

So, knowing that Suzie is embarking on a Capital Fundraising campaign to facilitate improvements with camp's physical plant, I would like to directly reach out to you and ask for your assistance and financial gifts toward that end. Not only does Blue Mountain Ranch need to be prepared for new septic systems or water systems but replacement or refurbishment of heaters and kitchen appliances, as well as program equipment. Saddles, climbing gear, canoes, and vehicle costs can be impossible to compensate for with today's lower attendance rates. If you are unable to help through monetary means, please do what you can to share via social media your own camp experiences and reasons why you think today's youth would get something deeply meaningful out of a Summer Term at Blue Mountain Ranch. Please Like us on FB and G+ and for goodness sake #BMR twice a day every May 😊

I have every confidence that if a sufficient capital fund can be established, camp can weather the tide and pass through the ebb in current attendance. I am also working with Suzie on a program that would be nonprofit that could attach to the Meadow which would find retired children's horses and provide them a pasture to roam in and children to ride them for as long as they are able. Including scholarships for partial tuition to help bring more young people to Pike National Forest for a ride to the Meadow and introduce them to the legends of Old Mose, Beaver Lodge and the Ghost of Florissant. We will be sure to let you know when that is in place, if it proves viable.

Please join me in giving to the place that has given so much, to so many, for so long. I will be giving over the next three years to facilitate my being able to make a larger contribution. I encourage you to take the time to write a personal letter to Graf's, letting them know of one of your own personal experiences at camp that has held on to you through life's journey. Enclose a check with your note for what you are able to contribute at this time and know that your gifts will help to ensure 'overnights' and 'picnics on the hill' and 'chapel under the stars' for generations more. I remember my days at BMR with the greatest fondness and have every intent to see my own children share the legacy of self-discovery that only an awesome, loving, family camp can really provide. I would rather pay for summer camp than college, it is just that awesome for a child's development. I want to linger... a little longer....

*"There's a place that is great in the Colorado State..."*

Friends Forever,

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