metro --McDonalds, 5235 N Wadsworth, Arvada	3:00 PM
1:30 PM Arrive	Bailey --NFU Education Center	Leave 2:00 PM

The bus driver has a listing of campers riding the bus from each stop. If there is a change in camper travel plans contact the camp director at 303.638.6745.

Campers not riding the bus: Check-in at the Education Center in Bailey is scheduled from 1:00—2:00 p.m. on your arrival date. Please do not arrive any earlier than 1:00 p.m. Parents should pick up campers between 1:30—2:00 p.m. on the departure date.

Need Transportation from other parts of Colorado or Wyoming? If you are interested in car pooling or have campers from a community with no bus service, please contact Jennifer at 303.283.3550.

Directions To Camp: Bailey is approximately 40 miles southwest of Denver on Highway 285 (Hampden Avenue in metro Denver). It is the town after Pine Junction and at the bottom of Crow Hill. Once you travel down Crow Hill into Bailey, take the first left between the restaurant and propane dealer. Follow the road one-half mile to the entrance of the NFU Education Center. Drive through the large wooden entrance and proceed to the A-frame building.

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Harvest Moon
GALA

The Harvest Moon Gala is the RMFU Foundation’s annual fundraiser for its education programs. The festive evening starts off with lively games and a chance to win some fabulous prizes, followed by a scrumptious dinner and lively bidding on many unique items featured in both a silent and live auction. All funds raised at this “night for education” benefit our education programs, including our cooperative leadership camps, Fellows program, college scholarships, camp scholarships, and many other programs that build leaders.

By bringing in the bounties of the harvest, our education programs are able to grow and reach more people each year. Through this event we are able to keep our camp costs down, allowing more families to be involved and offsetting costs for activities that normally we wouldn’t be able to offer.

Thank you to our Harvest Moon sponsors who make this happen!

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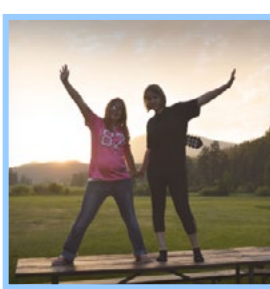
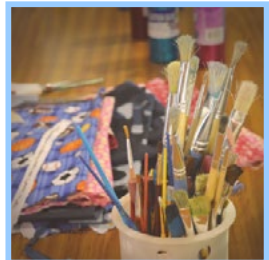
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